Alfred F. Conard
Is Butzel Professor

Prof. Alfred F. Conard, a U-M law faculty member since 1954, has been named to the distinguished Henry M. Butzel Professorship at the Law School.

Conard will hold the professorship for a five-year term, succeeding Prof. Paul G. Kauper who died in May after serving as Butzel Professor for two consecutive terms.

In recommending the appointment, Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine noted Prof. Conard’s contributions in personal injury law, European corporation law, and American legal education.

“Prof. Conard is one of the broadest-gauged, most original, and most forceful thinkers in American legal education,” Dean St. Antoine said. “He will be a worthy successor to Paul Kauper as Butzel Professor.”

Conard currently serves as chairman of the editorial advisory board of the Bobbs-Merrill Company and as editor of the corporation law volume of the International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law. From 1968-71 he was editor of the American Journal of Comparative Law and in 1972 he co-edited one of the standard casebooks in business law, Enterprise Organization.

Prof. Conard served as president of the Association of American Law Schools in 1971 and has been a leading advocate of clinical law programs as part of the law school curriculum.

His study on Automobile Accident Costs and Payments, completed in 1964 in collaboration with U-M Prof. James Morgan, served as a pioneer work in the “no-fault” compensation movement.

Among other activities, he was holder of a Guggenheim Fellowship and served as a visiting professor at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies. He has been associated with many legal organizations, including the Order of the Coif and various units of the American Bar Association.

Prof. Conard joined the U-M faculty in 1954 after teaching at the University of Missouri, University of Kansas City, and University of Illinois. A graduate of Grinnell College of Iowa, he received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1936 and a master of laws and doctor of the science of law degrees from Columbia University.

The Butzel Professorship, named for an 1892 U-M law graduate, carries an annual stipend which is derived from an endowment Butzel willed to the University.

Words In Memory of Paul G. Kauper

The following is a resolution passed by The University of Michigan law faculty in memory of Prof. Paul G. Kauper:

Paul Kauper died in May, 1974, following a short illness, 38 years after joining the law faculty and when he was at the height of his powers as an active member of the faculty. The Law School lost a precious asset and the legal profession lost a master of constitutional law.

Law faculties occasionally have great teachers or great scholars, but only rarely are great teaching and scholarship combined in the person of one man as they were in Paul. His contributions to scholarship were many and enduring, and his influence on two generations of students was as important and enduring as that of any member of this faculty within living memory.

Paul’s influence on students was due not only to his exceptional abilities as teacher and scholar but also to his qualities as a person. There is no need to recite his virtues for he seemed to have them all in greater degree than is the lot of most of us. His presence was an implicit communication to students of the role of lawyers as members of an honorable and sometimes even noble profession, and of the importance of law in an ordered society. If this communication is to come about in law schools, and it is of first importance that it should, this will be partly because students are aided in their learning by teachers of Paul’s moral stature. When such a man gives the years of his life to the study and teaching of law, this says something about law and the legal profession as they should be and sometimes are.

Paul brought to the study of constitutional law an unusual knowledge of and sense of history, which enhanced his understanding of current problems and his prescience of emerging problems. His writings are an important part of the permanent repository of knowledge about constitutional law.

Paul’s death was a great loss to the Law School because he had fruitful years to come, but his life was a permanent contribution to the life of the Law School of incalculable value.

Rosberg, Waggoner
Join Law Faculty

Two 1974 additions to The University of Michigan law faculty are Gerald M. Rosberg and Lawrence W. Waggoner.
Rhonda R. Rivera
Named Assistant Dean

Rhonda R. Rivera, a Michigan lawyer and educator, is the new assistant dean in charge of student affairs at the University of Michigan Law School.

Law Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine noted that "a large part of Ms. Rivera's activities will consist of student counseling and advising, covering a wide range of student problems. In addition to handling student registration and class scheduling, Ms. Rivera will serve in effect as the secretary of the law faculty."

Dean St. Antoine observed that Ms. Rivera's "background in the practice of law and in teaching and academic administration make her exceptionally well-qualified" for the new post.

A cum laude graduate of Douglass College of Rutgers University, Ms. Rivera received a master of public administration degree in 1960 from Syracuse University and a law degree, summa cum laude, from Wayne State University Law School in 1967. After serving as a research economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, she was an instructor in public administration at the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico from 1962-64 and an assistant professor of economics and business administration at Hope College in Michigan from 1966-72. For the past two years she has been assistant dean at Grand Valley State College in Michigan. A member of the Michigan bar, Ms. Rivera has practiced law on a part-time basis since her graduation from law school in 1967. In her post at the Law School, she will succeed Bailey H. Kuklin who has accepted a faculty position at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville. Kuklin, a U-M law graduate and former Peace Corps volunteer, had served as assistant law dean since 1970.

Dean St. Antoine noted that Kuklin "occupied one of the most sensitive positions at the Law School, dealing daily with a host of student problems. He exhibited a rare blend of sympathy, mature judgment and firmness in the handling of an unusually difficult assignment."

Philosopher Rawls Is Visiting Professor

John Rawls, a noted legal philosopher, is spending the current academic year at The University of Michigan as William W. Cook Visiting Professor.

The professorship, administered by the U-M Law School, replaces for 1974-75 the Cook Lectures on American Institutions, which have brought distinguished speakers to the campus almost annually since 1944.

A well-known member of the Harvard University philosophy department, Prof. Rawls is offering a graduate seminar on "Ethics" this term and will teach a course on legal philosophy during the winter term.

U-M Law Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine says the new arrangement expands the original concept of the Cook Lectures by providing intellectual stimulation for faculty and students for a full academic year.

Prof. Rawls is best known for his book A Theory of Justice, published in 1971, in which he challenges traditional utilitarian notions with a new theory of justice for the individual. The book was given the Coif Award by the Association of American Law Schools, which honors the outstanding work in the field of law over a three-year period. This was the first time the award was given to a work by a scholar outside the legal profession.

Born in 1921 in Baltimore, Rawls graduated from Princeton University in 1943 and received a doctorate there in 1950. He taught at Princeton, Cornell, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining the Harvard faculty in 1962.

In addition to his book, Rawls has written numerous articles for professional journals. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and served as president of the Association of Political and Legal Philosophy.

The Cook lectures and professorship at the U-M are named for William W. Cook, a New York lawyer who received an undergraduate degree from Michigan in 1880 and a law degree here in 1882. Among other gifts, Cook provided funds for the Law Quadrangle and established an endowment fund for legal research and for the Cook lecture-professorship on American institutions.

Members of the U-M Committee which selected Rawls as Cook visiting professor were Dean St. Antoine, Associate Law Dean William Pierce, Prof. Alfred F. Conard of the Law School, Prof. Sidney Fine of the History Department, Angus Camp-