Law professors get new names

Three distinguished members of the Law School faculty have been honored with appointments to named chairs. Professor John H. Jackson has become the Henry M. Butzel Professor of Law, a position long held by his recently retired colleague, Alfred F. Conard. Named to the new Robert A. Sullivan Professorship of Law is James J. White. Jerold H. Israel has become the first Alene and Allan F. Smith Professor of Law. The profiles given here describe the distinct contributions each has made to the intellectual and professional vitality of the Law School.

☑ Professor James J. White is among the nation’s leading scholars in the field of commercial law. He received a B.A. magna cum laude from Amherst College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. After practicing law in Los Angeles, he returned to Michigan in 1964 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and professor in 1969. He has also been a visiting professor at Wayne State and Harvard Universities. A skilled and efficient administrator, Professor White served as Associate Dean of the Law School from 1978 to 1981.

He has written extensively on a broad range of commercial law topics and is the author of several widely used casebooks. The text on the Uniform Commercial Code that he co-authored with Professor Robert Summers has become the standard reference on that important subject. He is also a frequent contributor to professional and scholarly periodicals.

Among Professor White’s many public service activities, the most noteworthy are his service as executive director of the National Institute for Consumer Justice, his service as chairman of Michigan’s Advisory Commission on the Regulation of Financial Institutions, and his current service as a trustee of the Ann Arbor Board of Education.

Professor White is widely regarded as one of the most demanding and yet most popular of the School’s teachers. He has been a pioneer in the development of programs for training students in professional skills. He played a leading role in the establishment of the School’s clinical law program and created a course, which has become a model for similar courses at other institutions, to train students in the art of negotiation.

Professor White has made important contributions to the community, the state, and the nation as well as to the Law School. He provides law students with a consummate model of the qualities of mind, the precision, dedication, and acuity, which characterize the finest legal professionals.

☑ Professor Jerold H. Israel received a B.B.A. from Western Reserve University and an LL.B. from Yale University. Thereafter, he served for two years as a law clerk to Justice Potter Stewart of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1961, he joined the law faculty at Michigan as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1964 and to professor in 1967. He has been a visiting faculty member at the Stanford Law School and at the University of Florida.

Professor Israel is an eminent authority in the field of criminal law, particularly distinguished by his capacity to integrate theory and practice. In recent years, he has been increasingly active in seeking to achieve reform of the criminal justice system. He served as co-reporter for the Uniform Rules of Criminal Procedure and as a member of several governmental commissions on criminal law reform. He currently serves as the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Law Revision Commission. As reporter to State Bar committees, he has proposed...
revisions of the *Michigan Penal Code* and the *Michigan Code of Criminal Procedure*. He has participated in training programs for lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and police and has authored thirteen training films designed to educate police officers about legal restrictions governing their activities.

With Professor Yale Kamisar of this law faculty and others, Professor Israel is the author of two widely used casebooks on criminal procedure, both of which are currently in their fifth printing. He has co-authored two texts on criminal law, as well as numerous articles that range from subtle analyses of landmark cases to lucid overviews of areas of criminal procedure for professionals and nonprofessionals. In his writings, as in his professional service, Professor Israel manifests an unusual ability to conceive improved procedures through thoughtful examination of existing practice.

Professor Israel is consistently praised by students for his excellence as an instructor. His classes are marked by careful explication of existing practice, rigorous analysis of legal materials, and sensitivity to the uniqueness of cases, all skillfully blended with attention to principle. His own enthusiasm and interest are quickly transmitted to students who describe his classes as both stimulating and informative.

Professor Israel was among the first persons appointed to the law faculty during Allan Smith's tenure as dean. It is, therefore, especially fitting that his many contributions to the Law School, the state, and the nation have been recognized with the conferring of the first Alene and Allan F. Smith Professorship of Law.

**Professor John H. Jackson** received an A.B. degree *magna cum laude* from Princeton University and was awarded a J.D. with honors by The University of Michigan. While a student at the Law School, Professor Jackson received the Coblenz Award for the best student work for the *Michigan Law Review*. Following graduation from Law School, Professor Jackson practiced law in Milwaukee until 1961, when he joined the law faculty at the University of California, Berkeley. He became a Professor of Law at Michigan in 1966; since that time he has become an indispensable figure in the School's Graduate and International Law programs.

