Professor James E. Jones, Jr.

Law/Educator

Born June 4, 1924 in Little Rock, Arkansas, he received a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from Lincoln University of Missouri in 1950; an M.A. in Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois in 1951; and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1956. From 1951 to 1953, he served as an Industrial Relations Analyst for the U.S. Wage Stabilization Board. Joining the U.S. Department of Labor upon graduation from law school as a legislative attorney, he progressed to Counsel for Labor Relations, Director of the Office of Labor Management Policy Development, and was Associate Solicitor, Division of Labor Relation and Civil Rights in the Office of the Solicitor of Labor when he was persuaded to pursue a career in teaching.

Professor Jones has written widely on labor law and equal employment and affirmative action. He has been an Associate of the Institute for Research on Poverty and was the Director of the Center for the Equal Employment and Affirmative Action of the Industrial Relations Research Institute. From 1974 to 1993. From 1971 to 1973, he was the director of the Industrial Relations Research Institute. He was a John Bascom Professor from 1983-1991, when he became the Nathan P. Feinsinger Professor of Labor Law. He was the 1991 recipient of the UW Hilldale Award as the outstanding professor in the Social Science Division and the 1995 recipient of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. In 1996, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Illinois Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

A member of the Labor Law Group since 1970, he served as chair of the Editorial Policy Committee (the Editor-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer) from 1978-1982, during which time the Group published six books on labor law. Race in America, co-edited with UW Professor H. Hill, was named an outstanding book for 1995 by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America. He originated the William H. Hastie Teaching Fellowship program at Wisconsin Law School in 1973. Professor Jones was 1998 Teacher of the Year by the Society of American Law Teachers. In 1999, he was inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame. Professor Jones is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the United States Supreme Court, the National Bar Association, the Industrial Relations Research Association, and the National Academy of Arbitrators. He is listed in Who's Who in America (1986-1993); Who's Who in American Law (1985-86); Who's Who in the Midwest (1985-86); and Who's Who Among Black Americans. Professor Jones retired from teaching in June of 1993. As Professor Emeritus, he continued to teach labor law and labor arbitration on a part-time basis until 1997. He continues labor arbitration, other dispute resolution, and consulting and lecturing on EEO/AA issues, as well as research and writing.

He is married to Joan Turner Jones and they have two children.