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# Former Deans: Where Are They Now?

**A**s the School of Law says "Hello" to Dean Aman, we also recall the individuals who have served the school as dean during the past decade. No less than five deans took the Law School through the 1980's and into the early 1990's. They directed a period of growth and expansion at the School, highlighted by the construction of the new library and renovation of the law building. **Terry A. Bethel**, who has served as acting dean this past year, will remain on the School of Law-Bloomington faculty. Other recent deans are found across the continent, with positions in research, academia, and the judicial system.

**Bryant G. ("B.G.") Garth**, acting dean of the School of Law in 1986-1987 and dean from 1987 to 1990, is now director of the American Bar Foundation (ABF). With a \$5 million budget, the ABF, located in Chicago, conducts empirical research on legal institutions, legal processes and the law. The staff includes lawyers as well as sociologists, psychologists, economists, historians, anthropologists and political scientists.

They are united by a common interest in conducting research that sheds light on the administration of justice and the role of law and lawyers in society.

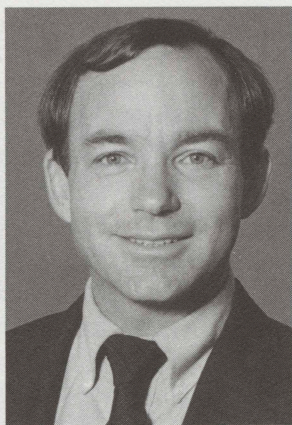
"The work I'm doing now is connected with the research I've always done," says Garth. "The Foundation is like a giant law and society center." (Garth was closely associated with the Law and Society Center at I.U. during his years with the School of Law.) As ABF director, he is a liaison between the Foundation and the organized bar. "I discuss Foundation projects and results with the people who develop policies affecting the legal profession and the courts."

Garth recently received a National Science Foundation grant to study international commercial arbitration. He is also co-directing a study on the relationship between legal education and law practice. He enjoys the American Bar Foundation job, which is less strictly administrative than being dean. "I've gotten back into research and learning. I'm thinking and developing

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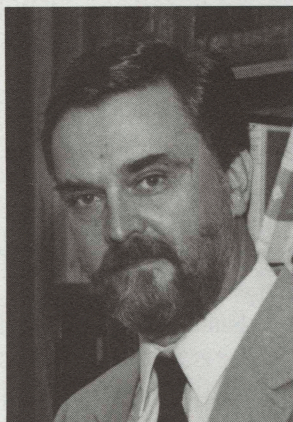
Bryant G. ("B.G.") Garth

my mind in ways that being dean doesn't allow one to do," he says.

Despite his rigorous schedule of work and travel, he still finds time to pursue his favorite hobby, tennis.

**Maurice J. Holland** was acting dean of the Law School in 1984-1985 and in 1986. After leaving Indiana University, he became dean of the University of Oregon School of Law, in Eugene, where he has faced the challenge of administering a state institution which does not receive adequate state funding. The financial situation at the University of Oregon Law School is so severe that the ABA has threatened to revoke the school's accreditation, citing the library, faculty salaries, and faculty-student ratios as the main problem areas. In response, says Holland, "we are reducing the size of the student body and charging higher tuition."

"The longer I am away from Indiana University, the more I appreciate its strengths and qualities," Dean Holland remarks. "Those who attend the I.U. School of Law should appreciate what they have. Not every state is willing to support an institution of that caliber on a consistent basis." He adds that it is



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of critical importance that I.U. Law alumni continue to be active and supportive of the school.

A more personal challenge Maury Holland faces is that of being politically conservative in a liberal university. "If the spotted owl thinks it's an endangered species, it should compare notes with me," he quips. Despite this, however, he reports he is pleased to be living in the Pacific Northwest and enjoys the natural beauty of the surroundings.

**Morris ("Buzz") Arnold** was dean of the Law School for five months in 1985, before being called away to take the position he now holds—judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. "I ride an old-fashioned circuit and hold court in two or three different towns," says Arnold. His "home" docket is Fort Smith. He

also holds court in Texarkana, where he was raised. The Texarkana court sees many diversity cases, he comments, as it is on the border of two states. "I'm proud of the fact that we are the second fastest court in the country in getting cases to trial."

Judge Arnold has also been appointed to an NCAA committee to develop rules for the resolution of disciplinary violations. "They wanted a district court judge because we deal with procedural matters—legal procedure, due process—and so can develop rules to resolve disputes on the trial level," he says. The NCAA committee will examine how the organization can do a better job of getting accusations resolved.



