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### **Alderman sets priorities, names associate dean**

Interim leadership team looks to build on UHLC success during search for new dean.

**March 5, 2013** –University of Houston Law Center Interim Dean Richard M. Alderman outlined three goals for his tenure in his new leadership role and named an associate dean during a faculty and staff meeting Friday.

Alderman was named interim dean Feb. 25 when Dean Raymond T. Nimmer announced his retirement after seven years. Alderman named Professor Lonny Hoffman to succeed him as associate dean. "Lonny has long been an excellent scholar and teacher with a genuine interest in legal education and concern for the Law Center," Alderman said in announcing Hoffman's new position. "I look forward to working with him."

Alderman, who joined the law school faculty in 1973, set three broad goals for himself while the national search for a dean is under way:

- Continue to move the Law Center forward on its current path
- Develop a long-term vision for the school, and
- Ensure the school is in the best shape possible, economically and academically, for the new dean

Alderman holds the Dwight Olds Chair of Law and is director of the Center for Consumer Law at the Law Center. He is known in the community as "The People's Lawyer" for his weekly legal advice appearances on television as well as weekly columns in neighborhood newspapers. He also conducts periodic "People's Law School" programs for members of the community seeking information about legal problems. Over the years, Alderman has taught Bankruptcy; Commercial Law; Consumer Law; Comparative Consumer Law; Contracts; Creditors' Rights; Remedies; Sales; and Sports Law.

Hoffman, George Butler Research Professor of Law, joined the Law Center faculty in 2001. He has taught as a visiting professor at several other law schools. Before entering academia, he practiced civil litigation with Beck, Redden & Secrest and Schlanger, Mills, two Houston law firms. A prolific writer, he is one of the leading legal scholars in the country on civil procedural law in federal and state courts.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve as associate dean as we continue to implement improvements to make a great law school even better," Hoffman said.

Hoffman's duties cover a wide range of areas relating to faculty and staff at the Law Center, and with American Bar Association accreditation coming up this year, he also will be addressing issues related to meeting all ABA requirements.

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