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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 Calabrisi 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.

FIRST MAGAVERN FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

U. S. 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 corporation, 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.