

Law Clerks to New Appellate Judges Already Selected

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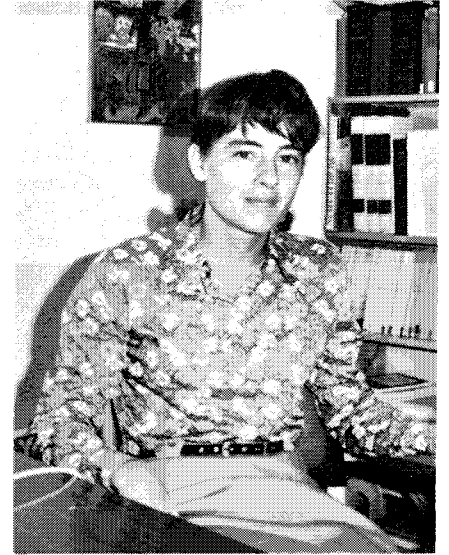
The twelve judges for the new Wisconsin Court of Appeals will not be selected until April. However, the twelve third-year law students, nine from UW Law School and three from Marquette Law School, who will serve as law clerks for the judges during the new Court of Appeals' first year have already been selected and are participating in a training program during their last semester in law school. The law clerks were chosen by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in December and January pursuant to transitional provisions in the legislation creating the new Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court was assisted in the selection process by a screening committee consisting of Supreme Court Executive Officer Robert Martineau, Assistant Legal Counsel Arnold P. Anderson of Marquette University and Assistant Professor Fredericka Paff of the UW Law School.

As a result of the early selection of next year's clerks, the new judges will not be faced with the problem of hiring law clerks in late April after many of the students in the graduating law school classes have already accepted other jobs. The early selection also makes it possible to offer the future clerks some preparation for their jobs in a seminar run by Justice Shirley Abrahamson, and a four to five hour a week internship with a Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during one half of the semester and with a member of the Court's permanent staff during the other one-half

semester. In the seminar various topics in judicial administration are discussed, focusing on how the Wisconsin Supreme Court and other appellate courts handle their caseloads. The internships will give the students a first-hand opportunity to see the operation of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The nine students selected from UW Law School are:

Peter Gunther
Margaret Garms
Ronald P. Hammer
Margaret Maroney
Stuart Mondschein
Ann L. Petersen
William Soderstrom
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