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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear students,

As you prepare for the end of exams and your travels home, I wanted to report on my own recent travels. In November, Professors **David Williams** and **Susan Williams** and I went to Bangkok, where about 100 Law School alumni live and work. With the wonderful help of **Poom Moolsilpa**, MCL'99, a doctoral student here and a faculty member at Assumption University in Bangkok, I was able to meet with the deans of all the law schools as well as many government officials and individual alumni. The week ended with a reception where we were able to visit with many more of our alumni in Bangkok. The Law School is very proud of our Thai alumni, who hold important positions in the judiciary, the government, and the academy, as well as in law firms in Bangkok. It was delightful to see so many of them again.

After Bangkok, David and Susan Williams traveled north with IU Law doctoral students **Andrew Lian**, **Tun Myint**, and **Mukhit Yeleuov** to attend a conference with Burmese citizens who are working on drafting a constitution in anticipation of a free Burma. Both David and Susan presented well-received talks, and I am delighted that our Law School can be a resource in this important, ongoing work.

After an alumni reception in Indianapolis, I then headed to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity. I have been involved with this wonderful, life-changing organization for many years, and had promised myself that I would take an overseas Habitat trip as my birthday present to myself when I turned 50. The area where I was working had been devastated by the 2001 earthquake, and the team I went with was able to build eight simple houses in our time there. I will cherish the relationships I developed with the homeowners and with the other workers, one of whom was a law student. We spent our lunch breaks comparing constitutional provisions in El Salvador and the United States through an intrepid interpreter.

The spring semester promises to be as filled with travel as this fall has been. It is important for me to visit our alumni and help them stay informed about the school, so that they in turn can be good advocates for all of you. I hope you all will stay in touch while I'm traveling. I am planning

to hold another school-wide meeting early in the spring semester. In the meantime, have a restful and peaceful holiday season, and safe journeys home.

All my best,

Lauren Robel

A BRIEF RESPITE

Like many of you, the *ILA* must take a short break until next semester. In the interim, please send your news and events to ila@indiana.edu. Happy holidays!

LAW LIBRARY HOURS

The Law Library will continue to extend its hours through this week.

Monday, Dec. 15 - Thursday, Dec. 18: 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 19: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

The current issue of *Wild Earth* excerpts sections from Professor **Rob Fischman's** recent book, *The National Wildlife Refuges: Coordinating a Conservation System through Law*. The issue's theme is the National Wildlife Refuge System.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULING EVENTS

ALL e-mail about reserving classrooms must be sent to BL-LAW-EVENTS. Mail must be sent to the correct address, bl-law-events (for Outlook users) or bl-events-law@exchange.indiana.edu (for non- Outlook users). Please include the date and time of event, length of time room will be needed, classroom requested and number of people attending event. Requests should be sent at least one week before the event and include the name of the person requesting, the organization planning the event, and an e-mail address. Confirmations will be sent by reply e-mail. Thank you!

AUDIO - VIDEO SERVICES

Requests for AV services may be sent to Beth at av@exchange.indiana.edu. Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by e-mail.

ILA: Please visit our Web site at www.law.indiana.edu/publications/ila/ilacurrent.shtml. The ILA is published every Monday with news about the coming week. If you have questions about an item appearing in the ILA, please contact Lesa Petersen (e-mail: petersen@indiana.edu; phone: 856-4044).

Submissions: Information and articles for the ILA should be submitted by Friday at 3 p.m. for inclusion in Monday's edition. Please e-mail all submissions to ila@indiana.edu.