Faculty retirements

Luke K. Cooperrider, Professor of Law, retired from active faculty status this spring after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the University and the Law School.

Professor Cooperrider earned a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from The University of Michigan. He was a member of the class of 1948, which celebrated its thirty-fifth reunion this spring. Following his graduation from the Law School, he practiced law in Cleveland before joining the faculty of the Law School in 1952.

Professor Cooperrider was one among that small group of faculty members upon whom great universities depend, those who devote countless hours to ensuring the reality of faculty governance. Over the years, he served in the Senate Assembly and as a member of the Tenure Committee, the Research Policy Committee, and the Budget Priorities Committee. Perhaps most importantly, he served as Chairman of the Board in Control of Student Publications during the troubled years of the late 1960s and early 1970s. To each of these positions, and to a much larger number of assignments within the Law School, Professor Cooperrider brought an incisive mind, careful judgment, and a deep understanding of the values of academic life.

Professor Cooperrider earned the respect of his colleagues and students as a man learned in the law, one whose knowledge and understanding were far broader than the particular fields—torts, evidence, and restitution—that were his specialties. A dedicated teacher, he has devoted much of his time during the last years of his active career on the faculty to directing and significantly strengthening the School’s vitally important Writing and Advocacy Program.

Professor Cooperrider and his wife Virginia are now residing in Arizona.

Eric Stein, Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law, retired from active faculty status as of May 31, 1983. A scholar of international renown, Professor Stein has added great distinction to the Law School’s program in international legal studies.

Professor Stein has taken as his province two of the grand themes of current international affairs—first, disarmament and weapons control, especially nuclear weapons control, and second, the law governing international business transactions. He authored or co-authored five major books on international law and has published scores of scholarly articles.

Professor Stein holds law degrees from Charles University in Prague and from The University of Michigan, as well as honorary doctoral degrees from the two free Universities of Brussels. He practiced law in Prague and later served on the staff of the Department of State in this country and on the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. He has continued to serve in a number of advisory and consulting roles with the Department of State since joining the Law School faculty in 1955.

Professor Stein also served as a consultant to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He is an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Paris, a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations, the International Law Association, and numerous other professional associations in this country and abroad. Professor Stein has served on the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law and many other legal publications.

He has lectured widely in the United States and Europe. In 1971, he was the Carnegie Endowment Lecturer in International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law. Last year, he received the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung award and was a Visiting Research Scholar at the Max-Planck-Institutes in Hamburg and Heidelberg.

As scholar, teacher, professional, and co-director of the Law School’s program in International Legal Studies, Professor Stein has displayed extraordinary scope and vision, fostering a truly global perspective in his students and the Law School community.