James T.R. Jones received his B.A. with highest distinction from the University of Virginia, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and his J.D. with honors from Duke University School of Law, where he was selected for the Order of the Coif. He served on the Editorial Board of the Duke Law Journal. Before entering an academic career, he clerked for a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and a magistrate judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. In addition, he worked in private practice for firms in New York and Florida. In 1985, he entered teaching as a Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School. He joined the faculty of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in 1986. His research and teaching interests include torts, decedents’ estates, legal writing, written advocacy, and mental illness among professionals. Professor Jones belongs to the Florida Bar and the Legal Writing Institute. In his 2008 article “Walking the Tightrope of Bipolar Disorder: The Secret Life of a Law Professor,” Professor Jones for the first time disclosed his decades-long battle with the severe mental illness bipolar disorder, which is also known as manic-depressive illness. Since then he has written and spoken extensively about successful professionals who suffer from serious psychiatric diseases. He speaks to student groups, NAMI and Mental Health America audiences, and professional groups. Recently he spoke to the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington in Seattle. He has been featured in various publications, including the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in September 2016. In recognition of his mental health advocacy efforts, Mental Health America of Kentucky, Kentucky’s oldest mental health education and advocacy organization, presented him with the Clifford W. Beers Mental Health Consumer Award for 2010 and on November 8, 2013, Professor Jones was presented with the David S. Stoner Uncommon Counselor Award by the Dave Nee Foundation at a gala in New York City. In his 2011 book, *A Hidden Madness*, Professor Jones tells the story of his unrelenting struggle against severe mental illness. It is the saga of an accomplished individual who has reached the pinnacle of his profession despite suffering for over 30 years from severe mental illness. He has done so mostly in silence because of fear of stigma. Extreme childhood bullying helped cause his condition, which has seen him hospitalized five times in psychiatric facilities for periods as long as six months. The story offers both real hope for those afflicted by serious mental illness and deep insight into their many symptoms, numerous drugs, periodic crises, and potential triumphs.