

## JoAnne A. Epps

Dean Epps assumed the deanship of the Beasley School of Law on July 1, 2008. She has been on the faculty at Temple Law School since 1985, and served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1989-2008. She is an officer of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, serves on the Board of Directors of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, is a former member of the Board of Directors of Women's Way, and is an active member of several other professional organizations. At Temple, Dean Epps teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence. In addition to teaching at Temple, Dean Epps has taught in China, in Japan, at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and twice in a program for Sudanese Lawyers working for victims of the Darfur crisis. Dean Epps is the author or co-author of a number of academic publications, including, most recently, *The Twelve Secrets of Persuasive Argument*, written with Paul Mark Sandler and Ronald J. Waicukauski. She is a past recipient of the Doris May Harris Image Award from the National Bar Association's Women Lawyers Division, the Women of Distinction Award from the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, was one of three winners of the 2002 Women Making History Award presented by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and was honored as one of the 2008 Women of the Year by the Legal Intelligencer and the Pennsylvania Law Weekly. Most recently, Dean Epps was honored with a 2009 Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Take the Lead Award, the Philadelphia Bar Association's 2009 Sandra Day O'Connor Award and the 2009 Wiley A. Branton Award from the National Bar Association. Dean Epps is also a recipient of the 2011 Torchbearer Award for Outstanding Leadership in Law, given by the Women's Christian Alliance of Philadelphia and a recipient of a 2011 Minority Business Leader Award, given by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Dean Epps received her B.A. degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. in 1973 and her J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 1976.