Michigan State University College of Law is pleased to announce the first fully endowed Chair in the Law College’s history:

The John F. Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law

Please join us for the inaugural lecture by the first professor to hold the prestigious title, Cynthia Lee Starnes

“Alimony and Partnership Marriage: Rethinking the Law and Theory of Post-Divorce Income Sharing”

Thursday, September 15, 2011
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
MSU College of Law, Castle Board Room

Hors d’oeuvres and wine reception to follow

RSVP at www.law.msu.edu/matrimonial by Thursday, September 1, or contact the Office of Advancement at 517-432-6840 or alumni@law.msu.edu for more information.
Professor Starnes’ unique line of scholarship lies at the intersection of family law, partnership law, and feminist theory. Her critiques of current law and reform proposals have provoked widespread commentary. Professor Starnes has presented her scholarship in both international and national fora, and has worked with grass roots community groups dedicated to law reform. A long-term member of the MSU Law faculty, she co-chairs the Child and Family Advocacy certificate program, is co-advisor of the Family Law focus area, and serves as faculty advisor to the Family Law Society.

Mr. Schaefer, ’69, is one of the country’s best-known and most highly respected lawyers in the field of matrimonial law, which he has practiced for more than four decades. A trustee emeritus and generous supporter of MSU Law, Schaefer taught Family Law for more than 30 years as an adjunct professor at the Law College. As an instructor at the Michigan Judicial Institute, he educated hundreds of Michigan circuit court judges in substantive matrimonial law. Schaefer is involved in numerous professional, civic, and philanthropic organizations.

Judge Talbot has served on the Michigan Court of Appeals since 1998. He previously was a judge of the Wayne Circuit, Detroit Recorder’s, and Detroit Common Pleas courts, and worked as an attorney in private practice. He is active in a variety of organizations and has received numerous awards for his service to the profession.