



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

JOE ESPY

Former Trustee, The University of Alabama System

ABOUT OUR GUEST

Joe Espy graduated from The University of Alabama in 1969 earning a Bachelor's Degree through the School of Commerce and Business Administration and, again, in 1972 with his Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama School of Law. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Jasons and Omicron Delta Kappa and also served as SGA President. In November of 2000, Joe was elected to the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System. Joe served 20 years as a Trustee and served three terms as President Pro Tempore. Joe is currently a Trustee Emeritus of The University of Alabama System.

Joe was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1972 and is a successful attorney in Montgomery as a principal in the firm of Melton, Espy and Williams, P.C. Previously, he was a former Deputy District Attorney for Montgomery County, Alabama and a federal law clerk.

Joe is a Fellow and Member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, International Society

of Barristers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Alabama Law Foundation (invitation-only organizations with the most rigorous standards). In two of these organizations, there are only 500 lawyers selected from the entire United States. Joe is also a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar, and Montgomery County Bar Association.

Joe was the first recipient of the Montgomery Bar Association's "Award for Service and Achievement". He is listed in the publications "The Best Lawyers in America" and "Super Lawyers". He has been recognized as one of the 50 most powerful and influential people in Alabama. In 2019, Joe was presented the Living Legend Award by the Iota Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa and in 2021 The University of Alabama Student Government Association named a scholarship in his honor. Joe has been extremely involved in civic and community activities in Montgomery, especially youth organizations.

*Thursday, November 14, 2024
4 PM at Tuomey Hall*