University of Michigan law Prof. Alfred F. Conard was installed as president of the Association of American Law Schools at the association's December meeting in Chicago. He became the third Michigan law faculty member to hold the presidency of the association, which includes all fully accredited law schools in the nation.

In a statement at the meeting, Conard urged more support for legal research, saying that the law profession has been "lagging badly" in devising new ways to help solve the nation's social problems.

A U-M Law School faculty member since 1954, Conard is editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Comparative Law. He is also active in other national legal organizations, including the Council of the Section on Corporation, Banking, and Business Law of the American Bar Association; the Council on Law-Related Studies; and the Law and Society Association.

Other U-M law professors serving as presidents of the Association of American Law Schools were Edson R. Sunderland in 1930 and Henry M. Bates in 1912-13.

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Congresswoman Griffiths, Alumna, Given Achievement Award

Congresswoman Martha W. Griffiths, who received a bachelor of law degree from the University of Michigan in 1940, was one of three U-M alumni to receive the University's Outstanding Achievement Award recently.

Mrs. Griffiths, U.S. Representative from Michigan's 17th District, has been a member of the Joint Economic Commission and the House Committee on Ways and Means, and has chaired the subcommittee on fiscal policy. Before being elected to Congress, she had practiced law with the Detroit firm of Griffiths and Griffiths, and served as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and as judge of the Recorder's Court in Detroit.

The citation, which was presented by U-M President Robben W. Fleming, commended Mrs. Griffiths for her "uniformly humane" legislative efforts to further "the cause of the elderly, of the unemployed, and of the needy, including needy college students."

"More recently," the citation read, "she has served also the cause of equal rights for womanhood."

Prof. Kahn Receives Prize For Law Review Article

Prof. Douglas A. Kahn of the Law School has been honored for his article on corporate law which appeared in the Michigan Law Review.

Kahn received a $1,000 prize from the Emil Brown Fund, a legal foundation in Los Angeles, which cited his "praiseworthy article in the field of preventative law."

Kahn's article dealt with insurance and tax law problems stemming from the death of a shareholder in a family business or a corporation with a limited number of stockholders.


Kahn's article was selected by a panel of prominent legal experts, including F. Hodge O'Neal, former dean of the Duke University School of Law; David F. Cavers of Harvard University; and Chief Justice Frank Kenison of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

A specialist in tax and corporate law, Kahn has been on the U-M faculty since 1964.

James R. Bieke, Alumnus, Appointed Supreme Court Clerk

James R. Bieke, a 1970 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, has been appointed law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan.

Bieke is currently serving as clerk for Chief Judge J. Edward Lumbard of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, in New York City. He will begin his duties in Washington this summer.

While at Michigan, Bieke served as editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review and earned a masters' degree in English while pursuing his law studies. He received his undergraduate education at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

Bieke joins two other recent graduates of the U-M Law School who are currently serving as Supreme Court law clerks. They are Richard H. Sayler, a clerk to Justice Byron R. White, and Robert E. Gooding, Jr., one of five "joint clerks" who are available to all the justices. Sayler and Gooding are 1969 graduates of the Law School.