by Allen and Saxon helps drafters express legal rules in a logically precise form (called "normalized form") and then automatically generate expert systems based upon those precise rules. There are three computer programs that are now available for testing by users: (1) Normalizer, (2) Legal Interpretation Puzzler, and (3) Autoprolog.

The Normalizer program facilitates the process of generating legal rules in normalized form in the following ways:

a. provides the analyst valuable housekeeping assistance in specifying the constituent sentences and logical structure of the normalized rule,

b. automatically generates the normalized rule from the specified sentences and logical structure,

c. automatically generates diagrams of the logical structure of the normalized rule,

d. automatically generates more-detailed normalized versions of the rule.

The Legal Interpretation Puzzler program is a software laboratory that presents a series of problems involving the interpretation of various legal statutes in the form of puzzles that can be solved by scientific experimentation. The solving of these puzzles is challenging; it is also instructive for learning about normalized rules and becoming familiar with the legal content of the rules.

Any alumnus of the Law School who has an IBM PC compatible microcomputer available and is interested in tinkering with these three programs can obtain copies of them free of charge by contacting Professor Allen at the Law School.

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*Jackson travels to India, China to address trade issues*

At the request of the Ford Foundation, Professor John H. Jackson visited India for 10 days last February, meeting with academics and government officials for discussions concerning international trade and particularly the recently launched new GATT trade negotiation round (Uruguay Round launched in September, 1986). His schedule included a colloquium at the Indian Institute for International Trade in New Delhi, meeting with the Indian government commerce secretary and his advisors, addressing the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Bombay, and presenting several lectures at Delhi University and Jawahar Lal Nehru University. During his visit, Jackson was presented with an honorary membership in the Indian Society of International Law.

In May, Professor Jackson went to China at the invitations of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing and several other academic groups there, including the Academy of Social Sciences and the College of Foreign Affairs. During his stay, Jackson delivered lectures at those institutions, the Faculty of Law of the University of Beijing, and other audiences. Jackson’s schedule included two days of detailed discussions with officials in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade. These conversations focused on the negotiations for the resumption by China of its membership in the GATT.

In China, as in India, Jackson was honored with an award, receiving the position of "Honorary Professor" from the University of International Business and Economics. The honor was only the ninth such award made by this university.

Jackson, who spent the 1986-87 academic year as the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the Georgetown Law Center, this November is again presenting a comprehensive three-day course on international trade, sponsored by the Section on International Law and Practice of the American Bar Association. The seminar, to be held at the Aspen Institute's Wye Plantation, in Queensland, MD, is a new version of the exceedingly well-received course Jackson taught several years ago under the same auspices, following a similar course taught to U.S. government officials in 1984.