James J. White, '62, the Robert A. Sullivan Professor of Law, taught a special two-week Sales Seminar at Tel Aviv University in May. Earlier in the year, he was a speaker at the Wisconsin Law Review symposium “Freedom from Contract.”

Visiting and adjunct faculty

Leonard M. Niehoff, '84, of Butzel Long in Ann Arbor, has received the Patriot Award from the Washtenaw County (Michigan) Bar Association “for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.” In June, Niehoff spoke on “Defamation in Higher Education” at the annual meeting of the National Association of College and University Attorneys in Vancouver and was a panelist for the association’s national “virtual seminar” on “Free Speech on Campus.” In April, he spoke on “Media Relations in High-Profile Employment Cases” at the annual labor law symposium of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Clarification

It has been reported erroneously that Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor of Law Emeritus Yale Kamisar is teaching part of the year at UC-San Diego School of Law. Kamisar is a tenured member of the faculty at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he teaches part of each year. Law Quadrangle Notes apologizes for the error.

Professor Emeritus William J. Pierce, '49

Professor of Law Emeritus William J. Pierce, 49, died on July 6 at the age of 82. He taught at the Law School for 40 years, from the early 1950s until the early 1990s.

A native of Flint, Michigan, Pierce served in the U.S. Army with the 62nd Engineering Battalion during World War II before enrolling at the University of Michigan. He earned his bachelor's degree from the U-M in 1947 and his law degree in 1949.

Pierce joined the Law School faculty in 1951 and retired as professor emeritus in 1992.

A life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Pierce was an active participant in conference activities for more than 50 years and was a past president and executive director emeritus at the time of his death. He also was a member of the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code.

Pierce's wife Betty died last year. He is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren, and sister-in-law. A memorial service for Pierce was held in Ann Arbor on July 10.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the University of Michigan Law School via the Law School Development Office, 109 E. Madison, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, or to the Uniform Law Foundation, 211 E. Ontario #1300, Chicago, Illinois 60611.