Faculty retirements

☐ Olin L. Browder, Jr., the James V. Campbell Professor of Law and one of the nation's most respected authorities on the law of property, retired from active faculty status this spring after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Law School.

Twice a graduate of the University of Illinois, Browder received his S.J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1941. Before joining the Law School faculty in 1953, he taught at the University of Oklahoma, practiced law in Chicago, and worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

One of the authors of the monumental American Law of Property, Browder has been a frequent contributor to scholarly journals. He is also co-author of three widely adopted casebooks in the areas of property, future interests, and trusts and estates. His work reflects the craftsman's attention to detail and a concern for the major themes of property law, skillfully set into a broad theoretical framework.

As a teacher, Browder brought to his students not only the intellectual qualities so evident in his scholarly work but a gentle humor and concern for their well-being. During his many years as director of graduate studies, he offered wise counsel to domestic and foreign students who now serve on law faculties throughout the world.

He has served as chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Rules Against Perpetuities and as a consultant to the Michigan Law Revision Commission in drafting the Michigan Powers of Appointment Act.

☐ Frank R. Kennedy, the Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law, retired from active faculty status this May. Widely regarded as the nation's leading expert on bankruptcy, Kennedy was executive director of the Commission on Bankruptcy Laws of the United States from 1970 to 1973. In that capacity, he was the principal architect of the recently enacted Bankruptcy Act, the first comprehensive revision of the nation's bankruptcy laws in more than three-quarters of a century.

A graduate of Southwest Missouri State University and of Washington University Law School, Kennedy also holds a doctorate in law from Yale. He began his teaching career at the University of Iowa College of Law and joined the University of Michigan law faculty in 1961. From 1960 to 1976, Kennedy served successive five-year terms, by appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States, as reporter for the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He also has been the reporter for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in drafting the Uniform Exemptions Act; chairman of the Drafting Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Bankruptcy Conference; and chairman of the Uniform Commercial Code Committee and the Secured Transactions Committee of the American Bar Association.

Kennedy's bibliography, which consists of well over one hundred items, is as extensive as his government and professional service. At the same time that he has achieved scholarly and professional preeminence, he has also rendered exceptional service to the University and to the Law School. He has served as chairman of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, on the Senate Advisory Review Committee, and on university-wide search committees. Within the Law School, the faculty and successive deans have with uncommon frequency turned to Kennedy to chair or serve on committees considering the most sensitive and important issues. To his teaching, he brought an unchallengeable command of an intricate and difficult subject matter, an impressive knowledge of actual commercial practice, and the magisterial virtues of patience and compassion.