Pottow, Reimann win top teacher award

Faculty members John A.E. Pottow and Mathias W. Reimann, LL.M. '83, have won law students’ vote as their favorite professors. In a process that began with student nominations and concluded with a Law School Student Senate vote on the top nominees last spring, Pottow and Reimann won the L. Hart Wright Distinguished Teaching Award.

The annual award, which memorializes a popular longtime member of the Law School faculty, is the only Law School-wide student-initiated award that recognizes a faculty member’s standing among current students.

Pottow, an assistant professor of law who joined the Law School faculty in 2003, teaches courses in contracts, bankruptcy, and secured transactions and also advises students on research and externship papers.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College, he clerked on the Supreme Court of Canada and for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is a licensed attorney in Massachusetts and a barrister and solicitor in Ontario.

Pottow’s research and teaching center on bankruptcy and commercial law, and he has a particular interest in international bankruptcy. He has written on transnational insolvency theories and procedures and maintains an active interest in procedural matters.

Reimann, the Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law, earned his basic legal education in Germany and holds a doctorate from the University of Freiburg Law School, where he taught for several years.

A specialist in international and comparative law, Reimann is an editor in chief of the American Journal of Comparative Law, the scholarly journal of the American Society for Comparative Law (ASCL). In that role, he acted as host for ASCL’s annual meeting and conference at the Law School last fall. The gathering drew a larger attendance than in previous years, and participants praised Reimann’s decision to reduce the time devoted to formal presentations and increase the role of open discussion throughout the conference program.

Reimann helped design and regularly teaches the Law School’s pioneering Transnational Law course, the first of its kind to be required for graduation from a major U.S. law school. Reimann also teaches courses in jurisdiction and advises students working on externship and semester study abroad papers. He publishes widely in English and in German in the United States and abroad on comparative law, private international law, and legal history.