

## News in Brief

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### **Administrators at Kentucky Law School Resign in Light of Financial Troubles**

Three school administrators at Paducah, Kentucky's American Justice School of Law resigned on February 11 after a retired surgeon elected to buy the school in a bid to save it from its ongoing financial losses. Dean and founder Paul Hendrick, Associate Dean Jerrod Turner, and Chairman of the Board of Directors Wayne Shelton all resigned in accordance with a plan proffered by Dr. Robert Meriwether in the hope that the school may be rescued from severe economic downfall. Founded in 2005, American Justice is currently seeking accreditation after being denied provisional accreditation by the ABA in August 2007. Collectively, Hendrick, Shelton, and Turner own 75% of the school's stock and are being sued by former board member Tom Osborne and 30 law students for pilfering school funds and violating various laws.

### **Yale Law School Housing Steadily Declines**

Yale Law School may be one of the best legal education institutions in the nation, but its housing situation has deteriorated beyond the point of recovery — at least for now. Recently, the school's last remaining dormitories closed their doors. The school has witnessed a steady decline in the number of available beds in its dorms over the last decade: in 1994 there were 154 available beds; by 2004 the number had fallen to 56; and last year there were just 23. The closing of the Sterling Law Building dormitories will mark the first time no students have lived there since the law school complex was built in 1931. Former dormitories have been converted into office and clinic space. According to current plans, the university intends to unveil new dormitory housing by 2012.

### **Joan Howarth Recommended as Dean of Michigan State University College of Law**

Joan Howarth, a professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, has been recommended to serve as dean of the Michigan State University College of Law. Previously, she served as associate dean for four years at the Boyd School of Law, which she helped to establish a decade ago. If approved by the law school's board of trustees, Howarth would become the first woman dean in the school's 117-year history. Reacting to the news, she proclaimed, "I am honored to join this faculty as dean. MSU Law's achievements and the boldness of its ambitions make this one of the most exciting opportunities in legal education."