Former Associate Dean Julin remembered warmly

Joseph "Dick" Julin, a former professor and associate dean of the U-M Law School and a leading figure in American legal education, died Aug. 3 in Florida at age 67.

Julin is remembered in Ann Arbor as an engaging, energetic administrator and a dynamic teacher. He left law practice in Chicago to join the faculty in 1959 and became associate dean in 1968. At the same time, he served as president of the Ann Arbor Board of Education.

As associate dean during the turbulent Vietnam era on campus, Julin successfully resolved conflicts with protesting students. "He was the best negotiator I have ever encountered," recalls Francis Allen, who was dean at the time. "He was successful because he was incredibly, unexpectedly candid, which was disconcerting to students."

Allen describes Julin, his former pupil, as a warm person. "He always seemed to glow. He was incandescent. That's the best single word to describe him," Allen recalls.

Julin left the Law School in 1971 to become dean of the University of Florida College of Law in Gainesville. During his decade as dean, he enhanced the college in many ways. Most notably, he is remembered for developing the UF Graduate Tax Program, one of the nation's best centers for the advanced study of tax law, and for transforming the UF Legal Information Center into a prominent law library.

He later served as president of the Association of American Law Schools and chair of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Since 1985, Julin has held the Chesterfield Smith Professorship of Law at UF, where he taught property and natural resources law.

More recently, as special master to the U.S. District Court, Julin helped resolve a long-running lawsuit over Florida prisons' overcrowding and substandard medical care. He recommended creating an external board of health care professionals to monitor prisons. Allen, who is now the Huber Hurst Eminent Scholar and Professor at the UF College of Law, called Julin's solution to the prison situation "one of the finest examples of social engineering I have ever seen."

Julin is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Gainesville and four children: Pamela Gossman of Pensacola, Fla.; Thomas Julin of Miami; Diane Chavez of Los Angeles and Linda McNamara of Tampa. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Joseph R. Julin Scholarship Fund at the UF College of Law.

Duquette named to children's task forces

Donald Duquette has been named to Governor John Engler's Task Force on Children's Justice. He also is co-chairing the Children's Task Force of the State Bar of Michigan with Judge Cynthia Stevens.

Duquette, J.D. '74, is a clinical professor of law and director of the Law School's Child Advocacy Law Clinic.

The Governor's Task Force was created to enhance child abuse prevention efforts by reforming investigative, administrative and judicial handling of these cases. Duquette is serving with eight other attorneys and judges from around the state.

The state bar group's mission is to improve the delivery of justice to Michigan children. "We're looking at ways in which lawyers and courts can address the needs of children more fairly," Duquette says. For example, he points out that a sexual abuse case involving children might be heard in any of four different types of courts, with little consistency or communication between judges and courts. The Children's Task Force will make recommendations to improve existing rules, statutes, standards and procedures in cases involving children.

Duquette is a former child protection and foster care social worker. He joined the faculty and founded the Child Advocacy Law Clinic in 1976. He is the author of Advocating for the Child in Protection Proceedings and Michigan Child Welfare Law.