



357 New faculty join University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

I began my previous column by mentioning the excitement of welcoming each fall to the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law a new group of energetic law students. But the beginning of a new academic year is also characterized by welcoming a new group of learned faculty members.

This year, we at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law are pleased to be joined by four new faculty members (in varying capacities). As readers know, in previous years we have welcomed a series of Distinguished Visiting Professors to our full-time faculty. These former senior attorneys at major area law firms provide priceless experience and perspective in the classroom. This year our roster of Distinguished Visiting Professors (which already includes Lloyd Semple, former managing partner at Dykema Gossett; Carol Clark of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn, and Drew Becker of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone) is growing once again.

This year's addition to our very distinguished roster of Distinguished Visiting Professors is Richard Rohr. As many of you know, Professor Richard Rohr previously served as the managing partner of the Bodman law firm. He received his B.A. from Harvard and his J.D. from the University of Michigan (where he was editor-in-chief of the law review). He is a past president of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. But more important than Prof. Rohr's degrees is his long and distinguished career as a widely respected and leading member of the bar. He will be teaching our students Business Planning this semester, but, equally importantly, Professor Rohr will be sharing with us his expertise as we continue to reform our curriculum (more about that in my next column).

Another non-traditional addition to our faculty this year is Professor Layman Allen, who is Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Michigan Law School. Professor Allen has done pathbreaking work in applying mathematical logic to the analysis of law and legal relations. He has particular expertise in applying the approaches of Wesley Hohfeld to legal relations, but his knowledge and his insights are indeed far-ranging.

Professor Allen has also been an innovator in the use of computers for legal analysis, and he has developed a series of analytical games including WFF'N PROOF, EQUATIONS, and The Legal Argument Game of Legal Relations. He received his B.A. from Princeton, his M.P.A. from Har-

vard, and his LL.B. from Yale. While Professor Allen will not be teaching a course with us this year, he will be working closely with a range of faculty in developing expanded on-line quizzes and in helping to create the pilot program for our new Law Firm Program (which I will discuss in my next column).

We are also welcoming two more "traditional" faculty members this fall to our faculty roster at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law:

Professor Danton Berube is joining us as a new Assistant Professor teaching Applied Legal Theory and Analysis. Professor Berube received his B.A. from the University of Tennessee and his J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School. He was an associate at the well-known NY-based firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, & McCloy, and then an associate and later partner at the Memphis, TN firm of Bateman, Gibson, & Childers. He most recently received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University. Prof. Berube has clerked for a judge on the Eleventh Circuit and has published articles, book reviews, and chapters in a range of publications, including the Yale Journal of International Law, the Arkansas Law Review, the Encyclopedia of American Law, and elsewhere.

Professor Jeremy Patrick is also a new Assistant Professor; he will be teaching Applied Legal Theory and Analysis to the students in our joint degree program with the University of Windsor. Professor Patrick has, as you would expect, knowledge of both U.S. and Canadian law. He received his B.A. in Criminal Justice from Chadron State College; his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law; and his LL.M. from the University of Toronto. He has most recently been working as a Policy Analyst for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association working on a range of issues such as religious freedom, corrections and law enforcement, and freedom of expression. He is the author of law review articles in the Canadian Journal of Criminal Justice and Criminology; the Alberta Law Review, the University of New Brunswick Law Journal, and elsewhere.

Our new faculty will be helping us to implement our changing curriculum, which has been the focus of a great deal of thought by members of our faculty over the past two years. In my next columns, I will describe some of the key characteristics of our new curricular reforms.

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