ABOUT WILLIAM H. BOWEN

William H. Bowen, born May 6, 1923, was reared in the Jefferson County town of Altheimer in southeast Arkansas. After a successful career as a tax attorney and CEO of one of the state’s largest banks, Bowen became chief of staff in 1991 for then-Governor Bill Clinton during Clinton’s campaign for the presidency.

In 1995, Bowen was asked by UALR Chancellor Charles Hathaway to take over as Dean of the Law School and to help the Law School maintain its accreditation status, conduct a nationwide search for the next dean, and establish a fund-raising arm for the Law School. Bowen also served the Law School as he: established the prestigious Bowen Scholars, a full scholarship program based on merit with the emphasis on encouraging diversity at the Law School; secured an endowment for the Altheimer Foundation Lecture series; and secured an endowment for the Altheimer Distinguished Professorship.

Dean Bowen has always looked for ways to promote and serve his state. Dean Bowen’s life defines professionalism, and he is an outstanding example for the future graduates of the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law.