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Michael Cassidy and Diane Ring have been promoted to the rank of full professor.

4/30/07--BC Law is pleased to announce that Michael Cassidy and Diane Ring have been promoted to the rank of full professor.

Michael Cassidy teaches and writes in the areas of Criminal Law, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility. He is considered an expert on the subject of prosecutorial ethics, and frequently provides training to public sector attorneys on their responsibilities under the Rules of Professional Conduct.

During his extensive career as a government lawyer, Professor Cassidy prosecuted hundreds of serious felony cases at both the trial and appellate levels, including briefing and arguing numerous high-profile criminal matters before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Immediately prior to joining the Boston College faculty, Professor Cassidy served as Chief of the Criminal Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Among his many professional and community activities, Professor Cassidy has served as a member of the Governor’s Commission on Corrections Reform, as a member of the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission, as Editor-in-Chief of the Massachusetts Law Review, as a hearing officer for the Board of Bar Overseers, as a member of the Criminal Justice Section Council of the Boston Bar Association, and as a member of the Board of Advisors to the National District Attorneys Association. He is also active in local government and youth sports in his home town of Winchester, Massachusetts.

Professor Cassidy received his B.A. degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame, and his J.D. degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. Following law school he served as law clerk to the Honorable Edward F. Hennessey, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Diane M. Ring researches and writes primarily in the field of international taxation, corporate taxation, and the taxation of financial instruments. Her recent work addresses issues including cross border tax arbitrage, advance pricing agreements, and international tax relations. Ring was the U.S. National Reporter for the 2004 IFA Conference on Double Nontaxation. She was the Assistant General Reporter for the 1995 IFA Conference on Financial Instruments and was a consultant to the IFA research project on the impact of technological and financial innovation on the taxation of income and activities. Ring is also co-author of two case books in taxation - one on corporate taxation, one on international taxation.

Prior to joining the Boston College Law School, Ring was an associate professor of law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and an assistant professor at Harvard Law School. Before entering academia, Ring practiced at the firm of Caplin & Drysdale in Washington, D.C., specializing in the area of international tax and the taxation of financial instruments. Ring also clerked for Judge Jon O. Newman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She received both her A.B. and J.D. from Harvard University.

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