Bar Foundation Honors Former Dean of Law School

E. Blythe Stason, dean emeritus of the Law School, has received the Fellows Award of the American Bar Foundation "for outstanding research by an individual in law and government."

The award was presented at the annual banquet of The Fellows, an organization of more than 850 leading lawyers and judges from every state, in February. The organization supports legal research and education.

The citation praised Dean Stason for his accomplishments as dean of the Law School, his services as administrator of the American Bar Foundation, and for his "contributions as a teacher and author in the fields of administrative agencies, peaceful atomic development, and local government law..."

Dean Stason is now a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tennessee.

Student Civil Rights Council Reports Successful First Year

The Michigan Law Students Civil Rights Research Council has completed a successful first year of operation, according to a report submitted to Dean Smith by Joseph E. McMahon, acting chairman of the group.

The MLSCRRC was founded by Professor Robert J. Harris and Michael Smith, a 1964 graduate, in the spring of 1964. The council is an independent affiliate of the national Law Student Civil Rights Research Council, which has groups at some 20 law schools.

The council has scheduled conferences and a summer intern program and assists with legal research in civil rights cases. The Michigan group was represented by eight members at a Conference on Law and Indigency in January at Georgetown University and eight Michigan students are part of the internship program. Their assignments are in Mississippi, New York, and Washington, working with various civil rights projects.

During the past year the Michigan group has been asked for assistance on fifteen legal problems. Assignments undertaken included research on problems such as: The Legality of Residential Picketing of Private Homes over Discrimination Matters; Can Ann Arbor Seek Injunctive Relief to Stop Discrimination?; and What Power Does the City Have in Providing Low Cost Housing?

Professor Harris has been faculty adviser of the group. Professor Jerold Israel assisted while Professor Harris was absent on leave for one term.

Distinguished Guests Speak In Law School Forum Series

The Law School Forum, once the Lawyers Club Speakers Committee, presented a series of distinguished guests during the academic year.

The list includes Congressman Neil Staebler; John Kenneth Galbraith; Mr. Justice Theodore Souris of the Michigan Supreme Court; Burke Summers, former Ambassador to Luxembourg; Michigan Lieutenant Governor William Milliken; Nathan Goodnow, president of the Michigan State Bar; and Assistant Attorney General John Doar.

In recent months, speakers have included President Harlan Hatcher; John Feikens, co-chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; Stephen Schlossberg, counsel for the UAW-CIO; and Jerome Cavanagh, mayor of Detroit.

President Hatcher discussed the future of the University with the students. He noted the growth and accomplishments of the University since the war and outlined what can be expected in coming years.

Mr. Feikens, a long-time Detroit attorney and former State Republican Chairman, spoke on current civil rights problems, both locally and nationally, devoting himself primarily to equal housing rights.

Mr. Schlossberg spoke to Lawyers Club members on current developments in labor law, citing two recent cases as a basis for discussion.

Mayor Cavanagh spoke on current problems in urban areas. He stressed particularly the growth of the federal-city relationship that is continuing to emerge in this country. He expressed his support for the strengthening of this relationship, rather than the federal-state programs in which the city functions merely as a sub-division of the state.

Statistical Study Profiles Michigan Law Graduates

The typical alumnus of the Law School is an elusive person to locate—if indeed he exists—but new figures from the American Bar Foundation allow a profile of the Michigan alumnus as he compares to graduates of other major law schools.

The Michigan lawyer, first of all, is a member of the second largest alumni body in the country. The 7,391 alumni, listed in the Bar Foundation's The American Lawyer: 1964 Statistical Report, are exceeded only by the 14,577 graduates of Harvard.

Chances are, the Michigan alumnus is in private practice—71.5 per cent of the group are (5,425). One third of his classmates (33.1 per cent) are in partnership. An additional 27.7 per cent are in a solo practice.

There is an even smaller chance that the typical alumnus is in a salaried position with a private concern other than a law firm although 13.4 per cent of the group, some 985 members of the alumni body, hold such positions. Although the percentage of the graduates is small, it represents the second largest number of men in the country, again topped only by Harvard's 1,893 holding such salaried positions.

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