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The University of Dayton

News Release

UD SYMPOSIUM WILL EXAMINE ETHICAL, LEGAL ISSUES IN TREATING THE MENTALLY DISABLED

DAYTON, Ohio, May 8, 1989--The University of Dayton will present a day-long symposium on "Legal and Ethical Issues in Working with the Severely Mentally Disabled" on Wednesday, May 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union West Ballroom on campus.

There is no registration fee, but reservations are required and may be made by calling UD's psychology department at (513) 229-2714. A lunch break will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., but lunch is not provided by the symposium.

Featured speaker will be Paul Appelbaum, professor of psychiatry and director of the law and psychiatry program at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He will address commitment of the mentally ill; a patient's right to treatment and to refuse treatment; balancing patients' treatment needs with their rights, such as the right to confidentiality; and predictability of violent behavior and management of a potentially violent patient.

Appelbaum is a leading authority in the clinical professions on the issues of law and mental health. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, he also attended Harvard Law School. He is presently a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center. His writings include the textbooks "Clinical Handbook of Psychiatry and the Law" and "Informed Consent: Legal Theory and Clinical Practice," as well as more than 170 book chapters, journal articles and other publications.

The symposium is sponsored by UD's psychology department, with support from the Ohio Department of Mental Health. For further information on the symposium, contact UD's psychology department at (513) 229-2714.