

Michigan Law launches new Business Law Faculty Fellows program

We all have fond memories of going to that “favorite” professor who could help us (you fill in the blank). And in a move to help build those memories—as well as to help law students find teachers, mentors, and leaders who are experienced, highly regarded, and well connected in students’ specialized fields—Michigan Law has established a third component of its successful Affiliated Faculty program.

The newest addition, the Business Law Faculty Fellows, follows the successful launch last year of Michigan Law’s Public Interest/Public Service Faculty Fellows program, which in turn is similar to the School’s successful Affiliated Overseas Faculty program, launched a few years ago.

Each affiliated faculty program groups together experts who “bring a breadth of practical experience to their teaching and interactions with Michigan Law students that enhance the classroom,” explains Michigan Law’s description of its new group of Business Law Faculty Fellows.

The four Business Law Faculty Fellows, like their Public Interest/Public Service counterparts, are adjunct professors with extensive experience in their respective fields. They “teach courses of special interest to students planning careers in business, they offer career mentoring, organize events to increase students’ understanding of career possibilities, and interact with students in smaller settings designed to encourage conversations about business career paths and provide an expanded network of contacts for students interested in pursuing careers in business,” the Law School explains of the program.

All four Business Law Faculty Fellows are Law School graduates, which gives

them a special insight into the lives and career questions of their students. The fellows are:

Barry A. Adelman, '69, a senior partner at Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP in New York City.

Adelman works with domestic and international clients in activities including mergers and acquisitions; public and private issuances of equity and debt securities; formation and structuring of domestic and international



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corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and joint ventures; project financings; secured loan transactions; agreements for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of communications systems, including vendor financing of such systems; and other commercial transactions.

He also represents and advises individuals and families on business and financial transactions and personal matters.

Adelman teaches courses like Anatomy of a Deal and Seminar Supplement.

Timothy L. Dickinson, '79, a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, devotes his practice primarily to international commercial matters, including all aspects of political risk insurance, counseling on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.S. export law, economic sanctions, and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (including enforcement actions), as well as assisting with commercial transactions involving joint ventures and the establishment of operations for U.S. companies overseas. He works closely with U.S. defense industry companies on issues relating to overseas sales and represents political risk insurance entities dealing with coverage issues, dispute arbitration, and recovery activities. He has worked on major infrastruc-



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ture projects in the Middle East and Asia and has represented foreign governments in matters of public international law, including treaty rights, expropriation, and sovereign immunity.

Dickinson has been involved in many technical legal assistance projects:

Through the International Human Rights Law Group he participated in development and implementation of the election process in Bulgaria in 1990; he and then-ABA Executive Director Robert Stein were the first official ABA delegation to visit Vietnam and work with the Vietnam Lawyers Association; while chair of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice, Dicksonson and then-ABA President Jerome Shestak led an ABA delegation to the People's Republic of China whose visit eventually led to conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the ABA and the All China Lawyers Association; and from 1993-98 Dickinson was extensively involved in the ABA's programs in Cambodia relating to assistance to Parliament, the Ministries of Justice and Commerce, and the Cambodian Bar Association. He continues to be involved with programs in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries.

In addition to his B.A. and J.D., Dickinson holds the LL.M., earned as a Jervy Fellow at Columbia University; he also has studied at the Hague Academy of International Law in The Netherlands and L'Université d'Aix-Marseille in France and has externed in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State. He has worked in the Legal Service of the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels and practiced for 15 years with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C. He was partner-in-charge of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Brussels office from 1990-92. He was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center from 1983-93.

At Michigan Law, Dickinson teaches Transnational Law and International Commercial Transaction, and serves on

the board of the Center for International and Comparative Law. He has chaired the ABA's Committees on European Law and Foreign Claims and its Section of International Law and Practice, has served on the Executive Council of the International Law Institute and the ABA's Asia Law Initiative Council, and chairs the ABA's worldwide technical legal assistance activities with the United Nations Development Program.

Karl E. Lutz, '75, was formerly a senior partner with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago, but now focuses on teaching, other outside interests, and his role as a Business Law Faculty Fellow.



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At Kirkland & Ellis, Lutz practiced corporate law, specializing in private equity, venture capital, leveraged buyouts, mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financings, and board representations. He also served on Kirkland & Ellis' senior committee for several years.

Lutz has lectured at numerous graduate law and business schools, and has served as general counsel of a public company. At Michigan Law, he has taught courses in business transactions, private equity and entrepreneurial transactions,

law firms and legal careers, and professional responsibility.

Dennis Ross, '78, has enjoyed a career rich in diversity: He has worked in government, academia, private firm practice, and the corporate sector. He began his practice with Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City, then joined the Michigan Law School faculty in 1982.



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From 1984-89, he held a variety of positions in the Tax Policy Office of the U.S. Treasury Department, including tax legislative counsel and later acting assistant secretary.

Ross returned to Davis Polk in 1989 as a partner in the firm's tax department. In 1995, he joined the Ford Motor Company as chief tax officer, and in 2000 became Ford's general counsel. He retired from Ford last year, but retains a consulting relationship with the company.

Ross's teaching interests include a variety of tax and business courses.