
FROM THE DEAN

Well, the ol' clock on the wall is saying "that's all!"

By now I am sure that most of you have heard that I have submitted my resignation as Dean of the Law School. I will continue to serve until my successor is appointed and, at that time, I will return as a full-time faculty member. By the time you read this note, Chancellor David Ward will have appointed a search committee and I hope that they are hard at work identifying a new dean.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your dean for the past seven years. I have worked hard to represent the Law School and the University. As I have traveled around the country and the world meeting many of you, I have become even more proud of counting myself as a fellow alumnus of the Law School.

Thanks to you, a great deal has been accomplished. We have a newly-renovated building made possible by six million dollars in alumni contributions; there are four new endowed professorships that have allowed us to recognize and retain some of our most distinguished faculty members; and we also have new support for scholarships, lecture series and any number of other programs and initiatives that have been vital to the overall improvements of the Law School.

Alumni support for our Law School has grown as you rallied to meet our needs. At the beginning of the



Building Fund drive, few experts gave us much chance of success. In the great Wisconsin tradition, however, thousands of alumni made significant contributions so that the absence of one or two blockbuster gifts did not doom our efforts.

At the same time, there is still much more to be done if our Law School is to maintain its stature as one of the elite in legal education. I have served for over twice the national average for law school deans and it is time to pass the baton to someone else who can continue the momentum that could only have been created as a result of loyal alumni support for the School.

From Rice Lake to Racine, from New York to San Diego, from Geissen, Germany, to Sydney, Australia, alumni of this School have greeted me with open arms (and wallets, too). Each of you should have the opportunity I have had to witness, first hand, the accomplishments and achievements of our fellow alums. This, truly, is a remarkable School — one we can all be proud to share.

Since I will continue to serve until my successor is appointed, I look forward to seeing all of you again during my "farewell tour" so that I can thank you in person for your generous support and warm encouragement.

MEMORIES, DEAN DANIEL O. BERNSTINE: 1991-1997

