



Professor Alfred Dennis Mathewson

(Class of 1971)

Alfred Dennis Mathewson is an Emeritus Professor of Law and former Co-Dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law. As Dean, he chaired judicial selection commissions for the State of New Mexico. He has also served as the University of New Mexico Interim Chief Legal Counsel. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of New Mexico in 1983, he practiced in the fields of corporate, banking and securities law in Denver, Colorado. He earned his B.B.A. from Howard University in 1975 and his J.D. from Yale University in 1978. From 2009 to 2014, he directed the UNM Africana Studies Program. From 1997 through 2002, he served as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the UNM School of Law.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Law Institute, National Bar Association, and National Black Lawyers Top 100. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and President of the UNM Retirees Association as well as the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change. He has served as the President of the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association and the Sam Cary Bar Association (Denver). He is a member and past Chair of the Section on Law and Sports of the American Association of Law Schools. He was selected as the Business Lawyer of the Year in 2009 by the State Bar of New Mexico for his efforts in developing the Business and Tax Law Clinic at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Professor Mathewson is a native of Tarboro, North Carolina. As a young man growing up in Tarboro, he was a member of Union Baptist Church. He attended W. A. Pattillo High School and graduated from Bertie High School in 1971. In 2015, he received an honorary diploma from the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

He is married to Pamelya Herndon Mathewson, who is also a lawyer. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Director of KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is the proud father of two daughters, Eryn and Amber and one son Justin.

Professor Mathewson has always reflected on memories of his hometown of Tarboro and looked for ways to give back to the community that provided him with so much encouragement while he was growing up. He stayed in contact with many of his former classmates from Pattillo. He often visited his favorite second-grade teacher, the late Mrs. Ann Rountree, who had been a positive role model throughout his entire life.