Professor Jackson is internationally recognized as a preeminent authority on the law of international trade. His classic study on *World Trade and the Law of GATT* is widely used by governments and embassies and has become a standard reference for practitioners in the area. In numerous other scholarly publications he has demonstrated intellectual command of and a distinctive breadth of insight into the multiple, complex issues that arise in international trade. Yet his work is not restricted to his area of specialization. Professor Jackson is the author, with Professor Lee Bollinger of this Law School, of the casebook, *Contract Law in Modern Society*, which is now in its second edition.

The importance of Professor Jackson's scholarly contributions and the widespread esteem for his expertise are revealed by the many invitations that he has received to lecture and teach throughout the world and by the frequency with which he has been asked to advise government and international agencies. He has served the United States government as General Counsel of the Office of the President's Special Representative for Trade and as a consultant to the Senate Committee on Finance. At various times he has also been called in as a consultant by G.A.T.T. (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), by the United States Treasury, the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations, UNCTAD, as well as by private law firms. He currently serves as a member of the Task Force on
Trade Laws and Practices of the Advisory Council on Japan-U.S. Economic Relations. He was a Research Scholar in Geneva, Switzerland, a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow and Professor of Law in Brussels, Belgium, and a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Delhi in India. He was invited by the U.S. government to return to India as a guest lecturer and received the U.S. State Department American Specialist Fellowship to Brazil. He was Guest Professor at the Europa Institute in Amsterdam, a Distinguished Speaker at the International Bar Association in Berlin, and a guest lecturer in Tokyo. He serves on the Board of Editors of three scholarly journals: The American Journal of International Law, the Journal of World Trade Law, and the Journal of Law and Policy in International Business.

Professor Jackson is one of the Law School’s most effective and admired teachers. His advice and example are particularly valued by our many foreign graduate students and by J.D. students who aspire to work in the international field. Professor Jackson brings to the School a sense of vital connectedness and concern with the rapidly changing law of trade between nations.

At a school with a long tradition of preeminence in international and comparative law, Professor Jackson is a truly worthy successor of scholars like Edwin D. Dickinson, William W. Bishop, and his immediate predecessor in the Henry M. Butzel Professorship, Alfred F. Conard.

Visiting faculty

This year, one in which many members of the Law School faculty were engaged in supported research, University administration, and other activities which drew them from the classroom, the School was particularly fortunate in securing the services of a large group of able and distinguished visitors.

In the fall term there were three visitors.

- **Joseph F. Brodley** was here from Boston University School of Law where he has been a professor since 1979. A graduate of UCLA who holds law degrees from Yale and Harvard, Professor Brodley practiced law in New York City and in Los Angeles before taking up teaching. He is an authority in antitrust. While at Michigan he taught Antitrust Analysis I and a seminar entitled “Mergers and Joint Ventures: Evolving Standards.”

- **John W. Wade** is Distinguished Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law. Professor Wade is an authority on conflict of laws and author of a classic casebook on torts. He holds degrees from the University of Mississippi and from Harvard. At Michigan he taught the first-year course on torts and a seminar, “Advanced Topics in Torts.”

- **James Boyd White** visited from the University of Chicago Law School. He is the author of the book, The Legal Imagination. Professor White’s subjects are criminal law, criminal procedure, and law and literacy. He is a graduate of Amherst College and of Harvard Law School. At Michigan he offered an upper level course entitled “Criminal Justice: Administration of Police Practices” and a seminar on the legal imagination.

During the winter semester, our reliance on the expertise of our visitors was even greater.

- **Professor Robert H. Abrams** visited from the Wayne State University Law School. Professor Abrams holds A.B. and J.D. degrees from Michigan. He worked for the firm Kozlow, Jasmer & Well in Southfield after his graduation from law school. He then became an assistant professor at Western New England University for three years before moving to the Wayne State faculty. Professor Abrams taught Introduction to Constitutional Law and a seminar entitled “Federalism Sovereignty and Natural Resources.”

- **Professor William R. Andersen** was with us from the University of Washington School of Law.