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## ARTHUR G. LEFRANCOIS BIOGRAPHY

Award-winning professor Arthur G. LeFrancois assumed emeritus status this fall. He joined the Oklahoma City University School of Law as a visiting assistant professor in 1979 and later held the positions of Associate Professor, Associate Dean, interim Dean, and Professor. He has taught various courses, including Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Jurisprudence, Legal Profession, the Federal Judicial Externship Program, and Family Law. Additionally, Professor LeFrancois led several seminar courses including Social Science and Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Ethics and Legal Thought, and Contemporary Legal Philosophy.

Professor LeFrancois received his BA degree in 1973 from Beloit College in Wisconsin and his JD degree from the University of Chicago in 1978. Prior to joining Oklahoma City University School of Law, Professor LeFrancois was in private practice in State College, Pennsylvania from 1978 to 1979. He has maintained his Pennsylvania Bar Membership.

Professor LeFrancois has been extensively published. His articles have appeared in numerous journals including the *Oklahoma City University Law Review*, *University of Cincinnati Law Review*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. He has contributed to Volumes 3 and 4 of the *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* regarding two cases of major significance to Oklahoma. His other contributions include *Fugitive Slave Acts* and *Organized Crime Control Act of 1970* in *Major Acts of Congress and Liberalism, the Constitution, and the Supreme Court*, cowritten with former Tenth Circuit justice and former Oklahoma City University president Robert H. Henry, in *The Rehnquist Court: A Retrospective*. His book reviews have been featured in the *Alabama Law Review*, the *Law and History Review*, and the *North Carolina Historical Review*. His scholarship has addressed the morality of criminal law, global positioning systems and the Fourth Amendment, Cheyenne property and homicide law issues, law and economics, the constitutional right to marry, and justice policy in Oklahoma.

Professor LeFrancois remains devoted to public service. For example, he is a former president and current member of the Oklahoma City University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Professor LeFrancois hosted and organized a two-week American Bar Association-sponsored training program for a delegation of Armenian defense attorneys in 1999. As director of the Oklahoma City University Criminal Sentencing Workshop, Professor LeFrancois led weekend sessions for Oklahoma trial judges, law students, and criminal justice experts from across the country during which case files were examined to evaluate sentencing patterns and goals. He was appointed by the Speaker of the House as a cochair of the Sentencing/Release Policy Committee, which he served on from 1989 to 1991. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Reform Steering Committee, the Constitution Revision Study Commission, the Magistrate Judge Selection Committee for the Western District of Oklahoma, and the Conference Steering Committee, which proposes revisions to the Oklahoma Constitution. As a criminal law expert, Professor LeFrancois has been interviewed by national and international media outlets, including *CBS Evening News*, *CNN*, *BBC World Service Television*, *WCBS Radio*, *National Public Radio*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

As an award-winning professor, he has earned numerous distinctions including the Law Review Service Award and was selected as the John F. Olson Memorial Lecturer. He was a founding director of Oklahoma City University School of Law's Judicial Externship Program and currently serves as ex officio board member on the Federal Bar Association, Oklahoma City Chapter, and as a Ralph Ellison Foundation board member.

As a professor, lawyer, and scholar, Arthur G. LeFrancois has improved the legal community and the quality of legal education. Oklahoma City University School of Law expresses its appreciation for Professor LeFrancois's superb contributions to the school and wishes him continued excellence as professor emeritus.



