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James B. Atleson, who teaches courses on labor law, collective bargaining and negotiations, had an article published in the Buffalo Law Review on the subject of status assumptions in arbitration awards. He has also been awarded a summer stipend from the National Endowment of the Humanities. Prof. Atleson will be on sabbatical for the fall term. In the spring, he will be a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Charles P. Ewing, a psychologist as well as a law professor, has made numerous presentations to groups around the country this past year. He spoke to the Clergy Staff Council of the American Baptist Churches of the Niagara Frontier on "Clergy Malpractice." He has conducted workshops on expert testimony for mental health professionals at the Albany Medical College, the Rural Mental Health Council in East Lansing, Michigan, and the Psychological Association of Western New York. Prof. Ewing also presented a paper, "The Battered Woman Syndrome: Expert Testimony and Public Attitudes," at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

Recent publications include an article on the New York juvenile offender law, co-authored with Simon Singer, a UB criminologist. Prof. Ewing recently completed articles on juvenile murderers and on the ethics of psychological and psychiatric participation in diagnosing and treating "insane" death row inmates. He was named Associate Editor for Legal and Ethical Issues for the forthcoming Encyclopedic Handbook of Private Practice, a 100 chapter handbook for mental health professionals in private practice.

He and his wife Sharon proudly announce the birth of their son Benjamin on July 16, 1986.

David Fraser is an associate Visiting Professor from Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Here for one year, he teaches judicial remedies, torts, and helps with the Canadian/American Legal Studies program. Prof. Fraser received his bachelor of laws degree from Dalhousie in 1982 and his masters of law degree from Yale Law School in 1983.

Kenneth F. Joyce will be taking a one year leave of absence to work full-time as Research Director of the New York State Law Review Commission in Albany. Last fall, he took a sabbatical leave to work there full-time, and last spring he spent the first part of each week in Albany. Prof. Joyce's teaching interests are federal taxation, trusts and estates, and property.
TWO NEW PROFS JOIN FACULTY

Two new associate professors, both Harvard Law School alumni, have joined the UB Law School faculty this year.

“They will bring additional diversity and expertise to the Law School,” says Dean Newhouse.

We extend a warm welcome to Victor Thuronyi and George Kannar.

VICTOR THURONYI

Following a successful three-year stint as a tax attorney for the U.S. Treasury Department and two years as a tax specialist in private practice, Mr. Thuronyi came to UB Law School primarily as a tax professor. He joins Prof. Louis Del Cotto, Prof. Kenneth Joyce, and part-time Prof. Diane Bennett.

Mr. Thuronyi has published extensively on the subject of federal taxation and has testified before Congress on various aspects of tax legislation and reform.

“My major interest has been tax reform,” he says. Soon after joining the Treasury Department in 1983, Mr. Thuronyi was designated Special Legal Advisor for Fundamental Tax Reform. He considers his work on the tax reform proposal “my greatest accomplishment to date.”

“The tax reform bill does not do much in the way of simplification. Part of what I’d like to do is advocate reforms to broaden the tax base and make the system more progressive,” Mr. Thuronyi says.

He comes to UB with impressive academic credentials: A 1977 economics graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge University, England, he is a 1980 alumnus of Harvard Law School, where he was elected to the Harvard Law Review.

Upon receiving his juris doctor degree, he returned to his home town, Washington, D.C., to become legislative director of Taxation with Representation, a public interest tax reform group. Within a few months, he moved to the law firm of Miller & Chevalier, also in Washington, before accepting the position with the Treasury Department.

GEORGE KANNAR

Staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) national office in New York City since 1979, George Kannar will be joining the UB Law faculty next semester.

At the ACLU, Mr. Kannar was responsible for developing, coordinating and conducting a national program of test case litigation in state and federal courts concerning criminal justice, sex discrimination, and the constitutional rights of children and families.

In 1984, he was domestic policy coordinator for Walter F. Mondale’s presidential campaign, advising the candidate on a variety of public policy issues. Previous to that he was associate director and senior policy advisor for the 1984 Democratic Platform Committee, responsible for researching, drafting, and securing passage of the 1984 Democratic Party platform.

Mr. Kannar graduated from Yale College in 1970 and from Harvard Law School in 1977. He then served in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, N.Y. as pro se law clerk to the Hon. Walter R. Mansfield.

From 1978 to 1979, he was Marvin Kampkin Fellow in Civil Liberties Litigation at the ACLU national office with primary responsibility for civil liberties litigation in the U.S. Supreme Court. He was subsequently appointed to the position of staff counsel.

A skillful writer who was senior editor of the Yale Daily News, a stringer for Time magazine, and an associate editor of Parade, Kannar’s articles appear in periodicals such as The New Republic and Columbia Journalism Review as well as scholarly journals.

Virginia A. Leary is taking a one-year leave of absence to accept The Ariel Swallows Chair in Human Rights at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. The first of its kind, the chair is offered for a one-year period to "distinguished persons who have made their mark toward the enhancement of human rights." It will enable her to continue to do research and write on economic and social rights as human rights. She will also develop a program implementing human rights in Asia. "I am pleased that this honor is from a Canadian university, since I have been and remain particularly interested in Canadian-U.S. relations," Prof. Leary says.

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Janet Lindgren, who teaches legal history, legislation, remedies and torts, will spend this year as a Fulbright Scholar in the Netherlands at the University of Leiden's Department of Administrative and Constitutional Law. She will consider how U.S. legal scholars have restricted the constitution as a matrix within which societal values might develop and will explore other ways that they might participate in developing the document's content.

Prof. Lindgren's understanding of the relationship of legal scholars to the constitution has been developed in a series of historical studies she has undertaken, beginning with her 1983 article in the Wisconsin Law Review, "Beyond Cases: Reconsidering Judicial Review."