

Dr. Ralph D. Mawdsley Honored by the Australia/New Zealand Education Law Association (ANZELA)

At its conference in Melbourne, Australia, on September 30-October 2, 2009, ANZELA presented Dr. Mawdsley with its annual achievement award for his work with the organization and for his furtherance of the field of Education Law “through research, publication, teaching, and the personal and professional learning of others.” This was the first time in the 18 years that the achievement award has been made that it was presented to a person outside Australia or New Zealand. Over the past decade, Dr. Mawdsley has collaborated with numerous colleagues in Australia and New Zealand on publications involving a wide range of legal issues related to education law and has participated in a variety of conference and in-service presentations for universities, law schools, and public and private K-12 schools. In July and August, 2009, Dr. Mawdsley was a Fulbright Senior Specialist on the Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and at the Griffith University College of Education, both located in Brisbane, Australia, where he assisted in the development of those institutions’ first education law courses. In September and October, 2007, Griffith University appointed Dr. Mawdsley as a Sir Alan Sewell Fellow to conduct research on education law at its campus and to collaborate with colleagues at the University on publication of that research.