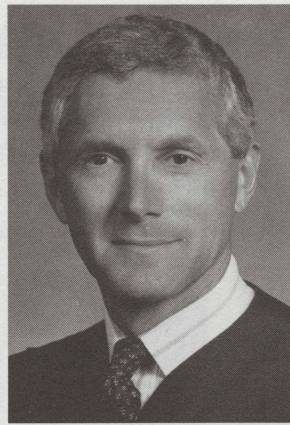
Morris ("Buzz") Arnold

A scholar of history of law, Judge Arnold will be teaching a seminar on the History of the Jury at the University of Chicago next winter. Aside from professional duties, he continues his hobby: playing folk and folk-rock music on his guitar. "I have a guitar in my chambers," he says, "and I play it when I get wrought up by a case." Bob Dylan songs are among his favorites.

**S. Jay Plager**, currently a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, was dean of the School of Law from 1977 to 1984. After leaving the deanship, he was a visiting scholar at Stanford University. He then took a leave of absence from I.U. to become counselor to the undersecretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. A year later, he was appointed associate director of the Office of Management and Budget. In this position, he had oversight responsibility for \$530 billion in annual spending—about half the federal budget.

President Reagan subsequently nominated and the Senate confirmed Plager as the administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Executive Office of the President, where he remained until November 1989, when President Bush named him as judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The Federal Circuit, the newest Article III court, is the first non-regional subject matter jurisdiction court of appeals. The court has jurisdiction over cases dealing with intellectual property; it is also the appellate court for Court of International trade cases, for suits against the U.S. government, and for cases involving a number of federal administrative agencies.

Recently Judge Plager was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to be one of two judges on the National Com-



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mission on Judicial Discipline and Removal. In addition to his judicial responsibilities, he is on the executive committee of the Prettyman-Leventhal Inn of Court in Washington, on the Council of the American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, and a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

"Being dean of the I.U. Law School at Bloomington was a marvelous experience. I remember with particular fondness my work with our alumni organization and with individual alums throughout the state and across the country." Judge Plager says he'd be delighted to hear from any alumni and alumnae who come to D.C. "My chambers are across the park from the White House. Drop by and visit!"

Judge Plager's wife, Professor Ilene Nagel, continues her teaching and research as a member of the I.U. Law faculty. She serves as well on the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington, D.C. Judge Plager has recently joined the ranks of proud grandparent—daughter Anna, regional manager of natural resources for the State of Alaska, and her husband Dr. Chris Nye, became the parents of twins; and son David, a professor at the I.U. Medical School, and his wife Martha (a graduate of the I.U. Law School) had a son. Judge Plager's youngest, Daniel, a graduate of I.U.'s

Business School, is a vice president of Citibank in New York.

This "countdown" of deans goes back to 1977. Prior to that, **Val Nolan, Jr.** was acting dean from 1976 to 1977, and **Harry Pratter** was acting dean from 1975 to 1976. They are now professor emeriti at the School of Law. Professor Pratter continues to teach Law School courses and serves on the admissions committee. Professor Nolan is engaged in scientific research. He was honored with induction into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows in 1989.

Professor **Douglass Boshkoff** was dean from 1972 to 1975 and acting dean for a year before that. He continues with his teaching and research as a member of the Law School faculty. Known among students and alumni for his excellence in teaching, Professor Boshkoff was honored with the first Leon Wallace Teaching Award in 1988.

**William B. Harvey** was dean of the Law School from 1966 to 1971. He then left I.U. and joined the faculty of the Boston University School of Law, where he is now professor emeritus. He served as general counsel of Boston University from 1982 to 1987. Professor Harvey divides his time between his homes in Boston, the Vermont woods, and the Mediterranean coast of Spain. As he no longer teaches, he enjoys the freedom to pursue his interests as they develop and has recently written essays on constitutional law, legal history and legal administration.

**Leon Wallace**, dean of the Law School from 1952 to 1966, remained on the School's faculty until 1974. He passed away in 1985. The teaching award created in his name commemorates his concern for the quality of instruction in the School of Law. As Professor Bill Oliver recalls, under Dean Wallace, the Law School enjoyed "close to the best teaching faculty in the country, if not the best."

## Law Professor Emeritus F. Reed Dickerson Dies

Professor Emeritus F. Reed Dickerson, 81, died Friday June 7, in Bloomington. He was an internationally recognized expert on legislative drafting.

Born in Chicago in 1909, Dickerson graduated from Harvard Law School in 1934. He earned a master of laws degree and a doctor of juridical sciences degree from Columbia University. Before joining the Law School faculty in 1958, he served as deputy assistant general counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense. He received the Defense Department's Civilian Service Award for his leadership in unifying and codifying military laws.

At the Law School, Professor Dickerson taught legislative drafting and served as associate dean for bar relations. He was the author of ten books, including *The Fundamentals of Legal Drafting* and *Case and Materials on Legislation*. He was a special consultant to the Federal Aviation Administration and a commissioner on the national Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. In 1983, he was recognized for "distinguished scholarship and contributions in the area of legislation and public law" by the Association of American Law Schools. He was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Indiana University in 1986.

The Dickerson family has requested that memorial gifts be made to the Reed Dickerson Memorial Fund, I.U. School of Law—Bloomington, in care of the Indiana University Foundation.