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Professor Charles P. Ewing

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."

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 Karpatkin 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. ■

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Errol Meidinger and **Barry B. Boyer** co-authored an article on citizen suits that was published in the *Buffalo Law Review* entitled, "Privatizing Regulatory Enforcement: A Preliminary Assessment of Citizens' Suits Under Federal Environmental Laws."

Along with John Thomas, a UB School of Management professor, they have formed a group to study the sociology of regulation. Their purpose is to develop innovative teaching and research on how regulation works in everyday practice. Areas of interest include ongoing relations among regulatory agencies; regulated industries and other interested parties; and the types of mutual understandings that develop in the course of those relationships.

Prof. Boyer and Prof. Meidinger also began teaching a new seminar on regulatory enforcement. In addition, they instituted an Independent Study program which permits a limited number of students to study and participate in the prosecutorial process of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Attorney General's office in enforcing environmental laws.

In May, Prof. Boyer presented a paper, "The Culture of Regulatory Politics," at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association that was held in Chicago.

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John Henry Schlegel, associate dean, presented a paper at the Conference on Critical Theory and Sociological Jurisprudence in Bremen, West Germany in July. He also participated in a panel discussion at the American Bar Association Convention entitled, "A Dialogue Between the Judiciary and the Law Schools on Legal Education." Dean Guido Calabresi of Yale, Dean Susan Prager of University of California at Los Angeles and Chief Judge Sol Wachtler of the New York State Court of Appeals were participants with Prof. Schlegel. His teaching interests include judicial decision making, public utility regulation and the history of legal education, as well as contracts, commercial law and civil procedure. ■



William J. Magavern (1866-1945)

FIRST MAGAVERN FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

UB Law Professors Charles P. Ewing, J.D., Ph.D., and Errol J. Meidinger, J.D., Ph.D. have been designated the first William J. Magavern Fellows. The awards were established by a memorial gift from Samuel D. Magavern, whose family has been associated with the UB Law School for four generations. Each professor received a \$5,000 stipend to pursue ongoing research projects.

The fellowships were established last year in honor of the late William J. Magavern, who "with many other dedicated lawyer-teachers served the Law School during its formative years at considerable personal sacrifice."

Under the terms of the gift, the Magavern Pool Inc., a not-for-profit cor-

poration, will provide \$10,000 per year for a ten-year period to support teaching and research and to assist the school in attracting and attaining outstanding teachers by supplementing regular salaries.

According to Dean Wade Newhouse, "This \$100,000 commitment to the Law School adds a vital dimension to the development of a truly distinguished faculty. Major law schools depend upon such support to insure the quality of their programs and to remain competitive for the best legal talent. We are indebted to Samuel Magavern and his family for this far-sighted and meaningful gift."

Prof. Ewing received his fellowship award to pursue his work concerning battered women and juveniles in the criminal process. Prof. Meidinger's award permitted him to continue his studies of "emission trading," whereby industries buy or sell emission rights as allowed by the federal Clean Air Act regulations. ■