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3/31/04—The Boston College Law School community is saddened by the loss of Professor Reginald Alleyne, who died of cancer on Sunday, March 28. The Law School will hold a memorial service on April 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel (Newton campus).

"Reginald Alleyne was a wise and warm colleague to our faculty and staff, and a thoughtful and considerate mentor to our students," said BC Law Dean John H. Garvey. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Reg’s friends and family at this difficult time."

Professor Alleyne had been a visiting professor of law at Boston College Law School since 1996, where he was appointed the Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor. He was a professor of law emeritus at UCLA Law School. His degrees were from Tufts University, where he majored in chemistry, Howard University (J.D.) and Columbia University (LL.M.) law schools. He was a naval officer for three years following his graduation from Tufts. Before beginning his academic career at UCLA, Professor Alleyne was a law clerk to Judge Henry W. Edgerton of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and subsequently a National Labor Relations Board attorney. For two years, and while on academic leave from UCLA, he chaired what is now California’s Public Employment Relations Board. His current research focused on alternative uses of arbitration processes. His writing interests, reflected in numerous law review articles and book chapters, were mainly in the areas of labor and employment law. He was active as an arbitrator in major labor disputes, especially in the sports world.

"From the very moment Professor Alleyne joined the BC Law faculty he became an active member of the community," said friend and colleague Sanford Katz, the Darald and Juliet Libby Professor of Law at Boston College. "He participated in all faculty activities, and was a special friend to many. A true intellectual, Reg was a lover of classical music and read a great deal about the contemporary political science. He often wrote op ed pieces on issues of national importance. He was a strong advocate of civil rights both on the national and international level."

Professor Alleyne was a past vice president of the National Academy of Arbitrators and served as chair of the organization’s committee on professional responsibility. He has served as a consultant to the South African Government on the structuring of arbitration procedures for the resolution of unfair employment dismissal claims.