Harry Edwards
Appointed To
U.S. Court Post

Harry T. Edwards, U-M law professor, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He had been nominated for the post in December by President Carter. Edwards assumed the federal court post in March following confirmation by the U.S. Senate. At 39, he is one of the youngest judges sitting on a U.S. appeals court. The Washington court is generally considered one of the most influential in the nation, second only to the U.S. Supreme Court. It deals primarily with cases of national significance.

The court vacancy was created by the recent decision of Chief Judge David Bazelon to assume "senior status."

A member of the Michigan law faculty since 1970 and a specialist in labor law and arbitration, Edwards was elected chairman of the board of Amtrak, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, in April, 1979. He had first been appointed by President Carter as an Amtrak board member in 1977. Edwards, a 1962 graduate of Cornell University, received his law degree from the U-M in 1965 graduating with "high distinction." He served on the Michigan Law Review and was a member of the national legal honor society, the Order of the Coif.

Before joining the U-M law faculty, he spent five years with the firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson in Chicago. He has also served on the Harvard Law School faculty from 1975-77 and holds a summer post with the Harvard Institute of Educational Management.

Edwards is the author of four textbooks, including The Lawyer as a Negotiator, Collective Bargaining and Labor Arbitration, Higher Education and the Law, and a legal casebook, Labor Relations Law in the Public Sector.

Edwards has served as vice president of the board of governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators, and has been a member of the nine-person executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools. He was among a group of lawyers designated to serve on the American Bar Association Commission on Law and the Economy, which recently issued a widely-known report on "Federal Regulation: Roads to Reform."

Since 1976 he served as a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States. In 1977 he was appointed by the President as a member of the International Women's Year Commission.

Edwards is married to Ila Hayes Edwards and has two children, Brent, 11, and Michelle, 8.

Knauss, Morgan, And Schneider Named Supreme Court Clerks

Three recent graduates of the University of Michigan Law School have been named clerks for U.S. Supreme Court justices for the court term beginning fall, 1980.

The U-M Law School consistently has one or two graduates selected as Supreme Court clerks each year. This is the first time in recent history that three graduates have been named to the sought-after clerkships.

The graduates selected were Robert Knauss, who will clerk for Justice William H. Rehnquist; Richard Gregory Morgan, who will clerk for Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.; and Carl E. Schneider, who will serve under Justice Potter Stewart. The three clerks, all 1979 law graduates, will serve for one year.

Knauss, a graduate of Ann Arbor's Pioneer high school where he starred on the tennis team, is currently serving as law clerk for Judge Walter R. Mansfield of the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York City. At U-M Law School he was note editor of the Michigan Law Review. (His father, Robert L. Knauss, was a U-M law professor and vice-president for student services, and until recently dean of Vanderbilt University School of Law. Knauss' younger brother Charles is currently a U-M law student.)