New roles for professors and staff

Three SUNY Buffalo Law School professors have assumed new administrative roles, Dean Makau W. Mutua announced.

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Charles Patrick Ewing, a longtime SUNY Buffalo Law professor who has published widely in the area of forensic psychology and the law, will serve as vice dean for academic affairs. He previously served as vice dean for legal skills. In his new position, Ewing is responsible for overall operation of the Law School's curriculum, including leading faculty planning and hiring adjunct professors, and moot courts, our trial advocacy program and use of the Letro Courtroom.

SUNY Distinguished Professor Guyora Binder will serve as vice dean for research and faculty development, a role designed to provide comprehensive support to faculty scholarship. He will organize faculty workshops, communicate faculty achievements, approve research assistants, advise the dean on the allocation of other research resources, and generally work to increase the school's support for faculty research and development.

Professor Kim Diana Connolly, who directs the Law School's clinical program, takes on the additional responsibilities of vice dean for legal skills. In this role, she will oversee SUNY Buffalo Law's legal research and writing and trial courses, the academic support program, the externship program, mediation program and Law School journals.

In addition, Dean Mutua announced that four key Law School administrators will take on additional duties. Bobby Jo LaDelfa will oversee Law School financial aid and will become assistant dean for records, registration and financial aid. Lillie Wiley-Upshaw will oversee orientation and student groups and will take the title vice dean for admissions and student life. Vice Dean for Student Services Melinda Saran will develop and implement a program providing opportunities for students to do pro bono work. Finally, Rebecca Donoghue, who serves as executive assistant to the dean, will coordinate our annual Commencement activities.