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HARRY H. WELLINGTON NAMED DEAN OF NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

Harry H. Wellington, former dean of Yale Law School, will become the 14th dean of New York Law School, it was announced by Bernard H. Mendik, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. At the close of the current academic year Professor Wellington will succeed James F. Simon, who has served as dean since 1983.

Currently holder of Yale University's highest academic chair, a Sterling Professorship, Professor Wellington served as dean of Yale's Law School from 1975 to 1985. He is one of the nation's leading scholars of labor law, legal theory and constitutional law, and is the author of many articles and books, including Interpreting the Constitution: The Supreme Court and the Process of Adjudication.

"The appointment of Professor Wellington is an historic occasion for New York Law School," Mr. Mendik said. "His willingness to lead the Law School at the pivotal point in its history insures that we will begin our second century poised to play an ever more prominent role in legal education in the United States."

The challenges and opportunities of leading an urban law school serving a diverse student body led Professor Wellington to accept the New York Law School deanship. "While the criticism of law and the legal profession has never been more intense, law's centrality in American society has never been more apparent," he said. "Accordingly, it is essential that a broad spectrum of lawyers receive an excellent education rooted in scholarship and ethical values."

During his years at Yale, Professor Wellington was a consultant to both domestic and foreign government agencies and has been actively involved in bar association committees concerned with law reform. He is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Calvert Magruder from 1953-1954 and to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter in 1955.

Professor Wellington was first associated with New York Law School in 1985 when he became the School's first John M. Harlan Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He has been a member of the board of trustees since 1989.

AMBASSADOR THOMAS R. PICKERING IS 1991 OTTO WALTER FELLOW

Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, will visit the Law School on November 19, as the 1991 Otto L. Walter Distinguished International Fellow. The Ambassador's visit will be highlighted by an address on "The U.S. and the U.N.: Challenges for the Nineties," at 4:00 p.m. in the LeFrak Moot Court Room.

Mr. Pickering was appointed to the United Nations post by President George Bush in 1989. He holds the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the Foreign Service, and is the second professional Foreign Service Officer to represent the United States at the world body.

Before his posting to the U.N., Mr. Pickering served as the United States ambassador to Israel, El Salvador, Jordan and Nigeria. He has also been Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and special assistant to the Secretaries of State William Rogers and Henry Kissinger.

Immediately prior to Ambassador Pickering's address, the Law School will dedicate the International Law Center. Located on the second floor of the Mendik Library, the Center houses the School's extensive collection on international, comparative and foreign law. It is a gift of the Starr Foundation, which was established by the founder of the American International Group in 1955, and is headed by Maurice R. Greenberg '50, trustee emeritus of the Law School and current AIG chairman.

The Walter Fellowship Program, which includes meetings with faculty and students, classroom lectures in international and constitutional law, as well as the formal address, brings distinguished scholars, practitioners and public officials in the international field to the Law School to discuss current issues in international law. It was founded in 1986 by a gift from Dr. Otto L. Walter, a 1954 graduate of the Law School, and a founding partner of the Manhattan firm of Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green. He is a member of the Law School's adjunct faculty and an author in the field of international law.

Ambassador Pickering's address is free and open to members of the Law School community. Seating is limited. For further information and to make reservations, please contact the Development and Public Affairs Office at ext. 800.

FIRST FLOOR, MENDIK LIBRARY TO BE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF JUDGE FROESSEL

A brief ceremony will take place on December 3 at 3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Mendik Library in order to rededicate the first floor of the new library in honor of Judge Charles Froessel, a distinguished alumnus of the class of 1913, judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, former librarian, dean and chairman of the board of trustees.

The main reading room of the Law School's library, then located on the first floor of 57 Worth

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Street, was dedicated in honor of Judge Froessel in 1975. Since the opening of the Mendik Library, the reference and study activities that previously took place in the reading room were relocated to the first floor of the new facility. The rededication will take place in order to keep the Froessel Reading Room as an integral part of the School's library. Champagne and cookies will be served at the event.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE O'CONNOR TO SPEAK AT JUNE COMMENCEMENT

Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and be the featured speaker at the Law School's 100th commencement to be held on June 10, 1992, Dean Simon has announced.

Justice O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, was a judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals before her elevation to the high court in 1981. Before becoming a judge, she served for six years in the Arizona State Senate, and before that, was Assistant Attorney General in Arizona. Justice O'Connor was also a sole practitioner in Phoenix and began her legal career as a county attorney in San Mateo, California, after her graduation from Stanford Law School.

SPORTS AGENTS AND EXECUTIVES GATHER FOR SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on "Attorneys as Professional Sports Agents" will be sponsored by the Sports and Entertainment Law Society on November 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

Panelists will include: **Willis Reed**, vice president and general manager, New Jersey Nets; **Cal Ramsey**, director of community relations, New York Knickerbockers; **Barry Klarberg**, Deloitte & Touche; **Lloyd Friedland**, Libret, Friedland & Liberman; and **Craig Feneck**, The Sparta Group.

