THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 14, 2009

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

A. W. Brian Simpson, M.A., Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law and professor of law, Law School, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

Professor Simpson received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Queens College, Oxford, in 1954 and 1958, respectively. From 1955-73, he was a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford and a university lecturer at Oxford. He was a visiting professor at the University of Dalhousie in 1964 and was a professor and dean of the faculty of law at the University of Ghana in 1968-69. From 1973-84, he was professor of law and served a term as dean of the faculty of social sciences at the University of Kent. Professor Simpson joined the University of Chicago Law School as a professor in 1984. He was a visiting professor at the University of Michigan in 1985 and joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1987 as the Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law and professor of law.

Professor Simpson's scholarship is of the highest order, combining astonishing breadth with great rigor. He is an international figure in jurisprudence and the history of the common law, and during the last decade, he has become prominent in the study of human rights. His most recent articles range from a discussion of economic theory to work on the European Convention on Human Rights, and he has recently published his ninth book, *Human Rights and the End of Empire: Britain and the Genesis of the European Convention*. Professor Simpson's distinction as a scholar has been recognized by the award of a D.C.L. from Oxford University in 1976, his election as a Fellow of the British Academy in 1983, and to the Council of the Selden Society in 1993. In 1995 he was made an Honorary Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming A. W. Brian Simpson Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor Emeritus of Law and professor emeritus of law.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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