Russell Smith Asks To Be Relieved Of Associate Deanship

Russell A. Smith has resigned from the associate deanship of the Law School in order to devote all his time to research and teaching.

Professor Smith's request that he be relieved of his Law School administrative duties was approved by the Regents at their March meeting and will become effective at the end of the current academic year. At the same time, the Regents approved a sabbatical leave for Professor Smith for the second semester of 1962-63 to permit him to complete a revision of materials for a book on "The Labor Agreement." He also expects to be working on a study of the impact of legal doctrine on labor-management relations, in collaboration with Prof. Dallas Jones of the School of Business Administration.

National Fund Committee Met Mar. 3


Dean Smith presented a report of the results of the 1961 campaign and indicated the uses being made of the funds contributed. The committee approved the report to alumni which was mailed recently. Professor Wellman reported on comments and criticisms of the methods used in 1961 which had been received from state and local chairmen as the result of a questionnaire circulated at the end of the 1961 effort. The committee discussed plans for 1962's campaign and decided to continue the basic approach of seeking as wide a personal solicitation of alumni by alumni as possible. It was also decided that the 1962 campaign should be scheduled for the period between Labor Day and Thanksgiving with local chairmen selecting the particular time for solicitation in their cities within this period. An effort will be made to add to the list of cities represented by a local chairman and to increase the number of alumni participating in the solicitation.

Mr. Wilson was re-elected to the position of National Chairman for 1962. Henry A. Bergstrom, '35L, Pittsburgh; Arthur A. Greene, Jr., '39L, Manchester, N. H.; Ronald M. Ryan, '24L.
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New Assignments

Dean Allan F. Smith has announced that the administrative responsibilities previously carried by Russell Smith will be divided among other members of the faculty. Prof. Spencer Kimball will take over the direction of the research program; Prof. Whitmore Gray will serve as adviser to foreign law students in 1962–63 on a one-year assignment during Prof. B. James George’s leave of absence; and Prof. Olin Browder will serve as adviser to domestic graduate students. In the latter capacity, Professor Browder will be replacing Prof. Alfred F. Conard, who is relinquishing this particular responsibility in order to give additional time to research.

Professor Kimball is a specialist in insurance law who joined the Michigan Law School faculty in 1957. He had previously been professor and dean of the University of Utah College of Law, 1949–54; and in 1955–56 held a Rockefeller Research Grant at the University of Wisconsin, working on a study of the development of insurance law in historical content. This study has since been published by the University of Wisconsin Press under the title of Insurance and Public Policy.

Mr. Gray was appointed to the Michigan faculty as assistant professor of law in 1959. He is on leave during the spring semester to work in Europe in connection with his teaching of comparative law and particularly in preparation for a program in comparative communist law which is to begin in the Law School next fall.

American and Canadian graduate students in the Law School will have as their adviser Professor Browder, who joined the faculty in 1953. He earned his S.J.D. degree from the Michigan Law School in 1941, and had previously taught at the University of Tennessee and University of Oklahoma, as well as serving as an attorney for the Tennessee Valley Authority and as a special agent for the FBI. His particular field of interest is property law.

German Visitor

Dr. Wilhelm Karl Geck, assistant to Judge Friesenhahn of the Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany, has been a visiting member of the Law School faculty this spring.

Dr. Geck, who was recently appointed to the Law Faculty of the University of Heidelberg to lecture in international constitutional and administrative law, has been assisting with Law School seminars in comparative constitutional law and in international organization. These are taught by Professor Kauper and Stein, respectively.

LAWYERS’ SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE HELD JUNE 18–29

Five seminar-like courses will be given in the third Special Summer School for Lawyers, June 18–29, at the Michigan Law School.

Courses to be offered are “Commercial Law,” with Prof. Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr., teaching a section on Sales of Goods and Profit; Frank R. Kennedy one on Secured Financing; “Estate Planning,” taught by Prof. Alan N. Polasky, with emphasis on the impact of life and death taxes; “Wills and Trusts,” taught by Prof. Olin L. Browder, Jr., with special attention to common pitfalls of ambiguity and invalidity; “Oil and Gas,” taught by Prof. Maurice H. Merrill of the University of Oklahoma, with emphasis upon the landlord-producer relationship; and “Practice and Procedure,” taught by Prof. Carl S. Hawkins, and dealing with the new Michigan Judicature Act which will become effective next January 1. This last course will be limited to Michigan attorneys.

Each person attending the Special Summer School may choose from this group of five courses, each of which will meet two hours daily, Monday through Friday. It is recommended that not more than two courses be elected.

In addition to the courses, several “extracurricular” programs will be offered on an optional basis. These will include two reports on Current Developments in the European Common Market, an analysis of the Impact of the Congo on the United Nations, and several round-table sessions to explore the Role of the Lawyer as Counselor, Psychiatrist, and Clergyman.

Housing for Summer School “students” and their families will be available in the Lawyers Club, and meals will be served in the Lawyers Club dining room throughout the two-week period.

For further information or to apply for the Summer School, write to Prof. Joseph R. Julin, University of Michigan Law School, 941 Legal Research Building, Ann Arbor.

Justice Potter Stewart
Judges Case Clubs

U. S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart was one of the five members of the court which heard the championship round of the Law School’s 38th annual Henry M. Campbell Competition, on Apr. 4.

Joining Justice Potter on the Campbell Competition bench were Judge Sterry R. Waterman, of the U. S. Court of Appeals; Detroit Police Commissioner George Edwards, formerly a Michigan State Supreme Court Justice; and Dean Allan F. Smith and Prof. B. J. George, of the Law School.

The four finalists—all Law School juniors—argued a hypothetical case involving questions about whether the use of wiretapping or eavesdropping by modern electronic devices by state police constitutes illegal or unconstitutional encroachments upon individual rights. Finalists were Robert T. McBride, Michael H. Metzger, William R. Jones, Jr., and Arthur V. N. Brooks. II. Metzger and Brooks were judged the winners.

The Campbell Competition finals were held in the afternoon and were followed in the evening by the annual Case Club banquet, in the Michigan Union Ballroom. Police Commissioner Edwards was the featured speaker at the banquet.

Law School alumni in the New York area met for luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria on Jan. 26 in connection with the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association. This was the seventh year in which alumni have gathered for such a luncheon meeting. Dean Allan F. Smith was the principal speaker, reporting on current activities in the Law School. Richard B. Barnett, ’53L, served as chairman of the event.