Contemplative and Reflective Practice for Legal Professionals

The Meditative Perspective
With Charles Halpern, Public Interest Entrepreneur

Making Waves and Riding the Currents: Activism and the Practice of Wisdom

Dean Charles Halpern will discuss some of the main themes in his new book: Making Waves and Riding the Currents: Activism and the Practice of Wisdom — including his pioneering work as a public interest lawyer and as the founding Dean of the City University of New York Law School. He will connect these themes to the lives of legal professionals, both in their study and practice, and in their thinking about career paths.

12:00pm - October 27, 2008
Room 125, Ricketson Building - DU Law

Lunch Provided by the CDC
Sponsored by the Public Interest Law Group

Thinking about a Lawyer’s Work: An Introduction to Meditation for Legal Professionals

Dean Charles Halpern and Prof. Kuennen (DU Law Clinical Prof.) will lead a workshop together on Law and Meditation, similar to the one that they led at the AALS, 2008 Conference on Clinical Legal Education. The workshop will provide interactive exercises and simulations that will permit participants to experience and assess the benefits of meditation practice in their lives as legal professionals.

5:30pm - October 28, 2008
Room 180, Ricketson Building - DU Law

Reception to Follow Sponsored by the Westminster Law Library
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Charles Halpern -- a public interest entrepreneur, an innovator in legal education, and a pioneer in the public interest law movement-- is currently Scholar in Residence at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. He was the Founding Dean of the City University of New York Law School at Queens College. Previously, he was a Professor at Stanford and Georgetown Law Schools, and a Senior Fellow at Yale Law School. He was the co-founder of the Center for Law and Social Policy (1969), the Mental Health Law Project (now the Bazelon Center for Law and Mental Health) (1971), and the Council for Public Interest Law (now the Alliance for Justice) (1976). After graduating with honors from Yale Law School and Harvard College, he practiced law at Arnold & Porter, in Washington, D.C.

From 1989-2000, he served as the founding President of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, a $400 million grant-making foundation in New York City. He developed many innovative philanthropic initiatives, including a creative program in the area of contemplative practice, supporting meditation retreats for environmentalists, law students and lawyers, and social activists.

Halpern has practiced meditation for the past 20 years with a variety of Buddhist teachers and leads meditation workshops for lawyers, judges and law students. For the past four years, he has led the Boalt Hall Meditation Group. He serves as the chair of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society.

His book, Making Waves and Riding the Currents: Activism and the Practice of Wisdom, was published in January, 2008.

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