Faculty members in key roles at AALS meeting; Columbia honors Kamisar

Law School faculty members played key roles at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) in San Francisco in January and one of them received Columbia Law School's first award to a graduate for "excellence in teaching and scholarship."

Yale Kamisar, Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor of Law and a 1954 graduate of Columbia Law School, received Columbia's first award in Law Teaching during ceremonies at a reception hosted by Columbia. Kamisar, "through excellence in teaching and scholarship, exemplifies the best aspirations of our profession and through his achievements in his chosen fields has brought distinction both to his alma mater and the faculties on which he has served," the award citation says. Kamisar has taught at the U-M Law School since 1965.

Kamisar "is one of the country's foremost authorities in the field of American criminal procedure," Columbia Law School Association said in announcing the award. "Over his forty years in teaching, Professor Kamisar has authored numerous books, op-ed pieces and law review articles. His books include Police Interrogation and Confessions (1980) and he is the co-author of major casebooks in both criminal and constitutional law."

"In 1996, Professor Kamisar received the American Bar Foundation Research Award. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the law and legal profession through his research in law and government."

"By all reports, he is a wonderful teacher as well."

Kamisar and several other Law School faculty members also participated as panelists and speakers in the annual meeting's extensive program. Kamisar joined six other panelists for a discussion of "Physician-Assisted Suicide: After Vacco v. Quill and Washington v. Glucksberg." In discussing the aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision last summer on the paired cases, the panelists were to "critique the Court's adjudication of the issues," "explore how the debate has been changed by the opinions in the two cases" and "discuss where state legislatures, medical practice, the Court and the debate itself should go from here," according to the AALS program for the meeting.

Yale Kamisar, left, Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor of Law and a member of the Law School faculty since 1965, and Columbia University Law School Dean David Leebron display Columbia Law School Association's first award in law teaching, which Kamisar received at a reception in conjunction with the American Association of Law Schools' annual meeting in San Francisco in January. The award recognizes Kamisar's "excellence in teaching and scholarship."

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Other Law School faculty members active at the AALS annual meeting included:

- **David L. Chambers**, Wade H. McCree, Jr., Collegiate Professor of Law and a member of AALS' Executive Committee, was one of two discussion leaders for the program on "Pro Bono and Public Service in Law Schools." Chambers chairs the newly formed AALS Commission on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities in Law Schools. He also was a speaker in the panel discussion on "Performance and Pedagogy: Research Perspectives on Minority Students."

- **Professor Merritt B. Fox**, chair of AALS Business Associations section, moderated the panel discussion "High Tech Start-ups."

- **Professor Thomas E. Kauper**, '60, was one of three speakers for the discussion of "The Regulatory Character of Modern Antitrust Policy," which focused on "The implications of the shift of litigation as the dominant means of federal enforcement and "how academics can best teach antitrust law in an era when many vital building blocks of enforcement policy do not appear in the pages of published judicial opinions."

- **Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman**, '81, was one of nine participants in a roundtable discussion that was part of the AALS and American Political Science Association Workshop on Inner Cities. Lehman also is a member of AALS' Committee on Nominations for 1998.

- **Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professor of Law Richard O. Lempert** was one of four speakers on the panel considering "Is It Time to Replicate The American Jury?" The American Jury, published in 1965, summarized the (University of) Chicago Jury Projects findings.

- **Assistant Professor Kyle D. Logue** spoke on "How Best to Regulate Cigarettes" at the Law School's breakfast for alumni. (Logue and co-author Jon D. Hanson discuss tobacco regulation and propose one solution in an article that begins on page 76.)

- **Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon** was one of four speakers for the discussion of "Racial and Sexual Harassment and the First Amendment."

- **L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law James Boyd White** spoke in the program "Writing and Writing about Writing."

Other Law School participants included:

- **Larry J. Cohen**, Administrative Academic Intern, was one of five speakers for the program "Attorney Satisfaction: What Tools Can We Give Our Students to Help Them Find Personal and Professional Satisfaction."

- **Kathy A. Okun**, Assistant Dean of Development and Alumni Relations, was a member of a plenary session panel devoted to "Daring to Be Great: Maximizing Your Law School's Potential."

- **Ann G. Unbehauen**, of the Development and Alumni Relations Office, was a presenter at the session on "Managing a Major Gifts Program."

- **Susan K. Weinberg**, '88, Director of the Office of Career Services, was one of two commentators to an address by four law school deans on "A Dean's View: Where Are We; Where Are We Going." The deans were from the law schools at Columbia, Northeastern and Pennsylvania State universities and the City University of New York at Queens College.

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Honor at Home —

**Eric Stein,** '42, left, Hessel E. Yntema Professor Emeritus of Law, receives an honorary doctorate from the University of Western Bohemia in his native Czech Republic during ceremonies in November. At right is Western Bohemia Rector Jiri Holenda. Stein, a graduate of Charles University in Prague and an emeritus member of the Law School faculty since 1983, was honored for his help in the post-Communist constitutional negotiations, support of Czech and Slovak law students and researchers in the United States, and his assistance to the law faculty of the University of Western Bohemia. In his remarks for the occasion, delivered in Czech, Stein recounted his career devoted to the study of the art of governance and the organization of power in divided power systems like the United Nations, European Community, the American system of federalism, and the effort to restore Czech-Slovak federalism. He also delivered an "historically based strong appeal for the Czech Republic to join NATO and the European Union" and a recommendation for "a structured dialogue with Russia, which is bound to emerge again as a great power" in the next century. "This is not just a matter of security," said Stein. "Integration with the West should do for Central Europe what it has done for Spain and Portugal after the collapse of the authoritarian regimes there to strengthen democracy, rule of law, economy — and peace in Europe. The new democracies should advance the long-term prospects for an international community of liberal democratic states."

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