Chairs honor professors

Seats of learning for distinguished scholars

Two appointments to named professorships marked the start of the 1991 fall term at the Law School. Peter Westen was appointed to the newly established Frank G. Millard Professorship of Law and Philip Soper was named the James V. Campbell Professor of Law.

The Millard Professorship was established through a $1.2 million gift from the estate of Dorothy E. Millard. The chair honors her husband, the late Frank Gurnee Millard, who died in 1976.

Millard received both his bachelor's degree and law degree from Michigan. After graduating from the Law School in 1916, he practiced law in Flint and was active in the Genesee County Republican Party, which he chaired from 1922-1924 and again in 1940. From 1948-1950 he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and in 1950 he was elected Attorney General for the State of Michigan — a position he held until 1954. From 1955-61 he served as General Counsel of the Department of the Army, living in Washington, D.C. On his return to Michigan in 1961, he was elected a delegate to the Michigan State Constitutional Convention, chairing the committee on Emerging Problems.

"By his wide variety of acts of public service, Frank Millard exemplified the public character of law as a profession," said Dean Lee Bollinger, announcing the establishment of the chair. "His life in the law added distinction to the profession and his School."

Peter Westen, first holder of the chair, joined the Law School faculty in 1973. He received his B.A. from Harvard College in 1964 and his J.D. from the University of California, Boalt Hall, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the California Law Review. He also studied at the University of Vienna. Following law school graduation, he clerked for Justice William O. Douglas, spent two years as a fellow at the International Legal Center in Bogota, Colombia, and practiced law in Washington, D.C.

Westen has taught courses across the breadth of the Law School's curriculum, winning the Outstanding Teaching Award for his efforts. His scholarly work has included dozens of articles and lectures. His book on equality, Speaking of Equality: An Analysis of the Rhetorical Force of "Equality" in Moral and Legal Discourse (1991) is the culmination of a decade of work that has stirred widespread debate and admiration. He is now at work on another book that seeks to rethink the concept of consent in the same way he explored the concept of equality.

"Professor Westen has been a model of all the qualities we seek in members of the Law School faculty," said Bollinger. "His appointment recognizes his myriad accomplishments and contributions and establishes a level of distinction that honors the chair itself."

Philip Soper's appointment as the James V. Campbell Professor of Law is a "recognition of the important role he plays in the life of the Law School," said Bollinger.

Soper has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1973. He received
his B.A. summa cum laude from Washington University in 1964, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy in 1965 and 1972. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1969. After graduation, he served as law clerk to Justice Byron O. White and as a member of the staff of the General Counsel of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Soper's teaching at the Law School has centered on contract law and on jurisprudence and legal philosophy. His scholarly work in legal philosophy, including his book *A Theory of Law* (1984), have made him a leading figure in the field. His numerous articles have appeared in both legal and philosophy journals and have figured prominently in debates on issues of current interest.

His work, noted Bollinger, has been central in making the School "a vital center of contemporary jurisprudence."

Among the newest named professorships in the Law School are four whose holders were appointed during the 1990-91 academic year:

**David L. Chambers** holds the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Collegiate Professorship. The chair is named for the late Wade H. McCree, Jr., who came to the Law School after a distinguished career that included service as state judge, federal judge, and Solicitor General of the United States.

Chambers joined the Law School faculty in 1969. He earned his A.B. from Princeton University in 1962 and his LL.B. from Harvard in 1965. He came to Michigan after a period in practice and service in a number of positions with the federal government.

A leading authority in family law and related areas, Chambers is author of the book *Making Fathers Pay: The Enforcement of Child Support* (1979), a pioneering example of the ways in which the empirical techniques of social science can be brought to bear on legal problems. His teaching at the School has embraced not only family law but also criminal law and professional responsibility. He has also been a leader in developing a new first-year curriculum for part of each starting class. His service to the profession has included presidency of the Board of the Society of American Law Teachers; chairmanship of the Board of Michigan Legal Services; chairmanship of the Administrative Committee of UAW-Ford Legal Services Program; and membership on a child development committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Professor Chambers was a close friend and colleague of Professor McCree," said Dean Lee Bollinger. "It is particularly fitting that he be named the first Wade H. McCree, Jr. Collegiate Professor."

