Michigan Law prof assumes White House ethics, regulatory role

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. --- Michigan Law Prof. Steven Croley, a specialist in administrative law, civil procedure, and regulation, is taking a leave of absence from his teaching duties to accept a position with the Obama Administration’s Domestic Policy Council.

Prof. Croley, who becomes the Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy, is one of several Michigan Law professors and alumni working in the Administration. In his new role he reports to President Obama’s Domestic Policy Advisor, Melody Barnes, who graduated from Michigan Law in 1989.

The assignment plays to the scholarly strengths of Prof. Croley, who has taught at Michigan Law since 1993. The author of multiple academic papers, he also wrote Regulation and Public Interests: The Possibility of Good Regulatory Government (Princeton University Press, 2008). In the White House, he’ll focus on ethics, civil rights, regulatory policy, and criminal justice administration.

“Prof. Croley’s colleagues are delighted that he has this opportunity to showcase his extraordinary talents at a national level,” said Law School Dean Evan Caminker. “But those same colleagues — not to mention his students — are also extremely pleased to hear that he’ll be returning to Michigan Law to teach, once his leave of absence ends. He’s a valuable member of our community, and while he’s gone he’ll be missed.”

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