Professorships established

Generous gifts from alumni and friends of the School and continuing fundraising efforts of reunion classes have enabled the Law School to set up a number of new named professorships in the last year.

The Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professorship of Law, the William W. Bishop, Jr. Professorship of Law and the John Philip Dawson Collegiate Professorship of Law were approved by the Regents in May. The three professorships will be supported by the gift of alumnus Joseph Parsons, J.D. '27. In addition, as a 25th reunion gift, the class of '65 has undertaken the establishment of a Research Professorship to bear Professor Bishop's name.

The Wade H. McCree, Jr. Collegiate Professorship of Law, approved by the Regents in June, is the 50th Reunion Project of the Class of '40. It is also supported through gifts from friends and colleagues of McCree, who died in 1987. These four professorships honor outstanding former Law School faculty. They are named for:

- **Francis A. Allen**, the Edson R. Sunderland Professor Emeritus of Law, who served as dean from 1966-71 and retired in 1986. "As dean he guided the Law School with confidence, dignity and eloquence through years that were troubling for all institutions of higher learning," Dean Lee C. Bollinger said. "As scholar he is an outstanding leader in criminal law and procedure. As teacher he continues to win the respect and affection of all who study with him."

- **William W. Bishop, Jr.**, who was the Edwin DeWitt Dickinson University Professor of Law from 1966 to 1976. "The offices, appointments and honors he won are too numerous to count, bearing mute witness to his central role in advancing the Law School to center stage in the world of international law," Bollinger said. "Professor Bishop was a universally treasured colleague. His most important legacy, however, is in the hearts and minds of generations of students who knew and loved him not only as a towering figure and intellect but as the sweetest of souls."

- **John Philip Dawson**, who taught law at U-M from 1927-56. "While a member of the Law School faculty and throughout the remainder of his career he became recognized as an outstanding figure in the fields of restitution, contract law, and legal history," according to Bollinger. "He was revered by generations of students for the unrelenting intellectual demands he made with the utmost gentleness of spirit. He was one of the great figures in the history of the Law School."

- **Wade H. McCree, Jr.**, who served as Solicitor General of the United States under presidents Carter and Reagan and became the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law at U-M in 1981.

"Professor McCree's experiences in the most important legal positions in our country provided a wealth of material that enriched his roles as inspiring classroom teacher, treasured colleague of the faculty, and wise counselor to students," said Bollinger.

"He was part of the generation that brought Black lawyers into successful participation in all branches of the legal
profession; his career and successes as a Black lawyer were a vitally important part of the transformation, and added to his unique contributions to the Law School.”

“The professorship will be the first research professorship in the Law School. It will be supported by an endowment created by the Law School class of 1963 as its 25th reunion gift and by other funds gifted by the Proffitts’ friends.”

Proffitt retired in 1986 after 30 years on the School’s faculty. He received his J.D. degree in 1948 and an L.L.M. degree in 1956 from the U-M. Following a brief period in practice, he returned to academic life as a research assistant in international law at the University of Nebraska and later as a member of the law faculty at the University of Missouri.

He returned to the U-M in 1956 as associate professor of law and assistant dean of the Law School. He was later promoted to professor and associate dean.

The Moskowitz Professorship is a joint professorship in business and law. It is the result of a generous pledge of $750,000 from the Republic National Bank of New York to honor former Chairman Louis Moskowitz and the memory of his wife, Myrtle Moskowitz.

The Moskowitz Professorship will provide the cornerstone of a joint endeavor between the business and law schools to attract and retain outstanding faculty in the areas of law, economics and finance.

The professorship will assist a faculty member from the Law School and the School of Business Administration, on a rotating basis, by providing, as funds are available, a periodic one-semester leave from all teaching and administrative responsibilities at a crucial point in those individuals' research to allow them to bring their work to fruition. Holders of the professorship will be jointly chosen by the deans of the two schools.

As Law Quadrangle Notes went to press, four Law School faculty members were appointed to the School’s new collegiate professorships. Richard O. Lempert will hold the Allen chair; Donald H. Regan will hold the Bishop chair; Thomas A. Green will hold the Dawson chair; and David L. Chambers will hold the McCree chair. They will be profiled in greater detail in the next issue of the magazine.

Faculty News

Andrew S. Watson, professor of law and of psychiatry, became a professor emeritus in May. Following graduation from Temple University School of Medicine and prior to joining the U-M, Watson taught at the University of Pennsylvania from 1955-59. He then joined the U-M as assistant professor of psychiatry and of law. He was promoted to associate professor in 1962 and professor in 1966.

Watson’s research in the Department of Psychiatry focused on such areas as techniques for simultaneous treatment of marital partners and the psychodynamics and community management of the battered child syndrome. He taught medical students and psychiatry residents, served as a supervisor of conjoint therapy and as a leader for residents in forensic psychiatry.

Watson did “important work on the Law School teaching process, with particular emphasis on exploring the psychological dimension of lawyer-client relations in the Law School Clinics,” the Regents noted in announcing his emeritus status. “In his scholarship, Dr. Watson has been a true pioneer in bringing together the fields of law and psychiatry. Both as a teacher and a colleague, Dr. Watson enjoyed enormous success, not only in bringing psychiatry into the Law School, but also in paving the way for the widespread introduction of many other disciplines into the study of law. More than most,” they added, “he taught not only his students, but also other members of his faculty.”