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ACTION REQUEST

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

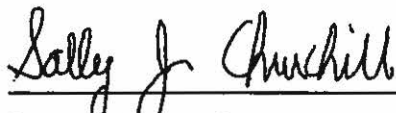
Nicholas J. Rine, J.D., clinical professor of law in the Law School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Rine received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Wayne State University in 1969 and 1973, respectively. After working as a trial lawyer in private practice for many years, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an adjunct assistant professor in 1989, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1991, and clinical professor in 1999. He served as both the director of the Law School's Program for Law and Development in Cambodia and associate director of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts' Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

Professor Rine taught in the Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic, the Child Advocacy Law Clinic, the Urban Communities Clinic, the Asylum Clinic, the Women and the Law Clinic, and the Pediatric Advocacy Clinic. The clinical setting enabled him to introduce students firsthand to the fundamentals of being a good trial lawyer, such as anticipating evidentiary problems, knowing the differences between direct and cross examination, representing clients from an advocacy perspective, and understanding that the dynamic of questioning a witness consists of multiple simultaneous communications with different audiences. Beyond developing trial, negotiation, and interviewing skills, Professor Rine utilized these opportunities to teach students how to handle the sometimes volatile intersection between the classroom world of legal theory and the real world of human behavior. Since the mid-1990s, Professor Rine spent a significant amount of time in Cambodia every year, where he worked for a variety of human rights organizations and taught at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh. While there on a Fulbright grant in 2000, Professor Rine published a textbook on legal ethics in English and Khmer. In addition to his Law School responsibilities, Professor Rine served on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of Cambodia and on the UM President's Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights. He received the L. Hart Wright Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Nicholas J. Rine, clinical professor emeritus of law.**

Requested by:



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