Judge Joseph Bataillon received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971 and his law degree in 1974. He is an exemplary lawyer and judge who is dedicated to serving Omaha and Creighton.

Judge Bataillon has been active on numerous boards and committees, including the School of Law Alumni Advisory Board, Creighton Law Advisory Board and Nebraska Bar Association House of Delegates. He also is elected to be the Association's president in 2017.

He is generous with his time and talent in mentoring lawyers and law students on how to practice law at the highest levels. Judge Bataillon supervises externs, serves as a judge for competitions and guest lectures at the School of Law. He was a judicial member of the Robert M. Spire Inn of Court from 1999 to 2005. The group met monthly with Creighton third-year law students and young lawyers to give them practical training in law practice and ethics.

In August 2014, Judge Bataillon coordinated the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, which was hosted in Omaha for the first time in 42 years. This memorable event brought together record numbers of attorneys and judges from across the country.

Judge Bataillon has been a key figure in building treatment and job programs for people trying to do right and rebuild their lives after convictions. For him, caring for those less fortunate is a part of the Jesuit mission that started with his time in the Douglas County Public Defender’s Office and has been with him throughout his career.

For his dedication to the Omaha community and for the positive impact he has made on the School of Law, Judge Joseph F. Bataillon is a most deserving recipient of the 2015 School of Law Alumni Merit Award.