

Distinguished Alumnus 2011
Natalie Shirley
Class of 1976

Natalie Shirley received her Associate of Arts degree from Northern Oklahoma College, graduated from Oklahoma State University and earned a law degree from The University of Oklahoma.

From 1982-1986, she served as Deputy General Counsel for the Oklahoma Department of Securities. Later she became Associate General Counsel of the Investment Company Institute, the national investment company trade association, handling regulatory matters and other issues concerning mutual funds and unit investment trusts.

From 1991-1996 she functioned as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of ICI Mutual Insurance Group in Washington, D.C., the captive insurance company of the mutual fund industry. Advancing to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, in 2001 she became President and Chief Executive Officer.

Appointed by Gov. Brad Henry in 2007 as Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Tourism, she acted in that position throughout his administration. She also served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. In May 2011 she became President of Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City.