Henrietta Slote

A patent attorney in Detroit for more than 40 years, Choate said he would continue his full-time private practice with the firm of Barnes, Kisselle, Raisch and Choate. In addition, Choate said he plans to complete a supplement to his 1973 casebook on patent law.

"I just decided that 20 years was enough," Choate commented, noting that he stepped down to allow "a younger person to carry on." He added, "I was still having good classes and enjoying it."

Teaching has been rewarding, according to Choate. "The most pleasure is in seeing people get interested in patent law and take it up as a career. Quite a few of my students are in active practice," he remarked.

Accepting the emeritus position will allow Choate to have "a continuing status" at the Law School, enabling him to offer guest lectures, he said.

Choate graduated from U-M and U-M Law School in 1936 with joint B.S.E. (engineering) and J.D. degrees. He entered full-time private practice in Detroit that same year and added Law School teaching duties in 1960, when the late Arthur M. Smith accepted a judgeship at the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals.

U-M Law School has offered a patent law course on a regular basis since 1960, and the school will continue in winter term, 1980. U-M Law School alumnus Vincent Barker, himself a former student of Choate's, will be the instructor. Barker has previously taught patent law at the University of Toledo.

—Mark Simonian

Philip Soper Serves On Air Quality Committee

Philip Soper, a U-M law professor, has been appointed to a national committee that is to identify and study major issues in achieving objectives of the federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1977.

Soper was appointed to the Committee on Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality which will conduct the study under sponsorship of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Their report is expected to be completed and sent to Congress in the summer of 1980.

A member of the U-M law faculty since 1973, Soper previously served as staff attorney with the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality and as law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White. He received the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, and a law degree from Harvard University.

Henrietta Slote In Administrative Manager's Post

Henrietta Slote is serving in the new post of administrative manager and assistant to the dean at the Law School, in charge of the physical plant and all non-instructional personnel.

She had served as editor in the Division of Research of the U-M School of Business Administration for 11 years before assuming the Law School post.

Among new projects under Slate's direction are refurbishing the student lounge in Hutchins Hall, improvement of the moot court room funded as part of a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), and the eventual establishment of expanded audio-visual instructional facilities at the Law School. She is also involved in planning for a new faculty lounge in existing Law School buildings pending completion of the new library addition.

The LEAA grant was recently made to the state's 22nd judicial circuit in Washtenaw County, which is using the Law School's second-floor moot court room as an adjunct courtroom for civil cases in an attempt to reduce the court's backlog of cases. Some $1,000 in grant money was allocated for refurbishing the moot court room, notes Slote.

A 1951 summa cum laude graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, Slote received a master's degree in English from the U-M in 1952 and studied comparative literature in France under a Fulbright scholarship.