Both the Faculte de Droit and NIM offer many substantive law courses, "but, like most American law schools until the 1970s, neither offers any education directed to issues of professional responsibility or professional practice-oriented skills," Rine explained.

"In the U.S., it was the Watergate scandal which prompted much of the movement toward incorporation of professional responsibility teaching into the law school curriculum. The almost endemic level of corruption in many Cambodian institutions, including the legal system, argues strongly for the need for similar development in Cambodian legal education."

In addition, development of a training and examination program is progressing slowly, and the president of the Cambodian Bar Association has sought help in the process.

"Finally," Rine noted, "the Cambodian legal scene is further complicated by the fact that the nation's history in the latter half of the 20th century has been a succession of very different governments with very different legal systems. The current system is a mix of French civil law, socialist law, and a growing body of adaptation of common law.

"This has left a system in which the parameters of 'legal representation' are far from clearly defined. Development, and formal teaching, of a clear picture of what it means to be a lawyer is an absolute necessity."

Merritt B. Fox, director of the Center for International and Comparative Law and a member of the Law School faculty since 1988, has been named the Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professor of Business and Law.

Established in 1990 to honor former Republic Bank of New York Chairman Louis Moskowitz and in memory of his wife, Myrtle Moskowitz, the Moskowitz Professorship is awarded on a rotating basis to a member of the Law School faculty and then to a member of the Business School faculty.

The professorship provides salary and research funds for a six-month period.

"Professor Fox is widely recognized for his work and influence on the body of knowledge surrounding international corporate and securities law," said the nomination for the professorship submitted by the deans of the law and business schools and the provost of the University.

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Last fall, Fox was the recipient of an Elkes Fund grant from the Law School to pursue writing and research.

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