sity of San Diego Conference on Economic Liberties and the Constitution and gave a talk “In Defense of the Contract at Will” at the University of Chicago Conference on Conceptual Foundations of Labor Law. Both papers will be published in future volumes of The University of Chicago Law Review. In February Mr. Epstein gave a speech entitled “A Kind Word for Lochner” at both the Yale Law School and Columbia Law School; he spoke about “Reflections on Legal Education” at the Federalist Society Convention held at Harvard Law School; and he presented a paper on the revitalization of the contract clause at a Boston University Law School workshop.

Professor R.H. Helmholz, Director of the Legal History Program, spoke on “The History of the Law of Usury” at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History, held in Baltimore during the month of October. In February he delivered a lecture at Princeton University on the research he did last summer in the archives of Barcelona on the comparative history of English and Spanish legal systems. During the spring Mr. Helmholz traveled to two international meetings to discuss the development of Continental and Anglo-American law. One conference at Oxford dealt with the law of contract and the other, which took place in Cologne, was on the law of libel and slander.

Visiting Professor of Law Gareth Jones gave the second annual Lurcy Lecture at the University of Chicago in May 1983. His topic was “The Lawyer in Public Life in Nineteenth Century England.” Mr. Jones spent July as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan Law School and in the autumn was a visiting professor at the University of Georgia, where he taught courses in restitution and contracts. He also gave two papers at the Association of American Law Schools meeting in San Francisco in January, one in the section on remedies and one in the section on legal history. Mr. Jones is the Downing Professor of the Laws of England at Cambridge University.

Baird Becomes Associate Dean

Four years after beginning his teaching career as Assistant Professor in the Law School, Douglas G. Baird has been appointed Professor of Law and Associate Dean. Mr. Baird teaches courses in commercial law, bankruptcy, and intellectual property (copyright, patents, and trademarks). His casebook on security interests in personal property, co-edited with Thomas Jackson of Stanford Law School, was published by Foundation Press in November, and he is currently working with Mr. Jackson on a new casebook that explores the effects of the 1979 Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Baird received his B.A. from Yale College in 1975 and his J.D. in 1979 from Stanford Law School, where he was managing editor of the Stanford Law Review and a member of Order of the Coif. After receiving his law degree, he served as law clerk to the Hon. Dorothy W. Nelson and to the Hon. Shirley M. Hufstedler, both Circuit Judges, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

During his four years on the Law School faculty, Mr. Baird has noted several changes, both in personnel and programs. Said Baird, “The faculty has gotten a lot younger. Forty percent of the present faculty weren’t here when Gerhard Casper became dean six years ago, and these new additions have made the place more diverse and more exciting.”

One recent program change Baird thinks is especially significant is the increased sectioning of classes for first year students that was instituted during this academic year. The civil procedures class is divided into three sections, and torts, property, and contracts are each divided into two. These smaller classes have allowed first year students to get to know the professors better and have made it easier for discussion to be steered by the dynamics of the class.

Mr. Baird understands his new administrative duties to involve giving unobtrusive assistance to the Law School dean. He explained, “The associate dean is not there to set policy or change the course of the school. One of our virtues in the past has been that the Law School is underadministered, and we don’t want to add an unnecessary bureaucrat to a system that was working well without one. The day-to-day administration of the school is already handled by a very capable staff. But the Law School is going through a number of changes that will consume a lot of Dean Casper’s time, and I hope to help by taking on some of the special projects and administrative tasks that need to be handled by an academic.”