

Senator Howell T. Heflin among New Hall of Fame Members

The late Senator Howell T. Heflin, a towering figure in the state's political, legal and judicial history, joined a former United States Supreme Court justice, a former governor and a distinguished community leader as the newest members of the Alabama Lawyers Hall of Fame. The most recent induction by the Alabama State Bar was May 16 in a special ceremony held at the Alabama Supreme Court.

Former ASB President Samuel A. Rumore, Jr. explained, "The Hall of Fame was established five years ago to spotlight significant contributions lawyers have made to the state throughout its history. These individuals have demonstrated a lifetime of achievement that exemplifies the bar's motto, 'Lawyers Render Service'."

The 2007 honorees are:

John Archibald Campbell (1811–1889)

Accomplished Constitutional scholar and advocate, prominent lawyer, legislator (1836–1837 and 1842–1843), outstanding public man of his time, and Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1853–1861)

Howell T. Heflin (1921–2005)

Decorated soldier, successful lawyer, judicial reformer, active bar leader and president of the Alabama State Bar (1965–1966), chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court (1971–1977), and U.S. Senator (1979–1997)

Thomas Goode Jones (1844–1914)

Carried flag of truce at Appomattox (1865), reporter for Alabama Supreme Court (1870–1880), member of Alabama House of Representatives (1884–1888), speaker of the house (1886–1888), governor of Alabama (1890–1894), president of the Alabama State Bar (1900–1901), Federal District Court Judge (1901–1914), and author of the *Alabama Code of Legal Ethics*, first code adopted by a state bar (1887)

Patrick W. Richardson (1925–2004)

Fourth-generation lawyer, highly regarded mentor, president of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association (1965–1966), president of the Alabama State Bar (1969–1970), distinguished community leader, and principal catalyst of the creation of the University of Alabama at Huntsville



ASB President Sam Crosby and Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb present a Hall of Fame plaque to the widow and son of the late Senator Howell T. Heflin



Charles I. Nelson, dean, Jones School of Law (right), accepts the Hall of Fame plaque from ASB President Sam Crosby honoring Thomas Goode Jones, for whom the school is named



The family of the late Patrick W. Richardson after his induction into the Lawyers Hall of Fame

Rumore, who also chairs the bar's Hall of Fame selection committee, noted honorees must be Alabama lawyers who have made extraordinary contributions through the law at the state, national or international level.

Nominees must meet the award criteria which includes having a breadth of achievement in their lifetime, demonstrating a profound respect for professional ethics, being recognized as a leader in their community, and leading, inspiring or mentoring others in the pursuit of justice. Only lawyers who have been deceased for a minimum of two years are considered.

