



**MARGO MELLI**



**STUART GULLICKSON**

### **Students Seek Practical Experience**

After, five years, the General Practice Course under the direction of Professor Stuart Gullickson, now offered in the second semester of the academic year, has an enrollment of 80 students who spend 150 hours in classes, 100 hours outside of class preparing 35 written assignments, working with a faculty of 44, covering more than 20 subjects. They earn 8 credits. About 80 students who elect the course are disappointed, because only half of those who apply to take it can be accommodated.

Because of the great student demand, selection of students for the course is by lottery. Students must have earned 60 credits to be eligible. Ten spaces in the course are reserved for students who successfully petition the Associate Dean.

The course is limited to experiences which a recent graduate will encounter in the first year or two of practice. For example, they are taught the skills of preparing cases for trial rather than the techniques

of presentation at a trial, because new associates usually assist with the preparation of cases for experienced lawyers to try. Students draft "simple" wills, not those with complicated trust arrangements. The outline and checklist series prepared by the State Bar of Wisconsin are used as important resources. Model documents are prepared and distributed—sample correspondence, model probate files and manuals for organizing corporations are all included. Annual revisions are prepared by Professor Gullickson and the teaching teams. In simulated cases, the students interview clients, negotiate settlements, conduct adverse examinations, and make court appearances in probate, bankruptcy and divorce matters.

Efforts are being made to conduct the course both semesters of 1974-75, thereby making it available to 160 students a year. Doubling the offering may not, however,

meet the growing demand, for most students clearly recognize the need for practical experience.

Practical experience is the whole purpose of the course. Alumni will remember that for 20 years, the Law School offered a Summer Problems Course, to fulfill the office practice requirement for graduation. Its content was valuable, but its structure (daily lectures) did not offer the opportunity for students to practice what was preached.

With a grant from the Brittingham Foundation, Professor Gullickson, using his years of experience, spent the first semester, 1973-74, on leave of absence preparing teaching materials for general practice courses which will be used here and available to other law schools.

The book contains one model file in each area of study, plus generalized check lists and a brief overview of the law. Complete treatment of the law, of course, must be sought in other sources. Changes in the law applicable to general practice in Wisconsin have

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been extensive during the past few years, covering such areas as probate, real estate conveyancing, inheritance tax, garnishment, joint tenancy, bankruptcy, and others. The teaching teams of practitioners all contribute to keeping the course abreast of changes in general practice.

The original proposal for a General Practice Course was made in 1967 by a joint committee of the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute. Professor August Eckhardt, now at the University of Arizona, served as reporter for the Joint Committee. Its suggestions were put to work at Wisconsin and the course has been developing since.

One of the great values of the course is the opportunity it provides for students to meet many lawyers, with different backgrounds and interests, each teaching in fields of special competence. Each teaching team member meets part of the time with a group of 20 students, and the rest of the time the teaching teams present demonstrations to the entire class. Every student's work is evaluated daily by a section leader.

Following is the list of teachers in the Spring Term, 1974-75.

**PREPARING THE DEFENSE OF A CRIMINAL CASE—**

January 14-18

Mr. William M. Coffey	Milwaukee
Mr. Robert J. Lerner	Milwaukee
Mr. Thomas P. Doherty	Milwaukee
Mrs. Gilda B. Shellow	Milwaukee

**DEBTOR-CREDITOR PROCEEDINGS—January 21-25**

Mr. Joseph Attwell	Milwaukee
Mr. Allen Polachek	Milwaukee
Mr. Donald D. Johnson	Madison
Mr. Edward E. Hales	Racine

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—February 4-8**

Mr. Edward F. Zappen, Sr.	Marshfield
Mr. Robert R. Henzl	Racine
Mr. Paul C. Gartzke	Madison
Mr. Robert E. Hankel	West Allis

**CORPORATIONS—February 11-15**

Mr. Robert C. Lovejoy	Janesville
Mr. Robert C. LaBudde	Milwaukee
Mr. Paul L. Witkin	Superior
Mr. Thomas G. Godfrey	Elkhorn

**PROBATING ESTATES—February 25-March 1**

Mr. Franklin L. Nehs	Appleton
Mr. Robert R. Lehman	Madison
Mr. George Steil	Janesville
Mrs. Dorothy N. Topel	Marinette

**DIVORCE CASES—March 4-8**

Mr. Clarence R. Parrish	Milwaukee
Mr. Andrew J. Zafis	Oconomowoc
Mr. John B. Danforth	Jefferson
Mr. David L. Walther	Milwaukee

**REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS, LEASES, WILLS AND JOINT TENANCIES—March 11-15**

Mr. Edward J. Coe	Rice Lake
Mr. David Y. Collins	Beloit
Mr. Rodney O. Kittelsen	Monroe
Mr. John Frampton	Chippewa Falls

**MUNICIPAL PROCEEDINGS—March 25-26**

Mr. Milo G. Flaten	Madison
Mr. Robert D. Sundby	Madison
Mr. William Krueger	Wausau
Mr. William T. Schmid	West Allis

**LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT—March 27-29**

Mr. John Stevens	Wausau
Mr. Clyde Schloemer	West Bend
Mr. Gerald J. Berres	Beloit
Mr. Edward Grutzner	Beloit

**PREPARING A CIVIL CASE FOR TRIAL—April 1-5**

Mr. Eugene D. Kranzush	Green Bay
Mr. E. Campion Kersten	Milwaukee
Mr. Leonard L. Loeb	Milwaukee

**PREPARATION & TRIAL OF A CIVIL CASE—April 8-11**

Mr. Robert L. Habush	Milwaukee
Mr. James Drill	New Richmond
Mr. James Williamson	Oshkosh
Mr. Frank J. Bucaida	Madison

**Hastie Fellows Join the Staff**

Nancy and Daniel Bernstine have joined the Law School community with the beginning of the second semester, 1973-74. They are the first William H. Hastie scholars. One of the purposes of the scholarship is to help lawyers from minority groups who are interested in Law School teaching to acquire an LLM degree and teaching experience. It is estimated that there are about 100 black law professors in the United States, and a majority of them are located in the few predominantly black law schools.

The fellowship is established to honor William H. Hastie, a distinguished black jurist and teacher. With LLB and SJD degrees earned at Harvard, Judge Hastie has served as U.S. District Judge in the Virgin Islands. From 1939-46, he served as Dean of the Howard Law School. From 1949 until 1971, he sat as a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, located in Philadelphia.

In addition to their own academic development, the Hastie Fellows devote about half their time to providing academic counseling to the minority group students in the Legal Education Opportunities Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernstine are supported by gifts to the Law School. They are recent graduates of the Northwestern University Law School; he in 1972 and she in 1973. They come to Madison from Washington, where Mr. Bernstine served as staff attorney in the U.S. Department of Labor and Mrs. Bernstine was associated briefly with the Federal Trade Commission.

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