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Evans & Dixon Attorney Receives Prestigious Alumni Award

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.'s Melodie Powell was honored Friday, Oct. 2 by the Mizzou Alumni Association with a prestigious Faculty-Alumni Award. Powell is of counsel in the firm's workers' compensation group, based in the Kansas City office. (Photo available at <http://budurl.com/mpowell>).

Powell and 18 other outstanding University of Missouri faculty and alumni received the award at the Alumni Association's 42nd Annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Ceremony. The MAA Faculty-Alumni awards recognize the achievement of faculty and alumni. Alumni are considered for their outstanding professional accomplishments and service to their community and alma mater.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive this recognition," said Powell. "I always strive to further my professional development while at the same time dedicating myself to serving Mizzou and my community."

Powell has more than 20 years of litigation experience, including expertise in workers' compensation and tax law. Prior to joining Evans & Dixon, Powell served as an assistant attorney general in the Missouri attorney general's office and worked as an attorney in private practice in Kansas City. Powell also is the co-author of Chapter 3, "Second Injury Fund & Supplements," of the Missouri Workers' Compensation Deskbook, published by the Missouri Bar Association and is a frequent speaker at legal education seminars.

As an avid MU supporter, Powell has held numerous leadership positions with the university, including president of the Mizzou Alumni Association from 1999 to 2000, founding member and co-chair of the Griffins Leadership Society for Women, member of the Chancellor's Strategic Planning & Resource Advisory Council and board member of the Kansas City Alumni Chapter. Powell and her husband are also Jefferson Club Distinguished Fellows and members of the Mosaic Society and the Tiger Scholarship Fund.

In addition to her involvement with the University of Missouri, Powell was appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt as chairman of the Kansas City Election Board in 2005 and continues to serve as a member of the Board. The Kansas City Election Board is charged with overseeing the election process in Kansas City, Mo. Powell is also a member of the Junior League of Kansas City and a member of the Girl Scouts, USA.

Powell received her bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1977 and her juris doctorate in 1981.

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