Admission is free, but space is limited. For reservations, please call Monica Coen in the Student Services Office at ext. 851.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE TO HOLD ORIENTATION FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The Office of Career Services will host an orientation program for all first-year students on November 12 and 14. The program is designed to familiarize the students with the Office of Career Services, to inform the students of the valuable resources available in the office, and to show how to efficiently use the available information.

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First-year day students - Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in room A-400.

First-year evening students - Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. in room A-400.

Refreshments will be served both evenings.

For further information, and to R.S.V.P, please contact Susan D'Ambra at ext. 345.

STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Elizabeth Dowell '92 and **Erik Jacobs '92** were quarter-finalists and winners of the Best Brief Award at the University of San Diego School of Law National Criminal Procedure Competition held on October 18-20. The issue argued was whether a criminal defendant may succeed on a post-conviction claim of ineffective assistance of counsel when his attorney misadvises him.

Third-year day student **Phillip Spyropoulos** won second place in the 1991 Bruno Bitker Essay Competition, sponsored by American Bar Associations Standing Committee on World Order Under Law. The essay topic was "What are the limits on the use of force under the United Nations Charter as originally intended by the framers, and to what extent has the practice of member states and the United Nations itself been consistent with those intentions?"

STAFF UPDATE

Corliss I. Clark, former Academic Affairs Assistant, has joined the Lawyering Skills Center as Externship Program Assistant.

Laurie Clark is the new Recruitment Assistant in the Office of Career Services. She has a B.A. in communications from Wheaton College in Illinois, and has worked with Personnel Express in New York City.

Shani F. Darby has joined the Dean's Offices as Administrative Assistant and Receptionist. She has a B.S. in psychology from the University of Bridgeport where she worked in the Alumni Relations Office. She has been employed by Liz Claiborne, Inc. as Assistant to the Director of its Creative Resources Division.

Sondra Downing has joined the Registrar's Office as full-time Administrative Assistant after working as a temporary employee. She has also worked for Centel Information Systems.

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Beth Fishkin is the new Resource Development Coordinator in the Office of Career Services. She had been employed as a marketing director and then as an assistant editor of Federal Reports, Inc. in Washington, D.C. She has a B.A. in political science from Hofstra University.

Margia Kramer joined the Office of Academic Affairs as Coordinator of Co-Curricular Programs. She has a B.A. in fine arts from Brooklyn College and an M.A. in art history from N.Y.U.'s Institute of Fine Arts. She has also served as a museum lecturer at the Whitney Museum.

Pedro Navarro joined the Dean's Office as Staff Assistant. His background includes more than ten years of chauffeur experience and four years with an ambulance service.

Roy Seda, Security Officer, has a new daughter, Alyssa - 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Beth Sferrazza is the new Career Services/Alumni Relations Assistant for the Office of Career Services. She has a B.S. with a marketing major from Fordham University.

Roberta Tasley is the new Administrative Assistant and Word-Processing Operator for the Faculty Services Office and for the Communications Media Center. She has a B.A. in sociology from San Francisco State University, and an M.P.S. from N.Y.U. She had served as Executive Director of Columbia University's Institute for Tele-Information.

Mark Vieira joined the Office of Facilities Management as a part-time Security Officer.

Robinette Yearwood, Mendik Library, gave birth to a son, Kevin - 5 lbs. 7 oz.

Andrew Young, Administrative Assistant and Word Processor in the Office of Faculty Services, is the author of a play entitled "120 Seconds" appearing through November 2 at Synchronicity Space theater.

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Professor Michael Botein's article entitled "Regulation of Fiberoptic Integrated Broadband Networks: Common Carriage, Ownership and Rates" was printed in The University of Florida's Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Professor Arthur S. Leonard was quoted in the September 11 issue of the Daily News on a man who was misdiagnosed as having aids and the breach of confidentiality of AIDS sufferers. His paper

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titled "Homophobia, Heterosexism and Judicial Decision Making" was published in Vol. 1, No. 4 (1991) of the Journal of Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy. The paper was part of a symposium on "Stigma and Homosexuality," and was first presented at the 1989 annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

Professor Carlin Meyer appeared on October 11-12 on the WABC-TV Channel 7 evening news on the hearings on Clarence Thomas' nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Kristian Miccio was honored at CUNY Law School's 1991 commencement and received the Public Interest Lawyers Award for her work as the founding director of the first legal services center for battered women in New York State. She was also honored by the National Organization for Women and received NOW's Susan B. Anthony Award for her work on behalf of women and children. She was named by the Hon. Robert Keating to the Advisory Board of the Civilian Complaint Dispute Resolution Center of the Criminal Court. The Lawyers Cooperative has agreed to publish a volume devoted to litigating on behalf of battered women to be written by her.

Professor Jeffrey O'Connell was quoted in The New York Times on October 2 in an article on "no-fault" insurance.

Professor Rudolph J. Peritz's book entitled Reforming Antitrust Law: Competition Policy and Private Property Rights in Conflict will be published by Oxford University Press in 1993.

