

Schacter Voted Teacher of the Year by Recent Grads



Jane Schacter

Professor Jane Schacter has been voted the 2005 Teacher of the Year by recent graduates. The Wisconsin Law Alumni Association (WLAA) award recognizes and encourages excellence in the classroom.

This is not the first time Schacter has been honored for her outstanding teaching and academic contributions. In 1998, she was given the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching, and in 2000 she was named Charles F. Luce Research Fellow. Schacter won the WLAA Teacher of the Year award in 1996, as well.

In commenting on Schacter's award, Dean Davis said, "Jane Schacter's election as Teacher of the Year reinforces the idea that outstanding scholarship and dedicated teaching are not mutually exclusive. Jane is a top scholar in her field and a popular professor who cares

deeply about classroom teaching. She brings a great deal to the Law School and to our students."

Schacter graduated in 1984 from Harvard Law School, where she was articles editor of the *Harvard Women's Law Journal*. After graduating, she clerked for Judge Raymond Pettine at the United States District Court in Providence, Rhode Island. She was also a litigation associate at Hill & Barlow in Boston and served as an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts.

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Schacter began teaching at the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1991. From 1998 to 2000, she taught at the University of Michigan Law School. She is currently a visiting professor at Stanford Law School. Schacter teaches Constitutional Law, Legislation, Sexual Orientation and the Law, and Civil Procedure. Her articles have appeared in a variety of journals, including the *Harvard*, *Yale*, *Stanford*, *New York University*, and *Michigan* law reviews.

Rosen Weston Receives the Stolper Award



Professor Cheryl Rosen Weston is the Law School's Adjunct Professor of the Year. "To describe Cheryl as an adjunct is somewhat misleading," says

Dean Ken Davis. "She, like Robert Schnur, a past award winner, is in residence at the Law School and is an integral part of the Law School community. Cheryl and the many outstanding practitioners who bring their experience and expertise to the Law School contribute greatly to the overall mission of the school."

Weston, a graduate of the Class of 1971, began her teaching career as a legal writing instructor during law school. She worked for over 20 years as a litigator and was founder of the Madison law firm Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, LLP, for which she remains of counsel.

In the late 1990s, Weston began teaching at the UW Law School, substituting for faculty on leave. At the same time, she began her journey into the business world, becoming CEO and owner of a Madison-based business. Weston recently was named Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners-Wisconsin.

At the Law School, Weston has taught a wide array of courses. "The interactions with students and colleagues, along with the demands of class preparation, have been a constant source of energy and brain

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Allison Christians Joins Faculty to Teach Tax Law

Allison Christians,

a former New York tax lawyer, is the newest member of the University of Wisconsin Law School faculty. She joins a growing group of business law experts and will teach courses on federal and international income taxation.

Professor Christians received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She



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practiced tax law as an associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York, where she focused on the taxation of domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, spin-offs, restructurings, and issues and transactions involving private and public companies. She was a visiting assistant professor in the tax program at Northwestern University School of Law from 2003–2005, teaching J.D. and LL.M.–level courses, including Federal Income Taxation, International Taxation, and Tax Treaties.

Christians notes that she was attracted to the UW Law School because of its Law in Action philosophy. “Wisconsin’s approach to teaching and studying the law is

particularly applicable in the area of taxation, where legislative intent and practical outcome are often misaligned.” Christians views the field of taxation as a vital structural component of the law that has economic, social, and political implications. “I am excited to be a part of a supportive academic environment, she says, “and I look forward to teaching Taxation I this semester, as well as International Taxation and related subjects in the coming semesters.”

Professor Christians’s scholarly interests include foreign policy, globalization, and competitive aspects of tax law.

Mullen Dowdal Comes to Writing Program Full Time

Mullen Dowdal has joined the Law School as a full-time faculty member in the Legal Research and Writing program.

An experienced trial lawyer, Dowdal litigated complex product liability and mass tort cases with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi in Minneapolis before joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Madison in 1999.

Dowdal is not new to the Law School’s Legal Research and



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Writing program. He has taught courses within the program each semester for the last six years. In his full-time position, Dowdal will assist in the development of the first-year legal writing curriculum and be involved in teacher training. He also hopes to offer seminar classes for second- and third-year students.

“We were lucky to persuade Mullen to come with us full time,” said Professor Susan Steingass, director of the Communication and Advocacy Program, of which Legal Research and Writing is a major component. Dowdal will teach three sections of first-year students this semester in addition to his role in training.

He will also lend his trial advocacy skills to the Mock Trial Program this spring.

(For news about the Mock Trial Program, see the article on page 7)

(Weston continued from page 4) food for me,” Weston says of her unplanned teaching career. “I could say that teaching is my way of repaying the Law School community for all the opportunities a UW Law School education has provided for me, but the truth is that I enjoy it so much I find myself further in debt.”

The Warren H. Stolper Award recognizes excellence in teaching and commitment to the University of Wisconsin Law School on the part of an adjunct professor.