George Palmer Retires After 46 Years At U-M

Prof. George E. Palmer retired from the U-M Law School faculty at the end of the winter, 1978, semester. He has been teaching at U-M since 1946 mainly in the areas of trusts and estates, and restitution.

Prof. Palmer says he is looking forward to having freedom to choose how to spend his time, but he is not ready to give up teaching entirely. He will teach at University of California's Hastings Law School during the 1979 winter term but has no firm plans beyond that.

Following graduation from U-M Law School in 1932, Palmer entered private practice in Indianapolis. In 1939 he entered Columbia Law School where he earned a Master of Laws degree. He worked as attorney, then associate general counsel, for the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C., from 1942 through 1945. He was then with the Department of Justice briefly before joining the U-M faculty.

Palmer's publications include casebooks on trusts and successions, and restitution. His treatise on restitution will be published this spring.

Correction

A list of U-M law graduates who received judicial clerkships, appearing in the fall 1977 issue of Law Quadrangle Notes, failed to mention the name of Linda M. Ojala, class of 1976, who is serving as law clerk for Justice Charles L. Levin of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Virginia Nordby Award at the Law School

University of Michigan Law School lecturer Virginia B. Nordby, who also serves as policy coordinator in the U-M Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been named recipient of the 1978 Susan B. Anthony Award at the Law School.

The award, named for the 19th century pioneer in the women's suffrage movement, honors contributions furthering the status of women at the Law School. Now in its fourth year, the award is given by the U-M Women Law Students Association.

Nordby, who teaches a "women and the law" course at the Law School, is author of Michigan's 1975 Criminal Sexual Conduct Act (rape law), which was designed to reduce the trauma of rape victims in dealing with the legal system.

Along with researchers at the U-M's Institute for Social Research, Nordby is currently engaged in a study to determine the effectiveness of the Michigan law reform effort in reducing the incidence of rape and in facilitating legal action. The study is funded by the National Rape Center of the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Nordby recently served as one of three U-M representatives in dealings with the Chicago office of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, regarding the U-M's compliance with federal affirmative action guidelines.

Virginia Nordby

Law School Receives Benedum Grant

The University of Michigan Law School has received a $500,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa., for the construction of the new law library addition.

The Benedum Foundation was established in 1944 by Michael L. Benedum and his wife Sarah. Benedum was an independent oil and gas producer known as "the world's greatest wildcatter" for his oil and gas explorations throughout the United States and Central and South America.

The foundation was established as a memorial to the Benedums' son, Claude Worthington Benedum, who died in the U.S. armed forces during World War I.

In a letter to the Law School announcing the grant, Paul R. Jenkins, executive vice president of the Benedum Foundation, said:

"Because of its special concerns and the limitations of its resources, the Benedum Foundation generally restricts its grants program to the Tri-State Area of Pittsburgh. However, from time to time we have reached out to participate in major developmental efforts of certain of those educational and other institutions, like The University of Michigan Law School, whose impact is national and even international in scope.

"The subject grant ranks as one of the largest this Foundation has committed in its history to such a purpose," continued the letter. "It was authorized with a full appreciation of the fact that the Benedum Foundation is thereby joining in a remarkable tradition of excellence in legal education and research. The continued strength of our society is dependent upon the kind of scholarship, breadth and sophistication in the law which only Michigan and a few others are capable of producing."

Michigan law Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine said the Benedum grant, contributed as part of the Law School's capital campaign, "came at a critical time, when we were preparing to break ground for the new building. The grant moves us significantly forward in reaching our campaign goal of $10 million and will help us complete our new building."