

RICHARD L. WILLIAMSON

Past Senate Chair Recognition



Richard L. Williamson, Jr., Professor of Law, earned an A.B. in 1967 from the University of Southern California, an M.A. in 1977 from American University, and a J.D. in 1984 from Harvard Law School. He received an honorary Doctorate of Laws (Doktor der Rechte (h.c.)) from the University of Leipzig in 2013. Professor Williamson has served as a foreign service officer, as counselor and executive director of the American Foreign Service Association, and as division chief of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Prior to coming to Miami Law, he was an attorney with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. He was associate dean from 1997-2000, and was on leave in 2000-2001 under a Fulbright grant to teach law in Leipzig, Germany. For two years, he was Interim Chair of the Department of International Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Williamson teaches introductory and advanced courses in environmental law, alternative dispute resolution, and courses and seminars on international law topics, including public international law, arms control, and international environmental law. Professor Williamson served as the Chair of the Faculty Senate from 2009-2014 and is only the second Senate Chair to serve on the Faculty Senate for this number of years.

RENÉ SACASAS

James W. McLamore Outstanding Service Awardee



René Sacasas, Professor of Business Law, joined the faculty in 1985 and has served as Chair of the Business Law Department for 22 years. A year after joining the faculty, he became one of the first faculty fellows at Eaton Residential College, serving later as an Associate Master at Mahoney and then as Head Master for Hecht. During this time, he counseled and mentored thousands of students as well as numerous faculty who served in residential college roles. In recognition of his dedication to UM students, he was inducted into the Iron Arrow Honor Society in 1991, an organization he continues to serve. As Department Chair, Professor Sacasas has built a department consistently ranked by *Business Week* as among the top ten undergraduate business law programs in the United States. While serving as Department Chair, he has earned some of the best teaching evaluations in the school, winning a dozen teaching awards. He is one of the most widely published and respected scholars in his field and has dedicated countless hours giving pro bono speeches outside the University. Professor Sacasas has served as a member of several community groups, including the Latin American Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Florida Network, and is a founding member of the Coconut Grove Chapter of the U.S. Jaycees. Letters from colleagues, associates, and former, as well as current, students note his unique ability to positively touch the lives of others, giving them support and guidance when needed, and devoting countless hours to promoting a culture of fairness and compassion.

MARY E. MCKAY

Outstanding Teaching Awardee



Mary E. McKay, Assistant Professor of Clinical and Associate Dean for the Bachelor of Science Nursing program, has the reputation of being one of the best teachers at the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Students have voted her among the best faculty at the school on three occasions, and the University of Miami Fraternity and Sorority Community awarded her the University of Miami Outstanding Faculty Apple Polishing Award. Dr. McKay earned her BSN from UM in 1988. She joined the faculty in 2007 and earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2009. Dr. McKay has distinguished herself through the construction of three very important aspects of the BSN program: patient safety, interprofessional education, and technology programs. As the Safety Assurance Director for the school, she has led the development of a patient safety program that includes a faculty/student-led patient safety committee. Dr. McKay serves as the school's faculty coordinator for the annual Interprofessional Patient Safety Course, a collaborative effort between the SONHS, the Miller School of Medicine, The Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education, and the UM/JMH Center for Patient Safety. She has led the development and implementation of the first SONHS blended and online courses. She has served as the Chairperson of the SONHS Academic Technology Committee and as a member of the University Academic Computing Advisory Committee. Dr. McKay has also served on the University task force on Online Education which was charged with making recommendations for the advancement of online education at UM.

JAY S. SKYLER

Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awardee



Jay S. Skyler, Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics and Psychology at the Miller School of Medicine and Deputy Director for Clinical Research and Academic Programs at the Diabetes Research Institute, began his career in diabetes as a medical student in 1967. For 13 summers, he served as director of a diabetes summer camp, where he was recognized for using the camp as a locus for the training of medical and nursing students, house staff, and fellows. He is a graduate of Penn State University and Jefferson Medical College, and completed his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and in Endocrinology and Metabolism at Duke University Medical Center. After joining the University of Miami in 1976, Dr. Skyler initiated and for 10 years served as Director of the Diabetes Metabolic Unit. His research interests have been concentrated in the clinical aspects of diabetes, particularly improving the treatment of type 1 diabetes through meticulous glycemic control, psychosocial and behavioral support, and immune intervention. He has long been interested in the complications of diabetes and in the relationship between blood pressure and blood glucose. Dr. Skyler was a pioneer in the use of patient self-monitoring of blood glucose and in developing the concept of "Intensive Insulin Therapy." A frequent national and international lecturer, he has been an author, editor and co-editor of numerous books, monographs, chapters, and articles. He was the founding Editor in Chief of *Diabetes Care*. In recognition of his many contributions to medicine, he has been named a Master of the American College of Physicians (MACP), the highest level of Fellowship attained by very few.

PRESIDENT DONNA E. SHALALA

Special Senate Award



Donna E. Shalala is President of the University of Miami and Professor of Political Science. She served as President of Hunter College of CUNY from 1980 to 1987, and as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1987 to 1993. President Clinton nominated her as Secretary for Health and Human Services in 1993, and she served in that post for eight years. In 2008, President Bush presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, President Shalala served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Iran from 1962-64. She has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She received her A.B. in history from Western College for Women and her Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.