Law Professors Get Federal Positions

Three University of Michigan law professors have been appointed to legal posts in the Nixon Administration.

Prof. Thomas E. Kauper is serving as assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's antitrust division, while Prof. Roger C. Cramton will have completed six months as assistant attorney general in charge of the Office of Legal Counsel.

The newest appointee is Prof. John H. Jackson, who was selected as general counsel to the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, a post that will figure heavily in 1973 trade discussions involving the U.S., the European Common Market, and other countries.

Kauper, a specialist in antitrust and property law and a member of the faculty since 1964, was appointed to the Justice Department post last spring. As antitrust chief, he is responsible for government action on mergers and other business activities. Formerly he served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel under William H. Rehnquist, now a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

After U-M Law School graduation in 1960, he served as law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and spent two years with the firm of Sidley & Austin in Chicago.

Prof. Cramton, a member of the faculty since 1961 and an expert in administrative law, began as head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel in July. His duties include rendering legal opinions to the President on constitutional issues relating to Presidential powers and powers of the executive branch of government.

Prior to the appointment, he served as chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, a permanent, independent federal agency concerned with the fairness and effectiveness of the government's procedures in dealing with private citizens.

Cramton is a 1950 graduate of Harvard College and received his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1955. He was assistant dean of the University of Chicago Law School before joining the U-M faculty.

Appointed general counsel to the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations in December, Prof. Jackson will provide legal counsel on many aspects of U.S. foreign trade policy. In addition, he will assist in gaining congressional support for revised U.S. trade legislation.

A member of the faculty since 1966, Prof. Jackson is a leading authority on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the principal international contract controlling trade among non-Communist countries.

Jackson graduated from Princeton University and received his law degree from the U-M in 1959. Prior to joining the U-M faculty, he taught law at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1961-64.

E. Blythe Stason Dies at Age Eighty

E. Blythe Stason, dean emeritus of the University of Michigan Law School and a pioneer in atomic energy law and other areas of administrative law, died in Ann Arbor on April 10 after a brief illness. He was 80.

An engineer turned lawyer, Stason first taught electrical engineering at the U-M while completing his legal studies here. He assumed the Law School deanship in 1939 and remained in that post until 1960.

Dean Stason was known as one of the founders of administrative law as a separate branch of legal inquiry, and made many contributions to atomic energy law.

His 1500-page volume, "Atoms and the Law," co-authored with Profs. William J. Pierce and Samuel Estep of the Law School, was one of the first extensive legal studies to deal with such topics as civil liability for radiation damage, state regulation of atomic energy, and administrative practices of the Atomic Energy Commission.

He also helped draft the "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act," which set forth uniform national standards for donating human organs for transplant purposes.

Following his retirement from the deanship, he served as administrator of the American Bar Foundation in Chicago and then taught law for several years at Vanderbilt University. In 1970 he returned to the U-M to pursue scholarly activities at the Law School. That summer he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University.
Before his death he was in the process of completing a history of the Enrico Fermi nuclear power plant, near Monroe, Mich., and was writing a survey of his years at the Law School.

"E. Blythe Stason was one of the great pivotal figures in legal education at Michigan," said U-M Law Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine. "During his years as dean, the student body increased from 600 to about 900, and the full-time professional staff nearly doubled from 18 to 33. The Law School was transformed from one dedicated almost exclusively to the teaching of traditional common law courses to one in which much emphasis was placed upon new statutory and administrative law subjects, and in which original research and public service became major responsibilities of faculty members.

"Dean Stason led the way in these developments, becoming himself one of the pioneers and nationally recognized authorities in the emerging field of administrative law. An engineer as well as a lawyer, he was always in the vanguard of those working on the joint problems of law and science.

"As teacher, scholar, administrator, and sympathetic friend, he made a unique contribution to the Law School, the University community, and the nation which will serve as a worthy and enduring memorial."

Dean Stason was the author of books on municipal corporations and administrative tribunals, and was a frequent contributor to professional journals. Under appointment by the Regents, he participated in the revision of Bylaws of the U-M Regents. He was frequently called upon by state officials to draft important legislation. Among his noteworthy projects were the drafting of legislation for a state atomic energy agency and a review of the administrative structure of tax collection in Michigan.

Born in 1891 in Sioux City, Iowa, Dean Stason received his B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1913, and in 1916 graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He received his law degree from the U-M in 1922.

After practicing law for two years in Sioux City, he became a professor of law at the U-M in 1924, and served as provost of the University from 1938-44, concurrent with part of his term as dean of the Law School. Dean Stason was a member of numerous legal and legislative organizations, including the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, the Attorney General's Committee on Administrative Procedure, and the Michigan Governor's Committee on Constitutional Revision.

He is survived by his widow, Adeline Boaz Stason; two sons, E. Blythe Stason, Jr., of New York City and William B. Stason of Lincoln, Mass.; a sister, Miss Margaret Stason of Pasadena, Calif.; and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held April 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, and memorial contributions have been received by the U-M Law School Fund.

Law Faculty Adopts Memorial Resolution

Following are excerpts from a memorial resolution adopted by the U-M law faculty following the death of Dean Emeritus E. Blythe Stason:

"To the dean's position Stason brought extraordinary skill and solid judgement in handling of administrative matters. His work evidences the happy union of scientific and legal training. This, coupled with a native skill and an extraordinary endowment of physical energy, enabled him to be immensely productive during the time he served as dean. The Law School was the central object of his attention and he gave it thought, care, and devotion far beyond the line of duty."

"The quality and enduring effects of his years as dean of the Law School were well stated by Prof. Russell A. Smith in the appreciative article he wrote at the time of Dean Stason's retirement: "Without question, his has been the greatest contribution and influence in the 100 year history of the Law School. Under his leadership the Law School has reached a position of real distinction along the law schools of the country."

"Characteristic of his concern with the frontiers of the law, Dean Stason in the post-war years devoted a major share of his own research interests to the new problems growing out of atomic energy development. The fusion of scientific and legal skills and training gave him a preeminent position in pin-pointing and analyzing the distinctive new legal questions arising from the peace-time use of atomic energy."

"A great vision of the law and its institutions as both a creative and stabilizing social force, a sense of personal dedication to the task of making the law an effective instrument for advancing the common good, a creative mind which yielded imaginative and constructive solutions to emerging problems, and an amazing capacity for marshalling his time and energy in support of large and challenging tasks contributed to make Dean Stason's career an extraordinarily rich and fruitful one. The Law School, the University, the local community, the state, the nation, and the international community have been the beneficiaries of his services as educator, administrator, scholar, public servant, and statesman of the law...."

"Law Quadrangle Notes" Receives ACPRA Award

Law Quadrangle Notes has received an award from the American College Public Relations Association (ACCPRA) in recognition of the magazine's outstanding design and content. Quad Notes was one of several magazines chosen for the award out of hundreds of entries. The entries were college and university magazines with external and alumni readership.

The awards were presented at the annual ACPRA convention in Minneapolis, where winning entries were put on display.

Jane Waterson Named Admissions Officer

Jane Waterson, a 1972 University of Michigan law graduate, has been named assistant dean and admissions officer at the U-M Law School. She is the first woman in the history of the school to hold such a post.

Dean Theodore J. St. Antoine said, "Miss Waterson combines in a unique way the qualities of good judg-