

Outstanding Alumni: Ms. Jane E. Wilson '74



Jane Elizabeth Wilson graduated with her B.A. from Sewanee in 1978. She then received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1981 and LL.M. degree in 1985 from Georgetown University Law School.

What advice would you give students as they prepare for college and the challenges of our world today? My most compelling advice for students preparing for college and the challenges of our world is to pursue the broadest possible education you can afford to pursue, consistent with your personal circumstances and demands. Take opportunities to broaden your knowledge about a wide variety of subjects, both in the arts and in the sciences. I believe the closer you can get to a liberal arts education, the better equipped you will be to develop into the type of person who is able to understand, appreciate, and contribute to the world around you, as well as to react reasonably to its challenges.

How did attending Anniston Academy / The Donoho School make a difference in your life or your education? I'm a firm believer that a school's teachers are either the school's greatest assets or its worst liabilities. During my years at Donoho, I was fortunate to be mentored by talented teachers' across the full spectrum of academic disciplines who were able to spark in me a lifelong love of learning. What a testament to a school!

Current position, past work experience, licenses / certifications, and special awards or honors received: After I graduated from law school, I moved to Washington, DC where I worked as a tax lawyer for a major federal agency and then as a clerk on the U.S. Tax Court. Thereafter, I entered private practice, specializing in corporate tax law. I left the practice of law several years ago but still utilize my legal training to address a wide range of issues personal to me or to my community.