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by

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Before he became executive director of the American Bar Foundation in July, 1982, John P. Heinz served seventeen years on the faculty of Northwestern University School of Law. It was his experience as a faculty researcher in empirical studies which built his reputation to the point where he was named to the directorship of this prestigious research foundation. Since 1970, Heinz has served as the principal or co-investigator for eight major funded research projects.

Several of his most prominent studies have dealt with the social structure of the legal profession and the organization of lawyers' work. He has also written articles in the fields of criminal justice administration and prison reform. His primary teaching responsibility at Northwestern was the first year criminal law class. Before he entered law teaching, however, Heinz was a government attorney who handled cases involving regulated industries.

Heinz earned his LL.B. degree in 1962 from Yale University where he was a member of the board of editors of the Yale Law Journal. He earned his A.B. degree from Washington University in 1958 and did graduate work in political science.

Before joining Northwestern's law faculty in 1965, Heinz was employed as a staff counsel in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He has also served as a consultant to several entities, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1966, the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts on continuing education for judges from 1971 to 1973, and the AAUW National Conference on Corrections for 1972-73.

Professor Heinz is a former president of the John Howard Association of Illinois (prison reform), the Better Government Association and Project LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts). He was a member of the Association of American Law Schools special committee to prepare the amicus curiae brief in Bakke v. Board of Regents in 1976-77.

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