New chairs

Cooper, Krier receive named professorships

In recognition of their significant contributions to legal scholarship and their distinction in the classroom, Professors Edward H. Cooper and James E. Krier have been appointed to named professorships. Cooper has been named the Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law and Krier, the Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law.

Edward H. Cooper, who serves as associate dean for academic affairs, is highly regarded for a leading treatise on federal jurisdiction and civil procedure, which he coauthored, and for his work in antitrust law.

"As a teacher, Professor Cooper is widely respected by students," said Dean Lee C. Bollinger. "As associate dean, he has managed to be both supremely efficient and beloved by his colleagues."

Cooper joined the Law School faculty in 1972, following private practice in Detroit and teaching at the Wayne State University Law School and at the University of Minnesota Law School. He received his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1961 and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1964.

Professor Cooper presently serves as a reporter on the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction for the Judicial Conference of the United States. He is also an advisor to the American Law Institute on its Restatement [Second] of Judgments as well as its Complex Litigation Project. He was recently elected to the Council of the American Law Institute, one of the most prestigious bodies in American law.

James E. Krier has authored and coauthored a large number of articles and books, primarily in the fields of property law and environmental law. As Dean Bollinger noted, "Professor Krier has enjoyed outstanding success in teaching, not only his primary subjects of environmental law and property law, but also such innovative subjects as legal writing for a lay audience." Much of his writing employs the tools of economic analysis and the perspectives of other social sciences to illuminate and guide legal doctrine. Krier's book, Property, coauthored with Professor Jesse Dukeminier of the UCLA Law School and now in its second edition, is the most widely used property course book in the United States.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School, Krier served as a law clerk to the late Roger J. Traynor, chief justice of the Supreme Court of California. He practiced law with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. and served as professor of law at UCLA and Stanford before joining the Michigan Law School faculty in 1983.

Krier, who regularly consults with governmental agencies on environmental problems, is directing his current research toward problems of risk management.