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While he may currently hold the title of Dean and James H. Rudy Professor of Law of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Austen Parrish will always be a beloved member of the Southwestern community. He is a highly respected administrator, teacher and scholar whose dedication, vision, enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit had a tremendous impact on the advancement of Southwestern for more than a decade.

Dean Parrish was appointed to the Southwestern faculty in 2002 and taught in the areas of civil procedure, constitutional law, federal courts and international law. He also directed the Summer Law Program in Vancouver, B.C., Canada for eight years. He was named as the Irwin R. Buchalter Professor of Law in 2007, and received the Excellence in Teaching Award in addition to being selected numerous times as Commencement Grand Marshal. From 2008 to 2012, Dean Parrish served as the law school's Vice Dean, with responsibility for the overall academic program, including initiatives that brought Southwestern national recognition for curricular reform, professionalism and skills training.

In July 2012, the Board of Trustees appointed him as Interim Dean and Chief Executive Officer. In that role, he oversaw the completion of the new on-campus student housing complex, established major partnerships with local and international universities, and led the move from a silent to a public phase of the New Era capital campaign. Reflecting the deep admiration and affection of his former students, Dean Parrish was once again selected as Grand Marshal by the 2014 graduating class and will come back from Indiana to do the honors of presenting the graduates at Southwestern's commencement exercises in May.

The Awards Recognition Reception and Silent Auction will be held from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Southwestern. Tickets are \$60 and reservations are required. To make reservations online or for more information, visit www.swlawalumniawards.org or contact Southwestern's Institutional Advancement Office.