THREE APPOINTED TO LAW FACULTY

Three appointments to the faculty of the Law School, effective next September, were approved by the Regents at their March meeting. The appointees are Frank R. Kennedy, now at the University of Iowa; Sanford H. Kadish, now at Utah University Law School; and Roger C. Cramton, now at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Kennedy will be professor of law, teaching primarily in the field of creditor's rights and securities, giving the Law School leadership in this field which it has not had since the retirement of the late Professor Durfee. A native of Missouri, Professor Kennedy received his LL.B. degree from Washington University, St. Louis, and the J.S.D. degree from Yale. Widely recognized as an authority in the field of bankruptcy, he has been a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference since 1947, is currently serving as reporter for that group, and has been named reporter and a member of the U.S. Supreme Court's committee for procedural revision relating to bankruptcy.

As professor of law, Mr. Kadish will take over some of the work in conflict of laws formerly done by Prof. Hessel E. Yntema, and will teach primarily in the field of creditor's rights and securities, giving the Law School leadership in this field which it has not had since the retirement of the late Professor Durfee. A native of Missouri, Professor Kennedy received his LL.B. degree from Washington University, St. Louis, and the J.S.D. degree from Yale. Widely recognized as an authority in the field of bankruptcy, he has been a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference since 1947, is currently serving as reporter for that group, and has been named reporter and a member of the U.S. Supreme Court's committee for procedural revision relating to bankruptcy.

Mr. Cramton will serve as visiting associate professor of law, and will teach primarily in the field of administrative law—formerly taught by Dean Stason—and also in the areas of regulated industries and in civil procedure. A 1955 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Mr. Cramton served as law clerk to Judge Sterry R. Waterman, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in 1955–56, and during the 1956–57 term as law clerk to Mr. Justice Harold H. Burton of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1957 he joined the Chicago law faculty, and during the present year has been serving as assistant dean and chairman of the committee on graduate study. He is a member of the Committee on Administrative Law of the Association of American Law Schools, and has published three major articles since 1958 as well as a number of book reviews.

Associate Dean Russell A. Smith, whose appointment to the Presidential Railroad Commission was announced in December, has been designated as vice-chairman of the 15-member commission. Dean Smith is one of the five public members on the group, which is to recommend changes in the work practices and wage structure of American railroads.

Continuing Education Program Growing Fast

A progress report on the first ten months of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education reveals plans for eleven new programs in calendar 1961 as well as repeats of several programs successfully given in recent months.

The Institute is co-sponsored by the law schools of The University of Michigan and Wayne State University and by the State Bar of Michigan. It offered its first program in April 1960 and has had a full-time director—E. Donald Shapiro—since last July.

Programs offered thus far include the Young Lawyers Seminar, given in Detroit and Ann Arbor; two medical-legal specialty courses; and the annual Advocacy Institute. The latter, held in Ann Arbor in February, had 845 lawyers in attendance for the program on "Effective Techniques on the Presentation of Evidence During Trial."

In coming months, the Institute will offer the medical-legal courses already developed in additional cities; will develop new courses in "Head, Neck and Back Injuries" and in "Psychiatry for Lawyers"; will offer a three-day program in "Probate and Tax Problems of Decedents' Estates" at Boyne Mountain Lodge, May 25–27; will expand the instruction given in the Young Lawyers Seminars; will give a refresher seminar in "Federal Trial and Appellate Procedure" in the Upper Peninsula this summer and later in the Lower Peninsula; and will develop specialty courses in "Estate Planning" and "Special Problems in Estate Planning."

Mr. Shapiro comments in his progress report that "the success of these programs has been due to many factors—the whole-hearted co-operation and encouragement given by the officers of the State Bar of Michigan; the unbelievable amount of time and effort generously expended on advisory councils by the representatives of the various sections of the State Bar and the local bar associations; the co-operation and advice advanced by the deans and faculties of the sponsoring law schools; and finally and most importantly, the indispensable enthusiasm of an enlightened bar, conscious of its obligations to the public which it serves."

Dean Smith Meets Alumni, Coast-to-Coast

Dean Allan F. Smith has met with Law School alumni in cities from coast to coast in the past few months, reporting on Law School progress and inviting questions and suggestions from former students.

Alumni meetings which he has attended include a luncheon in Indianapolis during the mid-winter meeting of the Indiana Bar; a dinner in Philadelphia during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; a luncheon in New York City in connection with the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association; and a luncheon in Milwaukee during the winter meeting of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

In February, Dean Smith also visited on the West Coast, speaking at alumni meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles. He visited the law schools at Stanford, Berkeley, and UCLA, meeting with faculty groups and discussing problems of legal education. In Los Angeles, a special meeting was arranged by alumni in order that Dean Smith might explain the Summer School for Lawyers to a group of partners in some of that city's leading law firms.

The dean was also the speaker at the annual "University Birthday Dinner" of the University of Michigan Club of Pittsburgh on March 21, and at a meeting of the Battle Creek Bar Association on March 28.