Dean G. Marcus Cole awarded the Dignitatis Humanae Award by the University of St. Thomas School of Law

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President of the University of St. Thomas, Rob Vischer, ND Law Dean G. Marcus Cole, and University of St. Thomas Law School Dean Dan Kelly

Notre Dame Law School's Joseph A. Matson Dean G. Marcus Cole [link:/directory/g-marcus-cole/] was awarded the Dignitatis Humanae Award by the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minnesota on October 3.

This prestigious award honors national and international jurists for their contributions to the legal profession and was presented at the school's annual Mission Roundtable Lunch, which explores what St. Thomas School of Law's mission could and should mean to the world.

Cole joins the ranks of notable past recipients, including Vice President Walter Mondale, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and Sister Helen Prejean.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to receive the Dignitatis Humanae Award," said Cole. "This honor is particularly meaningful because it is conferred by an institution that is dedicated to advancing our shared Catholic mission, one that recognizes that each human being is created in the likeness and image of God."

Dean G. Marcus Cole receives the statue for St. Thomas More from University of St. Thomas School of Law Dean Dan Kelly

The award was presented by St. Thomas School of Law Dean Daniel Kelly, a former faculty member at Notre Dame Law School, who became the dean at St. Thomas earlier this year.

On the evening of October 3, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, Cole delivered a lecture with Rob Vischer, president of the University of St. Thomas. The talk was part of the new interdisciplinary lecture series Hope and Healing, which focuses on current social and faith issues in America through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Cole and Vischer spoke about the power and importance of faith- and values-based education.

The series is held in honor and memory of Reverend David T. Link, former dean of Notre Dame Law School and founding dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

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