

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**William I. Miller, Ph.D., J.D.**, Thomas G. Long Professor of Law and professor of law in the Law School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2021.

Professor Miller received his B.A. (1969) degree from the University of Wisconsin and his M.Phil. (1973), Ph.D. (1975), and J.D. (1980) degrees from Yale University. Before joining the Law School faculty, Professor Miller taught medieval English literature at Wesleyan University and was an associate professor of law at the University of Houston. He has been a visiting professor at Yale, Harvard, the University of Chicago, the University of Tel Aviv, the University of Bergen, and in 2008, was the Carnegie Centenary Trust Professor at the University of St. Andrews, where he is now also an honorary professor of history. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1985.

Professor Miller taught property law and a popular course titled Bloodfeuds. His research centers on saga Iceland, from whence came the materials studied in his course Bloodfeuds and which provides the sources for his book *Bloodtaking and Peacemaking: Feud, Law, and Society in Saga Iceland* (1990). In his most recent work, including *Humiliation: and other essays on Honor, Social Discomfort, and Violence* (1993) and the award-winning *The Anatomy of Disgust* (1997), Professor Miller studies the emotions, mostly unpleasant ones involving self-assessment, and select vices and virtues.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **William I. Miller, Thomas G. Long Professor Emeritus of Law and professor emeritus of law.**

Requested by:



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