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Law school dean appointed

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Cornell University law professor Alfred C. Aman Jr. was appointed the new dean of the IU School of Law by the IU Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Aman was approved unanimously and his appointment will take effect July 1.

Aman will replace Bryant Garth, who left in July 1990 to become the director of the American Bar Foundation in Chicago.

Terry Bethel is serving as acting dean in the interim.

Aman was recommended by the law school search committee, which is made up of faculty, students, a judge, a lawyer and an economics professor.

William Popkin, law professor and chairman of the search committee, said Aman is interested in how to move forward into law education.

"He is extremely interested in legal education," Popkin said.

"He also is interested in relating legal education to the bench and the bar."

There were about 10 candidates considered for the job, narrowed down from a list of about 100 names, Popkin said.

IU President Thomas Ehrlich and Kenneth Gros Louis, University Vice President and IU-Bloomington Chancellor, took the committee's recommendations and made the final appointment.

Aman has been a professor at Cornell University since 1977.

He has also been director of Cornell's International

Legal Studies Program since 1988.

His field of study includes administrative law, energy and natural resource regulation, international environmental law and constitutional law.

During the 1990-91 academic year, Aman has been at Cambridge University in England as a visiting fellow at Wolfson College and the Center for International Studies.

Because he is still in Cambridge, he was unable to attend Tuesday's trustee meeting. But Gros Louis said Aman will visit the campus from Feb. 23 to March 1.

Aman graduated with distinction with a political science degree from the University of Rochester in 1967.

In 1970, he earned a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was executive editor of the Law Review.

After earning his law degree, he served as a clerk to federal Judge Elbert P. Tuttle, of the Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 1970-72. From 1971 to 1975, he was an adjunct professor of law at Emory University.

Between 1972 and 1977, he served as an associate in the Washington D.C. and Atlanta offices of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan.

He has been a senior trustee at the University of Rochester since 1985. He also chairs the Rochester's Committee on Graduate Education.

His wife, Carol Greenhouse, a member of the anthropology faculty at Cornell, also has accepted a professorship at IU.