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NELL JESSUP NEWTON TO STEP DOWN AS CHANCELLOR AND DEAN OF UC HASTINGS LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31, 2009—The Board of Directors of UC Hastings Law announced today that Nell Newton, Chancellor and Dean, will step down on July 1. Newton, who is a 1976 graduate of the law school, has held the post since August 2006. She will assume the deanship at Notre Dame Law.

“Dean Newton’s three-year tenure at Hastings has been tremendously successful, adding new faculty members, enlivening the intellectual activity on campus and increasing philanthropic support for the law school,” said Board Chair James Mahoney. Newton has significantly increased private support, raising a record \$11.9 million in three years.

Newton said, “As a proud alumna of Hastings, I will always cherish my time as Chancellor and Dean of the law school. For me, the most satisfying work has been our great success in reaching out to our alumni and the strengthening of our academic programs.” Ten new faculty members were added during her time at Hastings.

Newton graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1973 and from UC Hastings in 1976, where she was a member of the Thurston Society and the Order of the Coif and served

as Managing Editor of the *Hastings Law Journal*. In a memo to alumni and staff, Newton said that the Notre Dame position will bring her closer to her native Midwestern home and family.

“We fully expect Dean Newton’s fine work to be carried on during the balance of her term with the able assistance of the school’s senior management, including Academic Dean Shauna Marshall; Elise Traynum, General Counsel; David Seward, Chief Financial Officer; and, Jacqueline Ervin, Assistant Dean of Advancement and Communications,” says Mahoney.

The Board will select an interim dean to begin July 1, and thereafter conduct a nationwide search for a replacement dean, Mahoney added.

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