

Sherman named to new David Boies Chair

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The appointment of Ed Sherman to the David Boies Chair is “a well-deserved recognition of Dean Sherman's extraordinary contributions as a scholar and a fitting capstone to his exceptionally distinguished career at Tulane,” said David Meyer, dean of the law school. (Photo by Linda Campbell)

Professor [Ed Sherman](#), newly appointed to the David Boies Distinguished Chair in Law at Tulane University, has written seven books and nearly 100 scholarly articles while untangling the complexities of class actions and mass disasters.

After more than five decades as a lawyer ? some 48 years of it spent teaching law ? Sherman understands some of the legal system's deepest complexities and has

been widely involved in working to improve it.

"I'm pleased to have the chair that has David Boies' name on it. He's one of our great lawyers," Sherman said. "He's demonstrated great lawyering skills but also a lot of concern about issues."

The David Boies Chair was endowed by the renowned trial attorney who represented the U.S. Justice Department in its antitrust case against Microsoft, Vice President Al Gore during the 2000 election recount in Florida and plaintiffs who got California's ban on same-sex marriage overturned.

Sherman came to [Tulane Law School](#) as dean in 1996 after 19 years at the University of Texas School of Law. He served until 2001 and continues teaching a range of classes, including alternative dispute resolution, complex litigation and national security law.

He is currently teaching a seminar called The Legal System, Legal Profession and Justice with Robert Sloan, former executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy.

Sherman said he plans to retire from teaching after the spring semester concludes. But, as a professor emeritus, he'll continue writing a treatise on complex litigation, supervising doctoral students and serving as reporter for a Louisiana Law Institute task force that is writing a new arbitration law.

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