

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**James Boyd White, LL.B.**, L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law and professor of law in the Law School, and professor of English language and literature and adjunct professor of classical studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

Professor White received his A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1960, his A.M. degree from Harvard University in 1961, and his LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1964. He was an attorney in private practice from 1965-67 and was a faculty member at the University of Colorado from 1967-75 and the University of Chicago from 1975-83. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1983 as professor of law, professor of English language and literature, and adjunct professor of classical studies. He was named the first L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law in 1985.

Professor White's work on the relationships between law and language is internationally known. His book, *The Legal Imagination: Studies in the Nature of Legal Thought and Expression*, along with subsequent work, inaugurated the flourishing field of law and literature. His most recent work is the forthcoming *From Expectation to Experience: Essays on Law and Legal Education*. Professor White continues to be one of the most highly regarded teachers on the Law School faculty, known for his careful attention to students and his ability to stimulate serious thinking about their life in the law. He has taught at the University of Minnesota and Stanford Law School and has received numerous distinguished lectureships in the United States and abroad. Professor White is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Law Institute, and was a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar from 1997-98.

The Regents now salute this accomplished scholar and educator by naming **James Boyd White L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Law, professor emeritus of law, and professor emeritus of English language and literature.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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