Terrance Sandalow Is New Law Dean

Terrance Sandalow, U-M law professor since 1966 and a specialist in constitutional law, the federal judiciary, and urban government, becomes the new U-M law dean on July 1.

The appointment makes Sandalow the 12th dean in the Law School's 118-year history (there were also two acting deans over this period). He succeeds Theodore J. St. Antoine, the law dean for the past seven years, who had requested to return to the faculty to resume teaching and research.

The nomination of Sandalow, approved by U-M Regents, resulted from the work of a Law School search committee chaired by Prof. Francis Allen. The appointment is for a five-year period.

Sandalow said: "The challenge in the years immediately ahead will be to maintain the Law School's tradition of excellence while responding to the ever-increasing demands placed upon the school and the legal system. "Law schools are increasingly called upon to train students in skills, such as negotiation and counseling, that lawyers have customarily acquired only after entering the profession. At the same time, faculties have become aware of the legal system's need to take account of the learning of other disciplines if the law is to play the part that our society seems to demand of it. How best to respond to these challenges, while continuing to provide law students with the traditional fundamentals of a legal education, represents a formidable intellectual challenge."

Among other recent activities, Sandalow was a member of a special committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) dealing with minority admissions questions. In this capacity, he co-authored the AALS' brief filed in the U.S. Supreme Court's pending "Bakke" case dealing with preferential minority admissions at selective professional schools.

In the brief, the AALS strongly upheld the practice of using special criteria for minority admissions at law schools, where minority students have been underrepresented for many years.

A 1954 graduate of the University of Chicago, Sandalow received the Juris Doctor degree from that school in 1957. He taught at the University of Minnesota, 1961-66, before joining the Michigan law faculty.

Previously he served as law clerk to Judge Sterry R. Waterman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York, and as clerk to Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court. He also spent two years with a Chicago law firm.

Sandalow is co-author of the book "Government in Urban Areas" (1970) and has written law review and other professional articles dealing with such subjects as municipal power, reform of state and local government, racial preferences in higher education, and the judicial protection of minorities.

Among other activities, Sandalow served as counsel to the Alaska State Legislature regarding a court case which helped redefine the powers of the governor and the legislature. He has served as a consultant to New Detroit, Inc., the National Association and Regional Councils, and other metropolitan planning groups, and was chairman of a committee which investigated student disturbances at Eastern Michigan University during 1970-71, in the wake of the Kent State incident and the U.S. bombing of Cambodia.

Sandalow has been a member of the Committee on Academic Freedom of the American Association of University Professors, and was a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, Calif.

Sandalow and his wife Ina, a teacher at Scarlett Intermediate School in Ann Arbor, have three children.

Sandalow's nomination to the deanship followed the recommendation of a Dean Search Committee including six U-M law professors and two law students.