**Thomas A. Green** holds the John Philip Dawson Collegiate Professorship, named for a former Law School faculty member who was an outstanding figure in restitution, contract law and legal history.

Green has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1972. Since 1980, he has also held an appointment as Professor of History in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He earned his A.B. degree at Columbia University in 1961, and his A.M., Ph.D. and J.D. degrees from Harvard in 1962, 1970 and 1972.

Green joined the Law School faculty upon completion of his legal studies and after serving for a time as a history professor. He is the author and editor of an impressive array of books, articles and other works in the field of legal history. He has focused particularly on the history of jury trial over a period of many centuries. His works bring together the disciplines of history and law in ways that represent the best qualities of outstanding work in both fields. In addition to his fine work as a scholar, Green has been an outstanding teacher both of law and history students, inside the classroom and in individual discourse.

**Richard O. Lempert** is the holder of the Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professorship of Law, named for former Law School Dean Francis A. Allen.

Lempert joined the Law School faculty in 1968. Since 1985 he has also held an appointment as Professor of Sociology in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. He earned his A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1964 and his J.D. and Ph.D. from Michigan in 1968 and 1971.

Joining the disciplines of law and
Richard Lempert's sociology has been the underpinning of his work, which has ranged across many fields. He has given particular attention to the processes of public housing evictions and the workings of juries. He is the co-author of a leading course book on evidence and has served as editor of the Law and Society Review. Much in demand as a lecturer both in the United States and abroad, he ranks as a leader in the generation of scholars that has brought to maturity the integration of legal and social studies.

"Professor Lempert joined the Law School faculty while Francis Allen was dean," Bollinger noted. "It is particularly suitable that he be the first holder of this chair.

Donald H. Regan holds the William W. Bishop, Jr. Collegiate Professorship of Law, named for the School's former Edwin DeWitt Dickinson University Professor of Law, the late William W. Bishop.

Regan joined the Law School faculty in 1968, and, since 1983, has also been Professor of Philosophy in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. He earned his B.A. in mathematics from Harvard College in 1961, his B.Phil. from Oxford in economics as a Rhodes Scholar in 1968, his LL.B. from the University of Virginia in 1966, and his Ph.D. from the U-M in 1980.

Regan has written on a variety of topics in the fields of philosophy and law. His book, *Utilitarianism and Co-operation*, won the Franklin J. Matchette Prize of the American Philosophical Association for the 1979-80 biennium. His writing on legal topics has included a monumental analysis on the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution. He is one of several interdisciplinary scholars who, by joint appointments and wide-ranging intellectual activities, are binding legal scholarship ever more tightly to the full universe of university scholarship.

Said Bollinger: "Professor Regan is a distinguished appointment as the first William W. Bishop, Jr. Collegiate Professor of Law."

Knott receives new title

Anne Percy Knott, director of major gifts for the Law School, has been appointed Assistant Dean for the Capital Campaign of the Law School.

Knott joined the School's development office in 1990. As director of major gifts, she has developed procedures for major fund-raising initiatives, including the establishment of major gifts committees around the country and in Japan.

In her new position, Knott will have special responsibility for the Law School Campaign. "Appointment as assistant dean recognizes her fine work," said Dean Lee Bollinger. "She will play an essential role in guiding the Campaign to successful completion."

"I welcome the challenge of constructing a campaign that will make a real difference to the future of the Law School and look forward to making many more friends among the alumni of the School."

Knott has been engaged in major gift activities at the University of Michigan since 1982. Before joining the Law School staff, she served eight years as an area director and major gift officer in the Office of the Vice President for Development. Knott holds a B.A. in English from Boston University and an M.A.T. in English from Harvard.

Elizabeth Mitchell-Yellin, former assistant to the Law School Fund, will assist Knott as campaign manager. Mitchell-Yellin holds an A.B. in sociology and an M.S. in organizational development, both from the University of Michigan.