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Habush Habush & Rottier Reading Room Dedicated

A major gift from the firm of Habush Habush & Rottier has led to a new name in the Law School: the Law Library's Grand Reading Room was officially rededicated as the Habush Habush & Rottier Reading Room at a reception on Friday, September 29, 2006. The celebration also honored a substantial building renovation project contributed by the firm, many of whose attorneys are alumni of the Law School.

"This was the Habush firm's vision: wanting to keep the Law School up-to-date," commented Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.

Firm partners Robert L. Habush '61 and Daniel A. Rottier '76 spearheaded the plan to underwrite the building improvements. This is the most recent of several gifts from the Habush firm, including a significant contribution when the building was redesigned in 1996 and another generous donation to retire the remaining building debt.

Habush and Rottier joined Dean Davis in delivering remarks at the dedication ceremony, as did guest speaker Governor Jim Doyle,

a longtime friend of the Law School and former adjunct professor and clinical supervising attorney.

Both Habush and Rottier have taught on the Law School's adjunct faculty and encouraged other attorneys at the firm to become involved as teachers and mentors. Habush noted in his remarks, "It's not a difficult decision to give back to the institution that launched all of us as lawyers."

Davis recalled that in the 1970s, when he was a new faculty member, he became aware of Habush's commitment as an adjunct faculty member. "One night every week, Bob Habush gave six or seven hours of his time: he would drive here from Milwaukee, spend a few hours with our students teaching them trial advocacy, and then return home. It's an image that has stayed with me for 25 years."

The renaming of the reading room honors the sum of many contributions, said Dean Davis. "We are all the beneficiaries of their vision and their generosity, and the Habush Habush & Rottier Reading Room honors this."



(Above) Governor Jim Doyle congratulates Robert Habush as both celebrate the Law School's new look and newly named library reading room.

(Top left) Daniel Rottier '76 (left) and Robert Habush '61 flank Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David Prosser '68 at this fall's naming celebration for the Habush Habush & Rottier Reading Room.