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New Professors Join Law School

FORT WORTH, Texas – Texas Wesleyan School of Law welcomed the arrival of five new faculty members and a new director of the Dee J. Kelly Law Library with the start of the fall 2009 semester.

H. Brian Holland joined the school as an associate professor of law, John F. Murphy joined as a legal writing professor, Timothy M. Mulvaney and Wade J. Savoy have joined as visiting associate professors of law and Mary Margaret “Meg” Penrose has joined as a professor of law. Michelle Rigual serves as the new director of the Dee J. Kelly Law Library and is also an associate professor of law.

“Texas Wesleyan School of Law is pleased to welcome these new instructors to the law school. Each of them has a strong educational and professional background that will be of great benefit to our students,” Dean Frederic White said.

Holland earned his LL.M. from the Columbia University School of Law in 2003 and his J.D. from American University’s Washington College of Law in 1998. Previously, he was a visiting associate professor at Penn State University’s Dickinson School of Law. He also worked as a judicial clerk in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York.

Murphy received his J.D. with from the University of Texas in 1993. He practiced civil trial and appellate law for 11 years, including five years as a partner in the Fort Worth litigation boutique Gardner, Aldrich & Murphy. Murphy then practiced for four years as Justice Anne Gardner’s staff attorney at the Second Court of Appeals and at the same time taught appellate advocacy at Texas Wesleyan School of Law as an adjunct professor.

Mulvaney earned his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law in 2004. Previously, he taught at the University of Mississippi. Mulvaney also served as a deputy attorney general in the environmental and land use practice group of the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office.

Savoy earned his J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1997. He served as practitioner in residence for Texas Wesleyan School of Law for the spring 2009 semester. Before joining the law school, Savoy was assistant general counsel of intellectual property for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., where he served as the head of Wal-Mart’s intellectual property practice group.

Penrose earned her LL.M. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1999 and her J.D. in 1993 from the Pepperdine University School of Law. Prior to joining the law school, Penrose

taught at the University of Oklahoma College of Law for nine years. She has also worked in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas.

Rigual earned her M.S. from the University of Illinois in 2001 and her J.D. in 1997, also from the University of Illinois. She has a combined nine years of professional law library experience from the University of New Mexico, Arizona State University and Capital University. Prior to her work in law librarianship, she worked in the area of environmental policy and regulatory enforcement for the Army Corps of Engineers in the U.S., Italy and Turkey.

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