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Acting Law Dean Named

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Dayton, Ohio, February 25, 1986 -- Professor Dennis J. Turner has been named acting dean of the University of Dayton School of Law, effective July 1, 1986. Turner will replace Frederick Davis whose five-year term as dean expires June 30, 1986.

Professor Turner has been a member of the School of Law faculty since it reopened in 1974 and was assistant dean for one year. He is a graduate of Georgetown University (1967) and the Georgetown University School of Law (1970).

Prior to joining the UD faculty, Turner was assistant county prosecutor for Montgomery County for two years and referee for the County Court of Common Pleas for two years.

Dean Davis became dean and professor of the UD School of Law in 1981, after serving as Edward W. Hinton Professor of Law at the University of Missouri. He guided the School of Law through reinspection by the American Bar Association in 1982 and led the successful effort of the School to earn accreditation by the Association of American Law Schools in 1982. The dean is a nationally respected scholar in the fields of torts and administrative law -- law dealing with government bodies. After a sabbatical, Dean Davis plans to return to teaching in the UD School of Law.

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Professor Turner has been active on numerous committees within the School of Law and the University. In addition to classroom teaching, he is also a supervising professor in the UD Law Clinic and advisor for the School of Law mock trial teams. Turner has twice been chosen by the UD law students as Faculty Person of the Year.

In the Dayton community, Professor Turner is past president of the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority Board. He has served as trustee or board member of United Health Services, the Dayton Board of Tax Appeals, and the Public Access Board for Cable Television.

He has also served as chairperson of arbitration panels for the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, as acting judge by special assignment with the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court and the Dayton Municipal Court, and as arbiter for the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority.

A Search Committee will be appointed shortly to begin the search and selection process for a permanent dean.

Turner's appointment is for one year, with possible reappointment until a permanent dean is appointed.

Professor Turner and his wife, Kathy, and children Sonya, Michael, and Caroline are residents of Dayton View.