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NEWTON, MA -- J. Donald Monan Professor of Law Daniel R. Coquillette has been awarded the Henry C. Lind Award by the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions (ARJD).

Presented only six times in the past 22 years, the award was named for Henry C. Lind, the Reporter of Decisions at the United States Supreme Court from 1979 to 1987 and is given to "individuals who have made a significant contribution to the improved reporting of judicial decisions or the preservation of historic court records."

The award was recently presented to Coquillette at the 30th annual meeting of the ARJD in the Social Law Library in the John Adams Courthouse in Boston.

Ralph Preston, president of the ARJD and Reporter of Decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court, presented the award after Coquillette spoke on the subject, "The Birth of American Judicial Reporting and the Extraordinary 'Lost Patriot,' Josiah Quincy Junior."

"Your ten-year effort to publish Portrait of a Patriot, the five-volume series that includes the first reports of what is now the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, is precisely what the Henry C. Lind Award is intended to recognize: a significant contribution to the preservation of historic court records," said Preston at the ceremony. "It is hard to imagine any material more worthy of recognition through the Henry C. Lind Award than the preservation of the oldest law reports in North America."

Coquillette teaches and writes in the areas of legal history and professional responsibility at Boston College Law School. He was a law clerk for Robert Braucher of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has taught law at Boston University Law School, Cornell Law School and Harvard Law School, and became a partner for six years at the Boston law firm of Palmer & Dodge, where he specialized in complex litigation. He served as Dean of Boston College Law School from 1985-1993, and was named J. Donald Monan, S.J. University Professor in 1996.

Coquillette is an advisor to the American Law Institute's Restatement on Law Governing the Legal Profession, a member of the Harvard University Overseers' Committee to Visit Harvard Law School, and reporter to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States.

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