

Law school welcomes three new professors

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The University law school welcomes three new professors to its classrooms this fall.

Professors Keith Aoki, Robin Morris Collin and Richard Painter join a group of 10 new hires during the past three years, adding depth and diversity to the law school's faculty and curriculum.

Associate Professor Keith Aoki will teach contracts, administrative law and patent law during the 1993-94 academic year. Aoki is a graduate of Wayne State University (B.A. with High Distinction), Hunter College (M.A.), Harvard law school (J.D. cum laude) and the University of Wisconsin (L.L.M.).

Aoki worked as an editorial cartoonist for the *Harvard Law Record* and has published a book, *Casual Legal Studies*, with three years of cartoons from his days at Harvard law school.

As a young associate for the leading Boston firm of Hale & Dorr, Aoki played bass guitar with an off-beat band of associates who dubbed themselves The Vulgar Parvenue.

"Let's just say the senior associates were not enamored with the image their associates were projecting," Aoki said.

As an artist, Aoki is most interested with "the ways U.S. intellectual property laws tend to discount the cultural properties of indigenous peoples," he said.

Professor Robin Morris Collin joins the law faculty with tenure after eight years of teaching law at Tulane and McGeorge law schools. Collin, a graduate of Colorado College and Arizona State University law school, will teach cultural property law, perspectives in the law, a seminar on "sustainability" and legislative and administrative processes during the 1993-94 academic year.

Collin's focus is on legal regimes relating to cultural art and antiquity.

"Intellectual property (meaning film, television, video and other products of the mind) is the United States' biggest import, far outstripping our other gross national products," she said.

Collin's latest article, "The Law and Stolen Art, Artifacts, and Antiquities," examines the tension between artists' proprietary rights in their art and the public's interest in access to art.

Collin's husband will begin a professorship at the urban planning school, teaching courses in planning and environmental equity. The two plan to collaborate on a book dealing with environmental equity and sustainable technologies.

"We were attracted to Eugene

because of its physical beauty and because we were very favorably impressed by the University's commitment to diversity. The University got a great team," Collin said.

Appointments Committee Chairwoman Caroline Forell agrees that the law school was fortunate to add such impressive faculty members to their ranks when 1990's Ballot Measure 5 has imposed somewhat of a hiring freeze on the University. Forell credits the University-sponsored Target of Opportunity program, which allows the school to hire outstanding faculty of color when the need for such positions has been clearly defined.

Associate Professor Richard Painter will teach business planning, partnerships and corporations, and securities regulation during the 1993-94 school year. Painter is a graduate of Harvard College (B.A. summa cum laude with highest departmental honors in history) and Yale Law School, where he served as the editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation*.

Immediately after graduation, Painter clerked for Judge John T. Noonan in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Painter has practiced law for five years with the prestigious New York firm of Sullivan & Cromwell and the Connecticut firm of Finn, Dixon & Herling.

In addition to his scholarly pursuits, Painter is strongly committed to professional responsibility in the legal field. Painter was an active member of the Committee on Professional Responsibility of the City of New York Bar. He also founded and operated a shelter for the homeless in Harvard Square.

While the recession plagues recent law grads in search of jobs, Forell said "the interest in the Northwest and the national recession in law firms has resulted in a huge pool of qualified people, allowing us to target only the most outstanding applicants."

The new professors join an equally impressive entering class. From a pool of 1,834 applicants, admissions selected 150 students with a median LSAT score of 160, and record-high median 3.5 GPA. The entering class is 55 percent residents, 45 percent out-of-state students.

For the first time in the history of the law school, women comprise more than 50 percent of the entering class, up from a low 33 percent last year.

Only 12 percent of the entering class are minority students, down from an already-low 16 percent last year.

Alums donate Rolls, money gift

By S.A. Clemens
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A Rolls-Royce automobile was donated to the University School of Law this summer by University alumni as part of a \$100,000 gift creating a new fellowship for trial law advocacy.

Elmer and Phyllis Sahlstrom of Eugene gave the 1988 Silver Spur Rolls-Royce to the school in further support of the University, which they have been involved with for more than 40 years. "I feel indebted to the school," Elmer Sahlstrom said. "I got a good education, and it has served me well."

Elmer Sahlstrom received his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1946 and law degree in 1947, as well as other training, at the University. He has worked as both a lawyer and a certified accountant since leaving the school.

Phyllis Sahlstrom received both an English degree in 1945 and a German degree in 1974 at the University and completed a master's degree in German language and literature in 1980. She worked for six years as a research assistant in the University German department.

"I no longer want to drive Rolls-Royces," said Sahlstrom, explaining why he gave the car away. "I am happy just driving my jeep. I thought the

school could use it to transport professors or speakers to and from the airport, or they could sell it."

The law school opted to sell the car through the University Foundation to a buyer in Vancouver, Wash., for \$42,000, said the foundation's finance Director David Westcott.

The \$58,000 needed to complete the pledge will be paid by Sahlstrom in a more conventional way — cash, the foundation said.

The gift was doubled to \$200,000 by state matching funds and will go to establish the Elmer Sahlstrom Senior Fellowship for Trial Law Advocacy, said the director of the development's office for the law school.

The fellowship will help to fund teaching and research in trial law as well as support for seminars, lectures or institutes having to do with outside speakers on trial practice and publications in trial law.

The Sahlstroms have supported athletics at the University for many years and Elmer Sahlstrom is currently making another gift to the Visitor's Endowment.

The Sahlstroms are also Lifetime President's Associates, which requires a substantial donation to the University and allows them to attend special association events.

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