

Yale Law School Names 16th Dean

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Robert Post LAW '77 named Law School dean

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University President Richard Levin announced Monday the appointment of Robert Post LAW '77 as the 16th dean of Yale Law School.

Post, a scholar of constitutional law, including the First Amendment, equal protection and legal history, will take office July 1. He succeeds Harold Hongju Koh, whose nomination for the position of legal adviser to the Department of State is under consideration by the Senate.

“Dean Post is a very fine scholar and leader in constitutional law, and in an area that is attracting a lot of attention right now,” Levin said in an interview Monday. “His colleagues respect him as a wise and thoughtful member of the faculty who has a really very serious commitment to maintaining the academic excellence of the Law School.”

Post, 61, joined the Law School faculty in 2003 after teaching for 20 years at the School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Alongside Law School professors Jack Balkin and Reva Siegel '78 GRD '82 LAW '86, Post has recently led a legal movement known as “democratic constitutionalism,” which holds that courts should push for liberal social justice goals similar to those of the 1960s-era Supreme Court led by Chief Justice Earl Warren, but using moderate means rather than bold judicial activism.