

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Margaret A. Leary, J.D.**, director of the Law Library and librarian, Law School, retired from active faculty status on July 29, 2011.

Ms. Leary received her B.A. degree from Cornell University in 1964, her M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1966, and her J.D. degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1973. She joined the University of Michigan in 1973 as assistant director of the Law Library. She was promoted to associate director in 1982 and director in 1984, and was appointed librarian in 1992. She was a lecturer in the School of Information from 1974-88 and again in 2002, and taught a class in advanced legal research at the Law School 1989-2011.

Ms. Leary was a national leader in the field of law librarianship. She was a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and served as its president from 1988-89. She was also a member of the American Bar Association, the American Library Association, the Association of American Law Schools, and the State Bar of Michigan. She served on the advisory boards of the Library Microform Consortium and the publication, *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. Within the University, she served on a number of faculty boards and committees, including Senate Assembly, SACUA, and the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, was a member of the Institute of Continuing Education Advisory Committee, and served as faculty advisor to student publications. Ms. Leary was a national leader in developing strong library support for faculty research, and she worked to continually develop the comprehensive library collection in support of that goal. She has contributed many articles to the field of law librarianship, and her forthcoming book, *Giving it All Away: The Story of William W. Cook and His Michigan Law Quad* (University of Michigan Press), will preserve the history of Michigan's renowned Law Quad into the future.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Margaret A. Leary librarian emerita**.

**Requested by:**



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

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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