

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Peter D. Jacobson, J.D., M.P.H.**, professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2017.

Professor Jacobson received his A.B. (1967) degree from Dickinson College, his J.D. (1970) degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and his M.P.H. (1988) degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2004. He served as the director of the Center for Law, Ethics, and Health from 2004-17.

Professor Jacobson earned a national and international reputation as a leading researcher in the field of public health law. His work focused on understanding how the law influences the health care delivery and public health systems, public health policy research, and health systems research. His research explored a number of areas, including innovative work on how judicial decisions influence health policy, the influence of state and federal law on public health preparedness, public health entrepreneurship, how to measure the value of public health services, tobacco control policy, how communities in Michigan organize to provide mental health and diabetes care to uninsured populations, and understanding survival strategies for health care safety net providers. Professor Jacobson has an extensive record of public and professional service contributions, including chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Health, member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, associate editor of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, president of the Public Health Law Association, senior scholar at the Georgetown University/Johns Hopkins University's Center for Law and the Public's Health, and a member of the U.S. Surgeon General's Committee on Global Health. Professor Jacobson received numerous awards, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Investigator Award in Health Policy Research (1995), the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation's McDevitt Excellence in Research Award (2005), the American Public Health Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in Public Health Law (2016), and the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics' Jay Healey Distinguished Health Law Teacher Award (2017).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Peter D. Jacobson, professor emeritus of health management and policy**.

**Requested by:**



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