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### **Genetics expert Philip Reilly to give lecture at USI on November 14**

Dr. Philip R. Reilly, CEO of Interleukin Genetics in Massachusetts, will explore the impact of our rapidly expanding ability to understand human genes in our society. His presentation, "Your Genetic Information: How Private? How Public?" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 in Carter Hall of the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana. The lecture, free and open to the public, is part of the USI Core Curriculum public lecture series.

Dr. Reilly's discussion will touch on such topics as how we will reconcile the public value of the information with the right to privacy; how wide spread use of genetic information may affect the practice of medicine, the insurance industry, public education, and the criminal justice system; and how we should draw the lines of privacy.

Dr. Reilly has served as president of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics and is a member of the FBI DNA Advisory Board.

A medical doctor and a lawyer, Dr. Reilly became CEO of Interleukin in 1999. Prior to working at Interleukin, Dr. Reilly was executive director for 10 years of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center for Mental Retardation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization. He has also held numerous teaching positions at Tufts University School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Brandeis University.

Dr. Reilly has served on many national committees chartered to explore public policy issues raised by advances in genetics, and is frequently asked to comment on these topics by the national media. He is the author of four books and has published more than 100 articles in scholarly journals.

His latest book, published in 2000 by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, is *Abraham Lincoln's DNA and Other Adventures in Genetics*. An editorial review of the book in the March 2001 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine* said the 21<sup>st</sup> century has begun with an overwhelming outpouring of advances in molecular biology and genetics, and the medical profession has only started to wrestle with the many social and moral questions posed by the startling progress in these fields. Philip Reilly suggests in this straightforward and readable collection of intertwined essays, society as a whole must confront these questions. For laypeople and professionals alike who yearn for better understanding of genetically engineered crops, DNA fingerprinting, cloning, or gene therapy, Reilly offers literature that will frame our public discourse as we decide how to use the burgeoning knowledge of the genome.

Dr. Reilly holds a BA from Cornell University, a JD from Columbia University, and an MD from Yale University.

**Note to media:** More information about Dr. Reilly is available from Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor of biology, 464-1709, at University of Southern Indiana.

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