JOHN DROBAK INSTALLED AS THE MADILL PROFESSOR

John N. Drobak was installed as the George Alexander Madill Professor of Law on February 27, 2002.

“John’s wide-ranging activities as a scholar and an outstanding teacher have made Washington University a more interdisciplinary and more global institution,” says Joel Seligman, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor.

After clerking for the California Court of Appeal and practicing law in Connecticut, Drobak joined the law faculty in 1979. He now holds appointments in the School of Law and the Department of Economics in Arts & Sciences. He directs the School of Law’s Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. In addition, he is a fellow of the Center in Political Economy in Arts & Sciences and chair of the Executive Committee of the University’s Center for New Institutional Social Sciences.

A legal scholar who applies the new institutional economics, Drobak focuses his research on economic regulation and the law’s relevance to economic growth. He is working on a book exploring the link between the constitutional protection of property rights and economic growth.

He is secretary/treasurer of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, which he helped establish in 1997.

Since 1991, Drobak has taught a law and economics course annually in a graduate program for Central and Eastern Europeans at the United States Business School in Prague, Czech Republic. In pro bono work, he consulted with the former Czechoslovakia in connection with its voucher privatization of large government enterprises and with the republic of Georgia on drafting a new constitution.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton (right) congratulates John Drobak on his installation.

Leila Nadya Sadat (left), professor of law, and other members of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, met in the spring of 2002 with Secretary of State Colin Powell (center) to brief him on the commission’s work, review recommendations regarding particular countries, and discuss administration policy on issues of international religious freedom. As a member of the commission, Sadat is charged with advising the president and the United States Department of State on issues of international religious freedom as it relates to United States policy.

Law students have named him Teacher of the Year three times. In 2000 he received a Distinguished Faculty Award at Washington University’s Founders Day.
SCHOOL OF LAW HONORS FIVE FACULTY

The School of Law honored five faculty members at an April 11, 2002, ceremony at the Saint Louis Club: David M. Becker, the Joseph H. Zumbalen Professor of the Law of Property; Kathleen F. Brickey, the James Carr Professor of Criminal Jurisprudence; Michael M. Greenfield, the Walter D. Coles Professor of Law; Stephen H. Legomsky, the Charles F. Nagel Professor of International and Comparative Law; and Daniel R. Mandelker, the Howard A. Stamper Professor of Law.

“This ceremony paid tribute to five of our most distinguished faculty members for their research, their teaching, and their service to the School of Law,” says Joel Seligman, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor.

Becker is a highly regarded teacher who has taught at the School of Law for nearly 40 years. He is the recipient of numerous accolades, including the inaugural Law Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award. The author of several books and many articles, including Perpetuities and Estate Planning: Potential Problems and Effective Solutions, he focuses his work on the rule against perpetuities. Additionally, Becker has published widely on the Socratic method and the future of legal education. As associate dean for external relations, he also maintains close rapport with numerous alumni.

A criminal law specialist, Brickey has written several books and more than two dozen articles and chapters published in scholarly journals and books. Her three-volume treatise, Corporate Criminal Liability, and her casebook, Corporate and White Collar Crime, are leading works in the field. She is a member of the American Law Institute and the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. Brickey has chaired the Association of American Law Schools Criminal Justice Section and served as a consultant to the United States Sentencing Commission. Her current research focuses on environmental crimes.

A pioneer researcher and teacher in the area of consumer law, Greenfield wrote Consumer Transactions, a casebook for law classes now in its third edition, and Consumer Law: A Guide for Those Who Represent Sellers, Lenders, and Consumers. Greenfield has led national initiatives to revise the Uniform Commercial Code and is a member of the American Law Institute. At Washington University, he has served on the Judicial Board, the Faculty Senate Council, and the Academic Freedom and Tenure Hearing Committee. As faculty chair of the School of Law's building committee, Greenfield played a major role in developing Anheuser-Busch Hall.

The author of Immigration and Refugee Law and Policy, adopted as the required text for immigration courses at more than 130 American law schools and now in its third edition, Legomsky has chaired the immigration law section of several professional associations, testified before the United States Congress, advised two American presidents, and worked with various governments on migration, refugee, and citizenship issues. He is a member of the American Law Institute.

One of the country's leading scholars and teachers in land-use law, Mandelker is co-author of the popular casebook, Planning and Control of Land Development, now in its fifth edition. His treatise, NEPA Law and Litigation, is widely used in environmental law. His casebook on state and local government law is in its fourth edition. Mandelker has advised numerous municipal governments and community groups on land-use and sign ordinance issues. He is a frequent panelist at American Law Institute and American Bar Association land-use conferences.