PETER A. JOY, professor of law and former director of the Trial and Advocacy Program, will become vice dean on January 1, 2010. Joy is well known for his work in clinical legal education, legal ethics, and trial practice. He serves on the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Committee on Academic Freedom & Tenure, the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility’s Executive Committee, the ABA Section on Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar Accreditation Committee, and the Society of American Law Teachers Board of Governors.

“Peter is extraordinarily well positioned by accomplishments, training, talent, and temperament to help lead our school through the challenges ahead,” says Kent Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “In light of dramatic current changes in the practice of law, his background in curriculum development will be a major asset as we focus on this area in the coming year.”

Joy succeeds Daniel Keating, the Tyrrell Williams Professor of Law, who is returning to the full-time faculty. Keating, who joined the faculty in 1988, has served as interim dean twice, associate dean, and vice dean for a combined 16 years. The law school will celebrate Keating’s many contributions at a reception next month.

A recipient of the AALS Pincus Award for outstanding contributions to clinical legal education, Joy joined the law faculty in 1998. Co-director of the Criminal Justice Clinic, he served as director of the Trial and Advocacy Program from 2002 to 2006. He is a firm believer in the clinical education model of helping students apply the theoretical learning of the classroom to real-life situations with clients.

“In light of recent changes in the practice of law and in legal organizations, law schools are re-examining best practices in legal education,” Joy says. “I look forward to working with the law faculty and administration in continuing to develop our curriculum to prepare our students to be effective members of the legal profession for the present and future.”

Joy previously worked in private practice in Cleveland and was on the law faculty at Case Western Reserve University. He is the author of numerous law review articles and co-author of the book, *Do No Wrong: Ethics for Prosecutors and Defenders*, published by the ABA in 2009. He served as a visiting professor of law at Aoyama-Gakuin University School of Law in Tokyo, and has had his scholarship translated into Japanese. He also has consulted with law professors starting new clinical legal education programs in Japan, and he was a commemoration speaker at the founding meeting of the Japan Clinical Legal Education Association.

In other new appointments:

MARION CRAIN, the Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law, will become the new director for the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies on January 1, 2010. An expert on labor and employment law, Crain will succeed John Drobak as the center’s director. Before joining the law faculty in 2008, Crain directed the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina. Drobak, the George Alexander Madill Professor of Real Property & Equity Jurisprudence, will return to full-time teaching. During the past nine years, Drobak has been highly successful in bringing pathbreaking research and conferences with an interdisciplinary focus to the law school.

JO ELLEN LEWIS, professor of practice, is serving as director of the Legal Practice Program in 2009–11, succeeding Professor Jane Moul, whose two-year term ended on July 1. Lewis, who previously served in this role, will be working closely with the Curriculum Committee on related issues.