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In August 2005, Duquesne University School of Law began a new era under the leadership of one of its most distinguished graduates, Donald J. Guter, Rear Admiral, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy (Ret.). As Dean of the Law School, Admiral Guter brings 25 years of legal expertise, as well as both military and civilian leadership experience. As Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Navy, Admiral Guter's governance included the JAG Corps, an organization comprised of approximately 1800 active duty, reserve and civilian lawyers, 1,000 paralegals, and 320 civilian support staff. In his service as Commander of Naval Legal Service Command, Admiral Guter managed an international network of 13 major legal offices and 45 branch offices responsible for prosecuting and defending military service members accused of crimes, providing free legal services to eligible service members and their families, and adjudicating claims for and against the U.S. government.

Dean Guter, however, is no stranger to legal education administration. Without question, the Law School will benefit from Dean Guter's oversight of the Naval Justice School, the Navy's law school that provides post-law school education for all lawyers entering the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including continuing legal education courses. At the Naval Justice School, Admiral Guter presided over 40 faculty members and was responsible for the curriculum, including 43 courses and 111 offerings, the facilities, the budget, and instructor assignments. Admiral Guter also was responsible for oversight of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies that provided legal education courses for foreign military and civilian lawyers from 70 nations.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 2002, Admiral Guter became the Chief Executive Officer of Vinson Hall Corporation, managing a $12 million budget and overseeing 200 employees and 300 residents. Admiral Guter also served as Executive Director of Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation, a $20 million non-profit corporation. These are but a few of the many leadership
experiences in Admiral Guter's illustrious career that he brings to the Law School.

Duquesne University School of Law is committed to its mission of preparing lawyers with a high degree of professional skill, combined with sensitivity to moral and ethical concerns, and imbued with a sense of justice. To this mission, Dean Guter brings his commitment to the mission's ideals, his demonstrated military and civilian leadership, his sound judgment and sharp intellect, his strength of character, his moral courage, and his sense of justice. Welcome aboard, sir!