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Law School Dean Thomas Headrick announced last fall that he would be ending his nine-year tenure at the helm in August, 1985. He noted his interest in pursuing his own research and teaching, emphasized his affection and commitment to the school and indicated that he will continue at UB as a law professor.

University Provost William Greiner acknowledged Headrick's many accomplishments during his term as dean and accepted his resignation "with deep regret."

Upon announcing his resignation, Headrick cited the Law School's "first rate" faculty for "its breadth and diversity and intellectual stimulation" and said he considers UB's law professors to be the best in the country.

"The nice thing about this place is that there is a remarkably wonderful bunch of people to work with — faculty, staff and students," he noted. "It's a place that's very alive intellectually."

Headrick cited as the major accomplishments of his tenure an improved, innovative faculty; an expanded clinical program; a burgeoning academic reputation, and the development of the Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government Program and the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.

Now that he has fulfilled all of his original goals for the School, Headrick looks forward to fully pursuing his teaching and research interests in the area of policy-making and property law. He currently is writing a book on medieval land transactions based on his studies while on a sabbatical at Oxford University in 1983.

In the wake of Headrick's resignation, Provost Greiner formed a search committee that includes representatives from the law school faculty, administration, student body and alumni. The committee chairman is Joseph Alutto, dean of the UB Management School.

The search committee has spent the last year narrowing down a substantial list of candidates, made-up of administrators, scholars and lawyers who have been nominated for the position by law school faculty, the local bar and the committee itself. Letters of interest also have been received from people who have seen notices and advertisements placed by the committee.

On the basis of professional resumes, letters of evaluation, personal statements and extensive interviews with faculty, students, alumni and members of the bar, the committee will eventually recommend three applicants to University Provost Greiner. Another round of interviews will then result in University President Steven Sample making the final hiring decision.

Although an August, 1985, deadline for the decision was originally set, the committee is still inviting applicants for the initial set of interviews, and it now appears likely that a new dean will not be appointed until 1986.

The members of the search committee are:
Joseph Alutto, chairman
Charles Carr, associate law professor
David Engel, associate law professor
Alan Freeman, law professor
Virginia Loary, law professor
Philip Halpern, law professor
Maryann Freedman, Law Clerk to Judge William Ostrowski
Paul Weaver, attorney with Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel
Dr. Murray Levine, psychology professor
Dr. Brian Henderson, media studies associate professor
Vivian Garcia, law school assistant dean
Gregory Brown, law student
Steven Wickmark, law student
Dr. Judith Albino, associate provost (Provost's Liaison)