Professor Michael L. Perlin had three articles published during the summer: Power Imbalances in Therapeutic and Forensic Relationships 9 Behav. Sci. & L. 111 (1991); Reading the Supreme Court's Tea Leaves: Predicting Judicial Behavior in Civil and Criminal Right to Refuse Treatment Cases, 12 Am. J. Forens. Psychiatry 37 (1991); and Morality and Pretextuality. Psychiatry and Law: of "Ordinary Common Sense," Heuristic Reasoning, and Cognitive Dissonance, 19 Bull. Am. Acad. Psychiatry & L. 131 (1991). His article Psychodynamics and the Insanity Defense: "Ordinary Common Sense" and Heuristic Reasoning, originally printed in 69 Neb. L. Rev. 3 (1990), will be printed in Psychology and Law: The Broadening of the Discipline, to be edited by Prof. James Ogloff, and to be published by Carolina Academic Press. He presented a paper Tarasoff and the Dilemma of the Dangerous Patient: New Directions for the 1990's at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association earlier this month in San Francisco. His second annual pocket part for his treatise, Mental Disability Law: Civil and Criminal was published by the Michie Company in October. His book review of Ann Braden Johnson's book, Out of Bedlam: The Truth About Deinstitutionalization, has been published in the New York Law School Journal of Human Rights 557 (1991).

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Professor Donald P. Rothschild's publication "A Management Perspective on Difficult Discharge Issues in Arbitration" was published in 40 R.I. Bar J. No. 1 at p. 17 (October 19).

Professor Stuart A. Schlesinger's column, "Standard for Experts, Confidentiality of Documents," appeared in the Products Liability column of the New York Law Journal on October 16.

Professor Richard Siegler's article, "Troublesome By-Law Provisions," appeared in the Cooperatives and Condominiums column of the New York Law Journal on September 18.

Professor Martin Silfen participated in an entertainment law panel at Interfest in New Orleans on October 31 and November 1.

Dean James F. Simon was interviewed on October 8 on WABC-TV Eyewitness News on the nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court of Judge Clarence Thomas. He was quoted in the October 28 The National Law Journal on the Thomas confirmation process, and how it "invites cynicism from all people looking at the court." He appeared on an WABC-TV's "Eyewitness News Conference" on Sunday, October 20, also commenting on the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings.

Professor Nadine Strossen appeared on NBC's "Today" show commenting on Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's role on the U.S. Supreme Court. She was interviewed on National Public Radio and CBS radio on restrictive speech codes on campus, and gave a lecture at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., on the same subject. On October 1, gave the inaugural Doughty Street Chambers Human Rights Lecture in London, England on "Bush, Bork & the Bill of Rights" and was interviewed on BBC radio and profiled in several British newspapers and magazines. She was noted in the October 11 New York Law Journal on the American Association for Paralegals conference which began on October 11 and featured her as the keynote speaker. She was interviewed for the Viewpoints section of the October 15 issue of Newsday and on October 17 on CNN's "Larry King Live" show both on the hearings on Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court. On October 18, she was quoted in the New York Times about commercial free speech and in the New York Post editorial about "political correctness" on campus. She was highlighted in an article in the Village Voice on October 22 about politically correct speech on campus.

Professor Ruti Teitel moderated a panel on "Historical Inquiry and Accountability" at the sixth international conference on Legal Accountability for State Sponsored Human Rights Abuses at Boston College Law School. She also moderated a panel on "Truth and Justice: Accountability for Stalinist Crimes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union" at New York Law School on October 9. She spoke at a program on "Comparative Constitutionalism: Theoretical Perspectives" at Cardozo School of Law on October 13.

NOVEMBER DOCKET

- Tuesday**
5 **"Attorneys as Professional Sports Agents"**
Symposium sponsored by Sports & Entertainment Law Society
Faculty Dining Room at 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday**
6 **Criminal Law Society presents: "A Debate on the Death Penalty"**
Henry Schwarzschild, Director Emeritus of The Capital Punishment Project of the
ACLU; Ernest Van den Haag; philosopher, former John M. Olin Professor of
Jurisprudence at Fordham University.
Faculty Dining Room at 6:00 p.m.
For further information, please contact Monica Coen at ext. 851
- Thursday**
7 **Centennial Dinner Dance**
Honoring Maurice R. Greenberg '50
Grand Hyatt Hotel at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
12 **Career Service Orientation for first-year day students**
Room A-400 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday**
14 **Communications Media Center presents an all-day symposium: "Fast Starts in New
Communications Technologies" - Strategies for entrepreneurs, lenders & lawyers.**
Followed by a discussion of "Telecommunications Developments in the European
Community" with Dr. Sylviane Farnoux-Toporkoff, a professor of economics at Paris
University. For further information, please contact Roberta Tasley at ext. 160
- Career Services Orientation for first-year evening students**
Room A-400 at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
19 **Dedication of the International Law Center and a lecture by Ambassador Thomas
R. Pickering, the 1991 Otto L. Walter Distinguished International Fellow, on
"The U.S. at the U.N.: Challenges for the Nineties"**
LeFrak Moot Court Room at 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday**
28 **Thanksgiving Day**
ALL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED
- Friday**
29 **Thanksgiving Vacation**
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