

Judge Joe Lee named Lawyer of the Year by Mississippi College School of Law

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The Mississippi College School of Law named Court of Appeals Judge Joe Lee as Lawyer of the Year for 2004.

Judge Lee, 58, was honored at a dinner and reception on Friday, April 16, in Jackson.

Mississippi College School of Law Dean James Rosenblatt said, "We are so very proud of Judge Lee as a graduate of our law school. He is one of those graduates who has remained connected to our law school and supports us in so many ways. One of his primary methods of support is through his mentorship of our moot court program. He is always willing to serve as a judge in our Moot Court Appellate Advocacy Competition, and so generously shares advice and counsel with our students as to how they can improve their appellate advocacy."

Judge Lee, who learned of his selection a week before the ceremony, said, "I'm honored and very humbled. It was a total surprise to me."

Judge Lee is a 1973 graduate of the Jackson School of Law, now the Mississippi College School of Law.

As an undergraduate, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from William Carey College in 1969.

He taught as an adjunct professor of business law at the Gulfport campus of William Carey College for four years, 1995-1999.

Judge Lee is the former owner of Baldwin-Lee Funeral Homes in Jackson and Pearl. He started working in the funeral home business when he was in high school in Lumberton.

Judge Lee is in his second term on the Court of Appeals, having served since January 1999.

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