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ZILLMAN RECOMMENDED AS UMPI PRESIDENT

BANGOR -- University of Maine System Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart announced today that he is recommending Donald N. Zillman as President at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) for a two-year appointment. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees is expected to act on the recommendation at its September 10 meeting.

Zillman will accompany MacTaggart and Board Chair Meg Weston for a visit to UMPI on Tuesday, August 22. Zillman will remain in the area until the next day, when he will meet with UMPI representatives. Zillman is expected to assume the position after September 1.

“Professor Zillman has held numerous leadership roles within the University System over the years and we’re grateful that he is willing to lend his expertise once again on behalf of Maine’s Public Universities,” MacTaggart noted. “He is highly regarded both within the academic community, as well as with the public at large.”

Zillman currently serves as an Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the Maine School of Law in Portland. He has also served as Dean of the Maine Law School from 1991-1998, as Interim Provost and Academic Vice President of the University of Maine from 1999-2000, and as Interim President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 2001-2002.

“This is an exciting and challenging time for public higher education in Maine,” Zillman said. “It demands the strongest of relationships between campus and community. It demands excellence in all of the activities of the UMPI campus. I look forward to leading this splendid campus in the years ahead.

"I am delighted to be returning to the County. I first visited the County in my earliest days as Law School Dean. Linda and I have very fond memories of our year as Interim President at UM-Fort Kent. These memories extend to numerous events in Presque Isle and at UMPI from joint campus meetings with our superb legislative delegation, to watching hard-fought athletic contests, to selling the virtues of the two campuses and the University System to the early morning listeners of the Pickers’ Special TV show.”

Professor Zillman has also served on the law faculty at Arizona State University, and the University of Utah, and has served as visiting professor of law at the United States Military Academy and the University of New Mexico Law School.

In addition to his academic career, Zillman has served as special assistant attorney general in Arizona, independent counsel to the Maine House of Representatives to resolve election contests in 2000, 2002, and 2004, and he chaired the Maine Legislative Reapportionment Commission in 2003.

His education includes B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin and an LL.M. (Masters of Laws) degree from the University of Virginia.

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Zillman has written over fifty law review articles and has served as author-editor on ten books in his areas of expertise, including Energy Law and Policy for the 21st Century, (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation), Maine Tort Law, (LexisNexis), Constitutional Law for the Citizen Soldier, Human Rights in Natural Resources Development (Oxford University Press), and Energy Security (Oxford University Press, May 2004). Zillman is now completing work on a book-length study of the World War I Congress and the regulation of speech in war time.

Professor Zillman contributed two chapters to Regulating Energy and Natural Resources (Oxford University Press 2006). He presented some of those findings, with collaborator John Gulliver, at the April 2006 meeting of the International Bar Association in Rome and at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute in Santa Fe in July 2006. An extended version of that research will be published in the Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law in Fall 2006.

Professor Zillman is currently at work on three major research projects. He and co-author Evan Roth of the United States Attorney's Office are writing Strategic Legal Writing for Cambridge University Press. The book examines effective writing for lawyers with a focus on "what is the object of the communication." Professor Zillman (with Professors Yinka Omorogbe, Catherine Redgwell, and Lila Barerra-Hernandez) are writing Moving Beyond the Carbon Economy. The text draws on contributions from 24 authors from around the world and examines legal approaches to moving the world away from an over-reliance on petroleum, coal, and natural gas. In addition, Professor Zillman continues his studies of the World War I Congress and the times in which it operated.

Established in 1903, the University of Maine at Presque Isle is one of seven universities of the University of Maine System. It features a student population of over 1,500, with 26 academic programs in the liberal arts and professions.

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