



UMKC School of Law

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Dear Colleagues:

In our lifetime, we meet only a handful of people who seem bigger than life and whose contributions make lasting impressions on the people and institutions they have touched. At the UMKC School of Law, one such “bigger than life” figure is Ed Hood. And, despite our sense that Ed would never retire, he has indeed done just that. As of September 1, 2007, we are proud to call our friend and colleague “Professor Emeritus Edwin T. Hood”.

Since coming to the Law School in 1970 from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, Professor Hood has taught courses and published books and articles covering a wide range of legal disciplines with special focus on taxation and estate planning. He has been the linchpin of our Graduate Tax Law LL.M. Program for over thirty years, serving as its *de facto* director for many years before becoming its first formal director in 1993 and serving in that capacity until mid-2007. Ed also played the lead role in the founding and oversight of the UMKC Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic and the Low-Income Taxpayer Kansas City Tax Clinic, and has been intimately involved in the International Studies program as founder and director of the UMKC Ireland Summer School Program. In 2003, Ed founded the UMKC Bar Prep program which led to a dramatic increase in the bar pass rate of UMKC law students.

While Ed is legendary for his passion, drive and creativity in many areas, perhaps the most notable example he has set for the rest of us is his commitment to students. Throughout his career as a distinguished educator, he has made paramount the provision of personal attention to the needs of his students—while they were in law school, during their searches for employment, and throughout their practice careers. In addition to his direct assistance to his students, Ed has promoted their best interests through his talent for fundraising to provide scholarships and other resources in aid of the Law School’s educational mission. For example, using the same tenacity with which he raised money in community and political arenas, he has obtained contributions to assist with our clinical programs and, just last year, led a successful campaign to fund a scholarship in the name of the late Professor and Dean Emeritus Robert Popper.

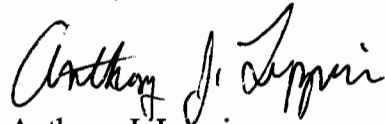
It is fitting, then, that we take this opportunity to celebrate the esteemed career and accomplishments of Professor Emeritus Edwin T. Hood by establishing a scholarship in his honor at the UMKC School of Law. As a friend of Ed’s for some twenty years, and as a colleague on the full-time Law School faculty for the past six years, I am pleased to be able to write this letter asking you to assist us in our efforts.

A reception will be held on **Friday, April 25th** at UMKC School of Law to honor and recognize the contributions of Professor Hood to the Law School and the Greater Kansas City community. You will receive more details as the date draws closer, but please mark your calendar and plan to attend this event that is sure to be full of surprises.

In the meantime, to make a tax-deductible contribution to the endowed scholarship fund, please write a check payable to the *UMKC Law Foundation/Hood Endowed Scholarship* and send it to: UMKC Law Foundation, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 816-235-6165 or luppinoa@umkc.edu, or Diane Pike, director of development, at 816-235-2441 or piked@umkc.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Luppino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

Anthony J. Luppino
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