

# Special Report

## King of the B-Law

### An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials

A USMNEWS.net reader recently commented that the list of CoB faculty who have exited the CoB since 2003 contains the names of individuals who are arguably the best scholars to have ever represented their particular units in USM's business school. That comment inspired the idea for a new series on the greatest scholars to have graced the suites of each unit in the CoB. Interestingly, the common thread among these individuals is that they were generally brought to USM under the business school leadership of former CBA dean, Tyrone Black. And, among the ones who have left the business school for other pastures (usually greener ones), most of them departed under the leadership of either former CBA dean, William Gunther, or former CoB dean, Harold Doty (usually the latter).

When it comes to "the greatest ever" in business law, there really is no race. There is Ernest King, and then there is Ernest King. No other CoB BL faculty comes close. Let's begin. As shown below, King has produced at least one A-level journal publication, which is more than can be said for many of the SAIS' current and former faculty (SAIS is King's home department).



King's second-line journal publication collection (shown below) is also quite respectable, with a B-level finance journal and a B-level management journal. These are *Managerial Finance* and the *Journal of Business Ethics*.



The mix above includes publications in the *American Business Law Journal* and the *Journal of Legal Studies in Business*. When a publication in the *Atlantic Economic Journal* -- an ECO outlet -- is thrown in, King has a record that will likely never be surpassed in the CoB's business law area.

The CoB is clearly fortunate to have King. Not only is King one of the CoB's rare "Academically Qualified" *and* "Professionally Qualified" faculty, he is quickly closing in on 200 Google Scholar citations. With more than 160 GS cites to his credit now, King has twice as many as any faculty in the CoB's (supposedly) vaunted ECO unit.

These points are worth mentioning here because King became a target of the Doty administration (2003-07). Doty's animus toward King became so bad during the spring of 2007 that the entire business law unit was removed from EFIB and transferred to SAIS. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this was done so that King would be distanced from dissenters who were challenging alleged malfeasance of EFIB administration. Within days of moving BL to the SAIS, the top brass of the Doty administration resigned under a cloud of suspicion and innuendo. King, on the other hand, is becoming a star of the IS portion of the SAIS.