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**Indiana University
Maurer School of Law
Distinguished
Service Awards**

October 16, 2015

Program

Welcome

Austen L. Parrish, Dean and James H. Rudy Professor of Law

Luncheon

Presentation of the honorees

Holiday Hart McKiernan, '83

R. Anthony Prather, '83

Gene E. Wilkins, '57

The Honorees



Holiday Hart McKiernan, '83

Holiday Hart McKiernan serves as chief of staff and general counsel for Lumina Foundation. Ms. McKiernan directs the foundation's legal affairs and also leads Lumina's exploration of the Bologna Process and the implications of that reform effort on American higher education. She speaks frequently on legal, governance, and policy issues concerning nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions. Ms. McKiernan began her career practicing law, concentrating on nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations. Prior to joining Lumina in 2003, she was executive director and counsel for Alpha Chi Omega and advised universities on approaches to high-risk student behavior.



R. Anthony Prather, '83

R. Anthony Prather is a partner in the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He has a full-service practice representing management interests exclusively in all aspects of labor and employment law and litigation, including workplace investigations, audits, supervisory training, defense of discrimination and retaliation claims, and preparation of and defense of affirmative action plans. Mr. Prather has significant trial experience representing employers in both individual and class action litigation. In addition to his employment-related representation of employers only, Mr. Prather now represents judges, lawyers, and other professionals in disciplinary and licensing issues and other matters of professional responsibility.

Mr. Prather is a member of the Black Law Student Association Advisory Board and former member of the Alumni Board and Board of Visitors at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. He has been selected for inclusion in the 2004-2006 and 2011-2015 editions of Indiana Super Lawyers®; the 2014 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business; and The Best Lawyers in America 2016 list.



Gene E. Wilkins, '57

Gene E. Wilkins was born at home on Main Street in New Palestine, Indiana, and was the valedictorian of his high school class. He was the first person in his family to attend college, and graduated from IU with a history major in 1954. Upon graduating from the Maurer School of Law in 1957, Mr. Wilkins moved with his wife, Patty, to Indianapolis, where they have lived ever since. He practiced for over 35 years with Bamberger & Feibleman, where he was managing partner for around 20 years. He finished his legal career as senior counsel at Ice Miller.

Mr. Wilkins' practice focused on representing family and closely held businesses and estate planning. He is especially proud to have played a role in assisting his clients make significant estate bequests to many worthy local and national organizations.

The Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1997 to recognize graduates of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities and the school in ways far exceeding traditional business, professional, and civic duties.

Through their hard work, passion, and accomplishments, these alumni define Indiana Law's ideals for community service and serve as accomplished role models for our Law School and the greater community.



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