

## **ABOUT PROFESSOR BYRON L. WARNKEN**

Professor Byron L. Warnken was born in Baltimore 68 years ago. He is the first male in his family to earn a high school diploma. Professor Warnken was a scholarship student at McDonogh School (class of 1964) and a scholarship student at Johns Hopkins University (class of 1968). After college, he was drafted and spent four years in the United States Army as an enlisted man. In 1969, Professor Warnken married Bonnie Lee Angevine. After being discharged from the Army, he attended the University of Baltimore School of Law (UofB) as an evening student (class of 1977). While in law school, Professor Warnken worked full-time as a law clerk, first with a law firm and then with the Honorable Basil A. Thomas on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. After law school, he entered the Honors Program of the Chief Counsel's Office of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, while practicing tax law, Professor Warnken taught as an adjunct law professor at UofB. In 1978, he joined the law faculty full-time and was tenured in 1982. The 2014-15 academic year is Professor Warnken's 38<sup>th</sup> year on the law faculty. The fall 2014 semester is Professor Warnken's 111<sup>th</sup> semester in the classroom. He has taught seven law school courses, but teaches primarily Criminal Law, Constitutional Criminal Procedure I & II, and Introduction to Legal Skills.

For 33 years, Professor Warnken served as Director of the Judicial Internship Program and the Judicial "EXPLOR" Program, placing more than 3,000 law students with judges, including a record-setting 164 students in summer 2010. In moot court, he serves as Faculty Adviser to UofB's Moot Court Board, which manages the Byron L. Warnken Moot Court Competition, from which UofB selects the members of its 21 interschool appellate advocacy competition teams that argue against other law schools. Over an 18-year period, Professor Warnken coached three different UofB moot court teams, two of which placed in the top ten nationally (5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>). He serves as the Director of a 16-school, four-state region of the National Moot Court Competition. Professor Warnken will retire from Moot Court on June 30, 2015.

Bonnie Warnken earned a nursing degree from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 1967. She earned a J.D. degree from UofB in 1990 and is a member of the Maryland Bar. In 2002, Bonnie retired from the practice of law and went back to the emergency room, where she was nominated for "Nurse of the Year" in 2006 and 2010. She retired in February 2014.

In 1978, Byron and Bonnie Warnken had a son, Byron Brandon, who earned a B.S. degree in Business from the University of Maryland in 2001. He earned a J.D. degree from UofB in 2004 and is a member of the Maryland Bar. Byron is the founder and President of 27Legal LLC, which published Professor Warnken's three-volume treatise, titled Maryland Criminal Procedure. He manages Warnken, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, which was started by his father in 1992. In 2011, Byron married Mandy (Cherry) Warnken. In October 2012, they had a son, Decker Matthew Warnken. In June 2014, they had a second son, Gibson Aaron Warnken. In 2014, "Fastcase 50" announced its fourth annual 50 national winners, which it characterized as "entrepreneurs, innovators, and trailblazers – people who have charted a new course for the delivery of legal services." Byron was one of the 50 national winners based on his creation of Injury Lawyer Database.

In 1982, Byron and Bonnie Warnken had a daughter, Heather Bronwyn, who earned a B.A. degree in Writing Seminars, with Honors, from Johns Hopkins University in 2004. In 2009, she earned a J.D., cum laude, with pro bono distinction, from Suffolk University Law School. In 2009-10, Heather served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., on the Court of Appeals of Maryland (Maryland's highest court). In 2011, Heather earned an LL.M. degree in public interest from Boalt Hall (University of California - Berkeley). She is a member of the California Bar and is a Legal Policy Associate at the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy, specializing in juvenile justice, violence against women, and crime victims' rights and

services. She is a 2014 fellow on the New Leaders Council (San Francisco Chapter Board), a member of the Alipato Project, and a member of the Center for Justice and Accountability Young Professionals Committee for Human Rights.

Professor Warnken's awards include the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Award</u>
2013	University System of Maryland Board of Regents "Excellence in Mentoring" Award
2013	James C. May UofB 'Mentor of the Year' Award
2012	Robert C. Heeney Award, which is the Maryland State Bar Association's "lifetime achievement award" in criminal law, as selected by the 500-member Criminal Law & Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, consisting of judges, prosecutors, and criminal defense counsel
2012	Black Law Students Association "Law Professor of the Year" Award
2010	University of Baltimore School of Law "Teacher of the Year" Award
2010	Women's Bar Association 'Faculty Appreciation' Award
2010	Black Law Students Association 'Faculty Appreciation' Award (also won in 2009, 2004, 1991, 1988, & 1985)
2009	Nancy Moran Award "for steadfast and unswerving service in the advancement of Prisoners' Rights"
2008	The Daily Record "Leadership in Law" Award and selected statewide "top winner" among 24 "leaders," being selected from among 35,000 Maryland lawyers
2008	Governor's 'Victim Assistance' Award
2006	School of Law "Alumnus of the Year" Award
2006	Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center "Champion for Crime Victims" Award
2000	University System of Maryland Board of Regents "Excellence in Mentoring" Award
2000	Bar Association of Baltimore City Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. "Mentor of the Year" Award
1996	Pete Lawer Memorial Award for the greatest "non-cop" contribution to the nation's law enforcement community
1990	University of Baltimore Spirit of Excellence Award