

Drew Saunders Days III Doctor of Laws

Drew S. Days is the Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law at Yale Law School. He is a distinguished public servant, a nationally recognized advocate for civil rights and justice, an outstanding legal scholar and teacher, and an involved and highly accomplished citizen.

Professor Days graduated with honors in English from Hamilton College (Clinton, New York) in 1963. He received his LL.B. degree from Yale University in 1966. After a brief private practice in Chicago and two years of service in Honduras in the Peace Corps, Days joined the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in 1969 where he litigated school desegregation, police misconduct, and employment discrimination cases. In 1977 the Senate confirmed him as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights on nomination of President Carter. He served in that capacity until 1981 when he joined the Yale Law faculty. In 1993, Professor Days was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate as Solicitor General of the United States. As Solicitor General, he was responsible for directing and overseeing the litigation program of the United States in the Supreme Court.

Professor Days returned to the Yale faculty in 1996. He teaches and writes in the fields of civil procedure, federal jurisdiction, Supreme Court practice, anti-discrimination law, comparative constitutional law (Canada and the United States), and international human rights. From 1988 to 1993 he was the founding director of the Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for Human Rights at the Yale Law School.

Professor Days has served on human rights fact-finding missions to five different countries for five different agencies. He renders extensive service to international and national entities such as the United States Delegation to the Helsinki Accords Follow-up, the Urban League, the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He lectures both here and abroad on a wide range of subjects.

Drew Days is married to Ann Ramsay Langdon, an artist and writer. They have two daughters, Alison, medical director of a Head-Start Health Clinic in El Paso, Texas, and Elizabeth, an actress in New York City.

In recognition of distinguished service to humanity in the fields of public service, human rights, and legal education, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Drew Saunders Days III the degree of Doctor of Laws.