St. Antoine To Leave Post, Effective June 30

Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine has announced his intention to step down from the deanship on June 30, and a Dean Search Committee has been appointed at the Law School to find his successor.

In a letter to U-M President Robben W. Fleming, St. Antoine said: 

"In accordance with our understanding at the time I accepted an extension of my term as dean last year, I should like to confirm that I wish to conclude my service on June 30, 1978. Our capital fund-raising effort, which was announced publicly last fall, is off to a good start, and I have every hope that it will be substantially completed by the time my successor assumes office.

St. Antoine said, "Being dean of a great law school like Michigan has been an honor beyond any of my aspirations. The tasks have been challenging and the rewards great. Nonetheless, I ultimately regard myself as far more lawyer than administrator, and I think it is time for me to return to full-time teaching and research."

U-M law Prof. Francis A. Allen, who is heading the Dean Search Committee, said he hopes the committee can recommend a successor by the end of the year. The final choice will be made by the U-M Board of Regents.

The committee began soliciting names for a possible successor from U-M faculty and alumni around Oct. 1, narrowing the choices to "only serious possibilities" in November, according to Prof. Allen. The position is also being advertised nationally.

Other members of the search committee are Profs. Frank R. Kennedy, Jerold H. Israel, James J. White, Gerald M. Rosberg and Sallyanne Payton, and U-M law students Robert Santos and Steven Berlin.

In a letter to Dean St. Antoine, President Fleming said, "The respect and admiration which all of us have for you has made your tenure a very productive one for the Law School. I am sorry you have had to spend so much of your time on fund-raising, but the new library will be largely a monument to your efforts."

Appointed to the Law School deanship in 1971 for a five-year term, St. Antoine was re-appointed to the post in 1976 with the expectation that he would step down after a two-year period.

During his time as dean, the Law School embarked on the first capital campaign in its 117-year history with a goal of $10 million, including $8 million for the construction of an underground library addition. (See story on the library addition elsewhere in Law Quadrangle Notes.)

Under St. Antoine's leadership, the Law School expanded its clinical law program, revamped its legal writing and advocacy program, and placed greater emphasis on interdisciplinary studies involving such fields as psychiatry and the social sciences.

New programs included a course on legal ethics and personal values, and clinical law offerings dealing with tax law, child abuse and problems of aging.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, St. Antoine has remained active in the labor field. He served as president of the National Resource Center for Consumers of Legal Services in Washington, D.C., a group which publicizes pre-paid legal plans, and was also appointed to a 26-member national task force to improve procedures of the National Labor Relations Board.

On the state level, he served as chairman of 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.

St. Antoine was recently named program chairman for the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar. A member of the U-M law faculty since 1965, St. Antoine previously practiced labor law in Washington, D.C., mostly at the Supreme Court level.

Prof. Peter Steiner Named to CED Post

Peter O. Steiner, professor of economics and law at The University of Michigan, has been elected chairman of the Research Advisory Board to the Committee for Economic Development (CED), a national business-oriented public policy advisory group.

Made up of some 200 business leaders, the CED issues research and policy statements on national and world economic matters, including such questions as U.S. energy policy, revitalization of American cities, performance of the U.S. economy, and relations among industrial and less developed countries.

The Research Advisory Board, which includes faculty members from several universities, serves "to channel academic input into the CED's research and policy discussions," notes Steiner. Another U-M faculty member currently serving on the advisory board is Prof. Paul W. McCracken of the School of Business Administration.

Steiner was elected by CED trustees for a two-year term as Research Advisory Board chairman, beginning during the current year. He had served as a member of the board for the past two years.

In 1976 Steiner was elected to a two-year term as president of the American Association of University Professors. The author of many books and scholarly articles, Steiner recently won the U-M Press Book Award for his newest book, "Mergers: Motives, Effects, Policies," published by the U-M Press in 1975. He has been professor of economics and law at Michigan since 1968, and from 1972-74 was chairman of the U-M department of economics.