

focused on social legislation and included such topics as water pollution, family law, metropolitan problems, commitment of the criminal mentally ill, and consumer protection.

He is former president and currently executive director of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

U-M Students Win Law Office Competition

Two University of Michigan Law School seniors were declared winners of a national Mock Law Office competition which tested their ability to negotiate with clients and lawyers in a series of hypothetical "law office" cases.

Winners were Miss Dawn Phillips of Grand Haven, Mich., and David Harwood of Cincinnati, Ohio. They received a cash award of \$150 apiece and a trophy which they presented to the Law School.

The competition, sponsored by the Emil Brown Fund, a legal foundation in Los Angeles, included teams from 12 law schools from around the country.

Hypothetical cases negotiated by the U-M team included one in which a client wished to use computer software as collateral for a bank loan. The student lawyers were required to deal with both the client and a lawyer representing the bank.

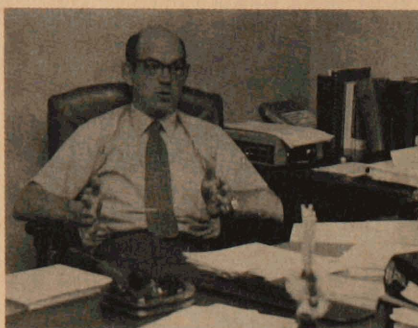
In another case, the U-M students served as house counsel for a corporation and were confronted with a corporate representative who requested advice on personal matters.

The competition, Miss Phillips notes, was basically a test of the students' ability to relate to clients and lawyers and to maintain a sense of legal ethics in their law office dealings.

Harwood and Miss Phillips were chosen to represent the Law School by U-M Prof. James J. White, a specialist in commercial transactions. This year, however, the School plans to conduct a local competition to select the student representatives.

U-M Professor Returns From Federal Stint

Fresh from a two year tour in Washington as one of the "lawyers for the White House," Prof. Thomas E. Kauper has returned to teaching



assignments in property and antitrust at the University of Michigan Law School.

Kauper was on leave from the U-M until late this summer while serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC).

In the hierarchy of departmental acronyms, the OLC is hardly as well known as HEW (Department of Health, Education and Welfare) or as curious as NOAH (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). But despite its unpretentious label, the office plays a key role within the Justice Department.

One of its most important functions is fulfilling the Attorney General's statutory duties of rendering legal opinions to the President and his executive agencies. Working in this capacity, OLC attorneys have been described as the Justice Department's "house counsels."

Among recent projects, the attorneys drafted opinions on executive privilege and presidential appointment power. Often they are called on to consult with administrative agencies on statutory provisions and current points of law. Kauper recalls that much of his own work was conducted under the constant pressure of time.

His two years in Washington were spent as deputy to Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist and as acting head in Rehnquist's absence. The office maintained a staff of 18 full-time lawyers.

In addition, Kauper chaired the office's important study committee on the Freedom of Information Act.

The U-M professor returned to Ann Arbor in August. In addition to his teaching duties, he is currently serving as Executive Director of the National Institute for Consumer Justice, a non-profit organization funded by the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity for the study of methods to resolve consumer disputes. Kauper is a 1960 graduate of the U-M Law School.

U-M Law Grads Receive Foreign Study Grants

Despite a drop in foreign fellowship funds available to universities, seven University of Michigan law graduates have received fellowship grants to study abroad in 1971-72 and several others received extensions on earlier grants.

The 1971-72 awards reflect the declining variety and size of grants available to graduate students for continued research beyond their studies at the Law School. Maxwell Fellowships for African Studies have been terminated by Syracuse University and the number and size of Fulbright scholarships have been reduced recently. Financial support from the Michigan-Ford Foundation to law graduates seeking foreign fellowships is also being phased out.

The Law School is continuing its search among alumni and other sources for funds to supplement existing outside foreign study grants.

Michigan Law graduates still receive a high proportion of the most outstanding fellowship offers. During the last 10 years, graduates have won awards totaling more than \$240,000 from sources scattered around the globe. The projects of this year's recipients indicate the scope of the grants.

Garrett B. Johnson of Akron, Ohio, received the Junior Volkswagen Fellowship for study at the University of Freiburg, Germany. Johnson, who will study pre-trial detention and criminal procedure abroad, was the only U.S. recipient of the distinguished award this year.

Stephen M. Goldman of Denver, Colo., accepted a Michigan-Ford partial fellowship to Brasenose College, Oxford University, England, for a two-year program of study in legal and political philosophy. Goldman, who was also a national semi-finalist in the prestigious Rhodes competition, studied international law at the Hague Academy last summer on a scholarship.

Gregory A. Lunt of California will begin studies in Switzerland on a Geneva Fellowship from the Institute of Higher International Studies, supplemented by Ford Foundation funds. Lunt will continue comparative studies in conflicts of law and multinational corporations.

Roger Wotila, a December law graduate from Pontiac, Mich., accepted a faculty-level grant for research and