

# Tech law professor heads national legal fraternity

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Professionalism and ethics will be two areas stressed by the nation's largest and oldest legal fraternity, the new international president of the organization said Sunday.

"There have been lots of complaints by lay people, many of which are justified, that the legal profession could use a resurgence of professional ethics, and that's one thing we'll be trying to stress," said J. Hadley Edgar Jr., a Tech law school professor.

Edgar will serve a two-year term as president of the fraternity. The fraternity has more than 100,000 members in 119 accredited law schools located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala and Puerto Rico.

During his tenure as president of the fraternity, Edgar will serve as president of the fraternity's council. The council is composed of five elected members who meet quarterly over a two-year term.

Edgar also will represent the fraternity at various functions conducted at the different chapters.

Edgar, a member of the State Bar of Texas, teaches torts, product liability, pre-trial and trial procedure and appellate procedure at Tech.

He also is a member of the American Bar Association and served a former president of the Lubbock County Bar Association.

Edgar serves as chairman of the state bar's Pattern Jury Charges Committee. In 1982, Edgar received the state bar's Certificate of Merit.

In 1982, Edgar was selected by law school students as the outstanding law professor at Tech.

Before teaching at Tech, Edgar practiced general civil trial law in Amarillo. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and attended the University of Texas School of Law, graduating with honors.