

Justice Abrahamson to Deliver Fairchild Lecture on October 28, 1994

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson will deliver the Sixth Thomas E. Fairchild Lecture at the University of Wisconsin Grainger Hall School of Business at 4:00 p.m. on October 28th. The Fairchild Lectureship was established at the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1988 as a tribute to Judge Thomas E. Fairchild, a 1937 law graduate, former Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, later Chief Judge and now Senior Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Initiated by Judge Fairchild's past and present law clerks, the lectureship brings to the University of Wisconsin Law School distinguished members of the

legal profession to speak on a topic of importance to the profession.

Justice Abrahamson's lecture this year will address the history of the American Law Institute and its connection to Wisconsin. The topic is particularly appropriate in light of Judge Fairchild's longstanding membership in the American Law Institute and his continuing service on its governing council. The American Law Institute was organized in 1923 by leading judges, academics and practitioners of the time, including William H. Taft, Charles Evans Hughes and Elihu Root, "to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social

needs, to secure the better administration of justice, and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work." Since that time the Institute has been at the forefront of legal analysis and creative work.

Past Fairchild lecturers have been given by United States Justice John Paul Stevens; former Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Northwestern Law Dean David S. Ruder; former Solicitor General, D.C. Circuit Judge and now attorney Kenneth W. Starr; and Ninth Circuit Judge Mary Schroeder. Each of these lectures have been published in the Wisconsin Law Review.