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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**  
**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

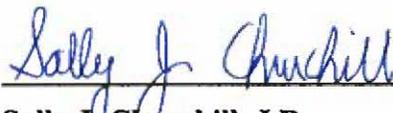
**Robert E. Blatz, Jr., LL.M.**, professor of taxation in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Business, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Blatz received his B.A. (1970) and J.D. (1973) degrees from the University of Detroit, his M.B.A. (1980) and M.S. (1981) degrees from the University of Cincinnati, and his LL.M. (1991) degree from New York University. He was admitted to both the State Bar of Michigan and the State Bar of Ohio in 1974. He joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor in 2005, and was promoted to professor in 2011.

Professor Blatz's teaching and research interests focused on the taxation of business entities, such as corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies. His work also studied the taxation of property transactions, including topics such as the realization and characterization of gains or losses, the use of debt financing, installment sales, like-kind exchanges, leveraged leasing, and tax shelter transactions and limitations on their use. Professor Blatz began his career outside academia, including time as an attorney at Foster, Meadows & Ballard (1974-76), Wood & Lamping (1976-78), and Keating, Meuthing & Klekamp (1978-79). He held academic positions at the University of Cincinnati, Central Michigan University, the University of Nevada, and Central Connecticut State University. Professor Blatz also served as a visiting professor at the Università Degli Studi Di Torino in Turin, Italy and Rangsit University in Bangkok, Thailand. A dedicated teacher, he specialized in taxation courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Professor Blatz's work was published in a number of journals dedicated to discipline-based scholarship, including *The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research*, *Practical Tax Strategies*, and *Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly*. He was a member of the American Accounting Association and the American Taxation Association.

The Regents now salute this dedicated scholar and educator by naming **Robert E. Blatz, Jr., professor emeritus of taxation.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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