Dean Filvaroff Steps Down

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David B. Filvaroff has announced that he will step down as dean of the Law School effective July 1, 1992. Now in his fifth year as dean, he will continue as a full-time law professor.

In a letter informing UB President William R. Greiner of his plans, Filvaroff noted, "I look forward to leaving administration and returning to my role as a full-time teacher and faculty member — the pursuits that occupied my professional life prior to coming to Buffalo."

Filvaroff said he was "deeply grateful to all of those — both within and without the university, faculty colleagues, staff, students, administrators, the many committed alumni and members of the legal profession, friends — who throughout my term offered gracious and unremitting help, working with me and for the school and our students."

He added, "My successor will be able to build upon the many important strengths of the school: a superb faculty, well recognized and widely respected for its scholarship and the quality of its teaching; an excellent and diverse student body composed of very bright, able men and women committed to the educational process and to the highest ideals of the profession; a talented and efficient administrative and support staff whose contributions have been and are key to the school’s successes; and significantly, a strong and active alumni association and loyal general alumni, whose firm support of the school continues to grow."

Responding on behalf of the university, Greiner noted, "We owe David Filvaroff many thanks for the energy and effort he has devoted to the Law School during his tenure as dean. "Anyone in a law school deanship must confront and deal gracefully with difficult issues. Since coming to UB, David has ridden out a few storms and pulled off some important coups. He’s done exceptional work. We look forward to working with him in his soon-to-be role as a full-time member of our faculty."

Filvaroff is a member of the statewide Judicial Ethics Commission appointed by the Hon. Sol Wachtler, chief judge of the State of New York.

Before coming to UB, he was professor of law at the University of Texas at Austin.

He has been involved in international affairs, having served as senior adviser to the U.S. delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and later as co-chief of the U.S. delegation to a follow-up meeting of the CSCE, the 35-nation conference established to assess progress under the 1975 Helsinki Accord.

Prior to joining the University of Texas Law School in 1972, Filvaroff practiced law in Cleveland and was an associate professor in the law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the 1960s as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter and Arthur Goldberg, as general counsel to the President’s Council on Equal Opportunity and as a special assistant to the U.S. attorney general.