

Biosketch - Richard H. Underwood

I am the W. L. Mathews Professor of Law. My degrees are in Business and Law from Ohio State. I have taught at UK for 34 years. I have practiced law, and been active in the Fayette County, Kentucky (Ethics Chairman for 14 years) , and American Bar Associations (Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility). I have taught 11 different courses, and worked on projects with folks in other departments (Medicine and Music). My "national reputation" is in legal ethics and trial practice (I have written books on Legal Ethics and Evidence) and articles on a variety of subjects. I have just finished 3 new books (in the editorial process) during my "Last Sabbatical" dealing with murder ballads and famous murder trials. I have received several awards from the Kentucky Supreme Court and the Kentucky Bar Association for my work as Ethics Committee Chair and Ethics Rules Chair, and I serve on the Kentucky Supreme Court's Evidence Rules Review Commission. Before going to law school at Ohio State I served in the Army with active service in Viet Nam.

My wife, Virginia, has been active in the Arts (LexArts, Youth Orchestra, etc.). She is a lawyer and has been a University Administrator (expert on EEO, Title IX, Open Meetings, etc.), so I can pick her brains on many relevant subjects. She has retired, and is starting a publishing company. My daughter is a musician and actress, and my son is a computer expert.