Eisenberg, Schneider, ’79, named to endowed professorships

Thanks to the generosity of two donors, the Law School this year has established two new endowed professorships. The Robert and Barbara Luciano Professorship in Law and the Chauncey Stillman Professorship for Ethics, Morality, and the Practice of Law add to the Law School’s already impressive roster of named professorships. Such professorships help to ensure the Law School’s financial stability as well as recognize the generosity of supporters and the accomplishments of professors who are awarded them. Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman, ‘81, expressed the Law School’s “profound gratitude” for the gifts, and noted that “the award of an endowed professorship is the highest form of recognition that can be bestowed upon a distinguished faculty member.”

Rebecca S. Eisenberg has been named the Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law. A member of the Law School faculty since 1984, she received her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, and her bachelor’s degree from Stanford University. She clerked for the Hon. Robert F Peckham, chief judge for the Northern District of California, and practiced law in San Francisco before joining the Law School faculty.

Eisenberg has published widely and presented the results of her research at workshops around the world. Her interests center on legal protection of intellectual property, and especially on questions of technology transfer and the role and impact of patent rights on the growth of knowledge and products related to human genetics.

At the Law School, she has taught courses in torts and a variety of topics related to intellectual property.

The Robert and Barbara Luciano Professorship in Law was established this year. It honors Robert Luciano’s long association with the Law School as a member of the Committee of Visitors and through his chairmanship of Schering-Plough Corp. He graduated from the Law School in 1958.

“It’s important for alumni to support and promote the level of educational excellence that Michigan has achieved,” Luciano says.

Carl E. Schneider, ’79, who also is a professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, has been named to the new Chauncey Stillman Professorship for Ethics, Morality, and the Practice of Law. A member of the Law School faculty since 1981, Schneider received his A.B. degree from Harvard College. At the Law School, he was editor in chief of the Michigan Law Review and was awarded the Henry M. Bates Memorial Scholarship. After graduation, he clerked for the Hon. Carl McGowan of the U.S.
Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and then for Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Schneider has published widely, mostly on subjects related to bioethics, law and medicine, and the relationship among law, medicine, and bioethics. He has taught courses on these subjects and on family law, and has lectured in Japan, Germany, and England. His most recent book, *The Practice of Autonomy: Patients, Doctors, and Decisions*, published last year by Oxford University Press, has received critical attention and acclaim. His current research focuses on the relationship between professional education and the pursuit of a moral life.

The Stillman Professorship was established with support from the Homeland Foundation Incorporated “to help the society in which we live.” Its goals are to help students, lawyers, and jurists to:

- appreciate the vital relationship between the particular professional responsibilities of members of the bar and more general questions of ethical and moral responsibility; and
- reflect on how they make choices about the ethical and moral issues that arise in their professional lives.

“We have put ethics as a primary funding goal, and this program is a very worthwhile cause in keeping with what we are trying to accomplish,” according to Homeland Foundation President E. Lisk Wyckoff, '60, a partner at Kramer, Levin, Haftalis & Frankel in New York City. The chair is named for the founder of the Homeland Foundation.

The University of Michigan Board of Regents approved the professorships and appointments in July.

Chinkin joins ranks of Affiliated Overseas Faculty

Christine M. Chinkin, professor in international law at the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, joins the ranks of the Law School's Affiliated Overseas Faculty this fall. Chinkin this year is teaching a seminar on international dispute resolution and co-teaching a seminar on women's human rights with Elizabeth A. Long Professor of Law Catharine A. MacKinnon.

The Affiliated Overseas Faculty program establishes and maintains longstanding relationships between the Law School and highly regarded overseas-based scholars and overseas institutions. The other Affiliated Overseas Faculty are Christopher McCrudden, professor of human rights and a reader in law at Oxford University and a fellow at Lincoln College, Oxford; and Bruno Simma, professor and dean of the law faculty at the University of Munich.

Chinkin is the Law School's L. Bates Lea Visiting Professor of Law. Established in 1993 in honor of L. Bates Lea, '49, the retired vice president and general counsel of Amoco, the professorship promotes “the establishment of long-term relationships with the University of Michigan Law School and its peer institutions abroad.”

Chinkin received her LL.B. from the University of London with first class honors, has LL.M. degrees from the University of London and Yale University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Sydney. She has held academic positions at the universities of Oxford, London, New York Law School, the National University of Singapore, and the University of Sydney.

She has published widely on issues of international law. Among her books are *Halsbury's Laws of Australia, Title on Foreign Relations*, and *Third Parties in International Law*. She is co-author of *Dispute Resolution in Australia*, and the *American Journal of International Law* published her award-winning *Feminist Approaches to International Law*. Forthcoming is a monograph with Hilary Charlesworth, the “Boundaries of International Law: A Feminist Analysis.” Chinkin is a member of the board of editors of the *American Journal of International Law*; a consultant on international law to the Asian Development Bank, and on gender to the Commonwealth Secretariat, a member of the Board of Interights, and has advised many non-governmental organizations on human rights issues.