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Degrees:

- Ed.D., University of Arkansas, Higher Education Administration, 1993
- J.D., University of Arkansas, Law, 1984
- M.B.A., University of Arkansas, Marketing and Management, 1982
- B.S.B.A., University of Arkansas, Finance and Banking, 1977

Teaching Areas:

- Legal Aspects of Higher Education
- Management of Higher Education Institutions
- Organizational Development and Change

Research Interests:

Legal issues related to faculty and staff employment in colleges and universities

Professional Biography:

John Murry is Associate Professor of Higher Education in the College of Education and Health Professions. He formerly served as Associate Dean for Administration and has also served in the capacity of Interim Department Head and Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling and Foundations. Prior to coming to the University of Arkansas in 1994, Dr. Murry was an Associate Professor of Business Law at Henderson State University (1991-1994) and Assistant Professor of Business at Mesa State College (1990-1991). Dr. Murry holds four degrees from the University of Arkansas (B.S.B.A., M.B.A., J.D., and Ed.D.). In addition, he has completed 15 hours of post-graduate course work in tax law at Southern Methodist University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the state of Arkansas and before the United States District Court. Dr. Murry spent five years as a practicing attorney and also has experience as a small business owner, and assistant director of admissions.

Academic Interests and Accomplishments:

John Murry has authored or co-authored over 30 publications and made in excess of 50 presentations and/or conducted workshops at national, regional and state conferences in his academic areas of interest. Dr. Murry is the co-author of a book entitled *New faculty: A practical guide for academic beginners*, published by St. Martin's Press. He regularly conducts workshops for colleges, universities and school districts focusing on training faculty and academic administrators about legal issues they face in their role as educators. Dr. Murry has also been a principal investigator or co-principal investigator in four funded external grants totaling approximately \$700,000.

Personal Information:

John Murry is married to Kathy M. Murry, an Assistant High School principal in the Bentonville School District. He has four children, including twin daughters. His youngest daughter and son are currently students at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Murry is also the proud grandfather of two grandchildren.

Publications/Presentations:

Teresa B. Bevis & John W. Murry, Jr. (2003, Fall). Getting more mileage from the CIRP freshman survey: A model for investigating attitudes and characteristics of freshmen sub-populations within individual institutions. *NASFA International Educator*, 12(3)

Christopher J. Lucas & John W. Murry, Jr. (2002). *New faculty: A practical guide for academic beginners*. New York: Palgrave, a division of St. Martin's Press.

Edmund E. Fitch & John W. Murry, Jr. (2001). Classifying and assessing the effectiveness of student judicial systems in doctoral-granting universities. *NASPA Journal*, 30(2), 190-202.

John W. Murry, Jr. (2000). Avoiding legal pitfalls in recruiting and selecting new faculty: What every academic administrator should know. *Academic Leadership*, 7(2), 20-22.