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Dr. William B. Harvey, former dean of the Indiana University Law School, has accepted a joint professorship in law and political science at Boston University, which is initiating a new program of law-related studies.

Harvey says "the development of the university under the leadership of John Silber, the president, and of the law school look extremely interesting at this time."

"I've agreed to undertake some sort of initiative across the university for stimulating and coordinating law related studies.

"President Silber is providing strong impetus for this and there appears to be a substantial receptivity in the law school and other parts of the university," says Harvey, adding "participation in it should prove exciting."

During the current academic year, Harvey is enjoying his stint as a visiting law professor at Duke University.

"Return to a full-time teaching program was delightful. It has been reassuring to discover that I'm still regarded as a plausible teacher, and the pleasure of seeing law students mature is as strong as ever," Harvey said.

Prof. Harvey said "the past semester proved to be extremely busy and fruitful."

"I completed a book entitled Introduction to the Legal Systems of East Africa, shipping the final batch of manuscripts to the publisher in late November. I now await the drudgery of reading proof," he said.

Harvey resigned as dean of the IU Law School while in Nairobi, Africa, last year.

He said following his resignation, offers began to come in, but "the clear conviction that developed almost immediately was that it would be unwise to decide on any permanent move from a temporary base in East Africa."

"I felt it would be

desirable, though, to have a fairly detached year in this country to reflect on new directions and decide what the next piece of work should be. Fortunately, along with that perception came an invitation from Duke to spend the year here (at Durham, N.C.).

"Since this part of North Carolina was pleasantly familiar from my undergraduate years at Wake Forest and was conveniently close to both my mother and my wife's mother . . . a visiting year at Duke seemed ideal," said Harvey.

"A rather strong preoccupation through the fall has been reflection on the opportunities that have come along," he continued, adding:

"One basic aspect of the decision-making was to determine whether to return to full-time teaching and research or to continue in some sort of administrative role.

"I didn't leave the deanship at IU with any negative reaction to administration, though I did detect a fairly strong preference on my wife's part that I not return to an administrative post right away.

"Indeed I suspect that over the next few years if an administrative opportunity develops with an interesting possibility of participating in real development, I'll find it difficult to resist temptation."