

## Ross and Mansfield Win Awards of Excellence



Meredith Ross



Marsha Mansfield

Clinical Professors Meredith Ross, Director of the Frank J. Remington Center at the UW Law School, and Marsha Mansfield, director of the Family Court Assistance Project in the Remington Center, were honored recently for professional excellence.

**Meredith Ross '90** was named one of two recipients of the Wisconsin Alumni Award for Excellence in Leadership. The award is conferred on members of the university's academic staff who have made outstanding contributions to the university. Ross was recognized for her contributions to the Remington Center, home to the Law School's clinical projects.

Ross began her tenure at the Law School in 1990 as a clinical instructor in the Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Program (LAIP) and became deputy director in 1991 and director in 1996. During this time, LAIP grew into the Remington Center, with an expanded mission, an ever-growing number of clinics and student participants, and a higher profile within the Law School and in the sphere of clinical education nationwide.

In addition to supervising overall operations of the Center, Ross provides individual supervision to students working on cases; designs and teaches substantive courses in the Law School; and is an active member of Law School committees and projects.

**Marsha Mansfield '84** received the 2006 Gordon Sinykin Award for Excellence from the Wisconsin Bar Foundation for a public service project she initiated as chair of the Dane County Bar Association Delivery of Legal Services Committee. The Wisconsin Law Foundation is a charitable and educational organization that promotes public understanding of the law and law-related public service.

The award was conferred jointly on Mansfield and attorney **Jennifer Binkley '01** for their work in developing a pro se divorce video series to help pro se family law litigants.

Mansfield joined the Law School faculty in 2002. She is founder and director of the Family Court Assistance Project, through which law students help make the legal system more accessible to low-income, unrepresented people with divorce, post-divorce, paternity, and restraining order matters. Mansfield is also President of the Dane County Bar Association and serves on the State Bar of Wisconsin's governing body.

This is the second time in three years that a member of the UW Law School clinical faculty has won the Sinykin Award: Professor Michele LaVigne won the award in 2004 for her work in founding the Mock Trial Team at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.

## AALS Honors Professor Jones

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Labor



Relations and Employment Law has honored University of Wisconsin Law School Professor **James E. Jones, Jr.** for his career of service to the field of labor and employment law.

Jones, who is Nathan P. Feinsinger Professor of Labor Law, Emeritus, is a graduate of the UW Law School, Class of 1956. He returned to Wisconsin to teach in 1969, after a career of prominent achievement at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Vicki Schultz, the Ford Foundation Professor of Law at Yale University, who was 2004 Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section, wrote and read a tribute to Jones. Schultz worked closely with Jones when she was an assistant professor at the UW Law School. Part of her tribute detailed the ways in which Jones was an important mentor to her.

In her tribute, Schultz discussed, in turn, Jones's leading role in developing affirmative action law, his work in creating the field of employment discrimination law, his service to the university and the larger society, and his contribution as "a model mentor and colleague." The entire nine-page text of Schultz's speech honoring Jones has been published in the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*, Volume 9, Number 2 (2005).