

Lachman Joins Faculty

Judith A. Lachman, the newest member of the faculty, joined the Law School in January as Assistant Professor. She taught Tax I in the spring semester and this fall plans to teach a small group in Torts and a seminar in First Amendment.

Ms. Lachman brings to Madison teaching and research experience gained during a varied academic career. She received her B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Redlands and her M.A. in Mathematics from Michigan State University. After a year of teaching high school, she returned to Michigan State for a Ph.D. in Economics. For a year after graduation she was an instructor in Economics at M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management. She then accepted positions at Vanderbilt University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Business Administration, and as a Lecturer in the School of Law, remaining for four years. During this period she spent one year as Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Public Policy Studies at the University of Michigan. She left Vanderbilt to attend Yale Law School, served as



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an editor of its Law Journal, and received her J.D. in 1982.

Ms. Lachman's interest in Economics has a definite relationship to law, as evidenced by her Ph.D. dissertation, "An Economic Model of Plea Bargaining in the Criminal Court System." This interest and her scholarship have found expression not only in a number of published articles, but in her appointments as a member of or consultant to several governmental and public service policy organizations. Some of these organizations are: Governor's Task Force on the Family Assistance Plan; N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense Fund, New York; and the Institute for Law and Social Research, Washington, D.C. She has also received several academic honors and awards, the most recent, which she undertook while attending Yale, was a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to study economic factors in court administration.

A native of Washington, D.C., Ms. Lachman is excited about the special opportunities which this law school provides for the teacher and researcher. As a teacher, she enjoys the difference in student body age distribution from that of other schools. Wisconsin's students have an impressive breadth of experience to draw on, as well as a high level of academic achievement. These assets and a faculty with a strong interest in teaching excellence combine to produce a stimulating academic environment. She feels that the faculty's active interest in research, the University's extensive resources, and its accommodation of diverse viewpoints will provide an excellent setting for her research. Her current research interests include: Freedom of Speech in the Workplace, Freedom of Speech as a Question of Risk Taking, and the Negotiating and Cartographing processes of Maritime Boundary Delimitation.

Ms. Lachman enjoys singing, playing the harp, and listening to music. She also hopes to be reunited with her cross-country skis before the snow melts.

— Robert Dietz

STUDENTS PRESENT AGRIBUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

The International Law Society of the Law School, in cooperation with UW-Extension, the Governor's Advisory Committee on International Trade, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Development, recently presented a one day symposium/workshop on U.S. Agricultural Export Policy. The meeting brought together lawyers, managers and other professionals in agribusiness and related industries to discuss domestic and international effects of production and trade, including economic, political, financial and legal considerations.

The sessions pointed out the interrelation of economic and political decisions and the status of agribusiness.

Speakers included: Malcolm Bale, an economist with the World Bank; Roger T. Johnson, Associate Editor of the *Milling and Baking News*; Gerald Lepp, Chairman of the ABA Committee on International Commodities Regulation; Clarence Plamby, former assistant secretary of Agriculture and retired vice-president of Continental Grain; Andrew Schmitz, agricultural economist at the University of California-Berkeley; and John Schnittker, a Washington, DC agribusiness consultant.

Proceedings of the sessions will be printed and made available to participants and others interested in this field. Inquiries should be addressed to the International Law Society, c/o UW Law School.