The 1999–2000 academic year at Washington University School of Law was one of solid progress. The School initiated the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, which will begin programs in the 2000–01 academic year with a spectacular series of events on “Norms and the Law” featuring two Nobel Prize-winning laureates. The Institute for Global Legal Studies similarly will begin operations on November 18, 2000, with a gala inaugural event focusing on the United Nations and the protection of human rights. Our clinical programs, for the first time, were recognized among the best 10 in the country, after a spectacular year in which clinical operations were physically located within the law school and the faculty adopted a clinic guarantee, promising to each second- and third-year student the opportunity to participate in one of our soon-to-be eight clinics.

In this issue, we focus on a different aspect of the School’s recent success: our faculty. On the cover is a photograph of four outstanding hires that the School made in the last academic year.

First, Theodore (Ted) Ruger. Ted joins us after a spectacular career at Harvard Law School, where he was the winner in his first year of the Sears Prize (given to the top two students in a class of 550), president of the Harvard Law Review, a clerk for Judge Michael Boudin of the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Nancy Staudt is a particularly impressive lateral tax hire. In her short career at State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, she has published a series of path-breaking law review articles, including “Constitutional Politics and Balanced Budgets” and “The Theory and Practice of Taxing Difference.”

John Haley, who was discussed in our last issue, is among this nation’s leading comparative and international scholars. He is widely regarded as this nation’s preeminent scholar in Japanese law. He joins us after several years at the University of Washington School of Law.
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Lee Epstein has accepted a joint appointment with the School of Law. She is the Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Political Science in Arts & Sciences and, until June 30, 1999, chair of the University's Department of Political Science. Among the most respected political scientists writing today about the courts, she has been a popular teacher in the School of Law.

Beginning this past spring, the School of Law also began a process of recognizing some of its most outstanding professors with named chairs.

On March 29, 2000, Ronald M. Levin, a nationally recognized leader in administrative law, was installed as the Henry Hitchcock Professor of Law. His installation not only honors Ron's outstanding scholarship, but pays homage to the founding dean of our School.

On April 21, 2000, Susan Fredich Appleton was installed as the Lemma Barkeloo and Phoebe Couzins Professor of Law. Susan is among this nation's leading scholars in family law, a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, and a particularly valued associate dean. Her professorship is named after two of the first women in the United States to attend law school, Lemma Barkeloo and Phoebe Couzins, both of whom began here in 1869.

On September 18, 2000, John Haley will be installed as the Wiley Rutledge Professor of Law. Wiley Rutledge, dean of our School between 1930 and 1935, later was a member of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1939–43) and the Supreme Court of the United States (1943–49).

This November Stanley L. Paulson will be installed as the William Gardiner Hammond Professor of Law. Stanley is an internationally recognized legal philosopher who has published over 100 articles, several of which focus on Hans Kelsen, considered the 20th century's leading legal philosopher. William Gardiner Hammond was the dean of Washington University's law department between 1881 and 1894 and an outstanding authority on the history of common law.

In spring 2001 Associate Dean Daniel Keating will be installed as the Tyrrell Williams Professor of Law. Dan has enjoyed a meteoric career at the School of Law, serving in the 1998–99 year as dean, publishing extensively in the area of commercial transactions and bankruptcy law, and performing yeoman service as associate dean both before and after his deanship. His professorship is named after Tyrrell Williams, who was on four separate occasions acting dean of Washington University's law school and among its most beloved faculty members.

What is particularly exciting about the new hires and the recognition of some of our outstanding faculty is that there is so much more to do on both fronts. We anticipate as many as four additional hires this academic year and look forward to recognizing several of our other outstanding faculty in the years to come.