Dicke is New Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Professor Walter J. Dickey has been named the University of Wisconsin Law School's associate dean for academic affairs, succeeding Professor John Kidwell. In his new position, Dickey will have responsibility for academic administrative procedures, including curriculum planning and grading policies. He will also oversee faculty committees that address issues such as budgeting and technology at the Law School.

"I am honored that Dean Ken Davis asked me to serve as Associate Dean," Dickey said. "Our Law School’s history is one of achievement, and I hope to contribute to our mission in my new role."

Dickey has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1976 and is the faculty director of the Remington Center for Research, Education and Service in Criminal Justice. Founded by Frank J. Remington in 1965, the center has provided clinical learning opportunities for thousands of students in programs addressing restorative justice, legal assistance to institutionalized persons, criminal defense and prosecution, and economic justice. Dickey will continue as a member of the Remington Center in his new position.

Dickey previously served as secretary of the Department of Corrections and drafted the administrative rules for the department. He chaired the Wisconsin Judicial Council during the modernization of the state's homicide laws and led the Governor's Task Force on Sentencing Corrections in 1989. He has authored two books and numerous articles on criminal justice and professional responsibility issues.

In addition to his new responsibilities, Dickey will continue to teach Introduction to Criminal Justice and will also participate in a seminar on sentencing with Professor Michael Smith.

Charo Named 2005 Wisconsin Academy Fellow

W law professor Alta Charo has been named a 2005 Fellow of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. Charo was honored in recognition of her extraordinary lifetime accomplishments.

In announcing her selection as a fellow, the Academy stated, "Alta Charo is on the faculty of both the University of Wisconsin law school and the medical school and served on President Clinton's National Bioethics Advisory Commission. Pioneering stem cell researcher Jamie Thomson says he's grateful she was on campus during his initial breakthroughs to provide an ethical context to his work. Throughout her career, bioethicist Alta Charo has been in the forefront of national and global debate about the most controversial—and promising—advances in biomedical research."

The Academy also praised Charo's ability to distill and explain complex information in a way that most people can understand, noting that she serves as a bridge between science and the law and "between the outer reaches of knowledge and average citizens who are trying to comprehend complex information."

Charo was featured in the most recent edition of the Law School's alumni magazine, the Gargoyle.