St. Antoine Is Re-Appointed To Law School Deanship

Theodore J. St. Antoine, dean of the U-M Law School since 1971, has been reappointed to the deanship.

The appointment was approved in February by the Regents. In recommending the re-appointment, U-M Vice-President Frank Rhodes noted faculty and student "enthusiasm" for Dean St. Antoine to continue in the post. "To this enthusiasm I wish to add my own admiration for his leadership within the Law School," said Rhodes.

St. Antoine has been a member of the law faculty since 1965. Previously he practiced labor law in Washington, D.C., mostly at the Supreme Court level.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties at U-M, St. Antoine remains active in the labor law field. He is currently serving as president of the Resource Center for Consumers of Legal Services in Washington, D.C., a group which advocates pre-paid group legal plans.

Recently St. Antoine was appointed to a 26-member national task force to improve procedures of the National Labor Relations Board (see other Law Quadrangle Notes story). He also served as chairman of Michigan Gov. William Milliken's special Workmen's Compensation Advisory Commission, which produced a study of the state's problems in the workmen's compensation field.

Payton, Whitman Join Michigan Law Faculty

Two women, including a former editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review, have accepted full-time appointments to the faculty of U-M Law School.

They are Sallyanne Payton, who has served as chief counsel for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) in Washington, D.C., and Christina Brooks Whitman, who is completing a one-year clerkship with Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., of the United States Supreme Court.

"Sally Payton and Christina Whitman are as fine a pair of appointments as the Law School has made within my memory," said Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine. "That they also happen to be the first two women to join the faculty as regular professorial appointees is a truly delightful bonus."

Christina Brooks Whitman

Payton, a 1974 graduate of the U-M Law School, where she headed the Law Review during her senior year. She received the Abram W. Sempliner Memorial Award for outstanding work for the Review and the Maurice Weigle Scholarship Award for exceptional achievement by a first-year law student. She also earned a B.A. degree in English literature and an M.A. degree in Chinese history and culture, the Dean added, "will undoubtedly lead her to become part of Michigan's rich tradition in international and comparative law."

"Both Profs. Payton and Whitman can be counted on to bring to the classroom an infectious enthusiasm about their subject and a lively spirit of inquiry," St. Antoine said. "I envy their students."

Allen Named AALS Head; Asks Lawyer Support

Acknowledging "new and acrimonious tensions" between legal education and the organized bar, the new president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) says legal education needs financial support of lawyers and judges in order to carry out needed reforms.

At the same time, AALS President Francis A. Allen has condemned efforts on the part of the bar and the judiciary to control curriculum and dictate other changes at law schools.

Allen, a U-M law professor and former dean of the Law School, said: