

## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN:

For those of us who have been on the campus of the University of Wisconsin during this past autumn the atmosphere seems especially peaceful and pleasant. Students appear to be more interested in their studies than they have been in recent years. Many first year law students are commenting enthusiastically about their first year courses. Our feelings of growing serenity may be illusory, of course. But, for the time being, at least, we are enjoying the new academic year and the quietest and most beautiful fall in years.

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The focus of interest in this issue of the *Gargoyle* is the developing relationships between the practicing members of the Bar of Wisconsin and the Law School. During the past year, we have had several opportunities to bring students, Faculty and Alumni together, through the two day visit by the Board of Visitors and the gatherings of the Board of Directors of the WLAA. The General Practice course continues to provide probably the best chance for mutual association between students and the members of the Bar. The Trial Advocacy course, being developed by Stuart Gullickson during his leave as Smongeski Research Professor, will bring lawyers to the Law School in increasing numbers to share the benefits of their experience with students.

We are, however, only meeting a small part of our obligation to provide practical experiences for Law students to be acquired along with their academic training. The Clinical Program has, of necessity, a small enrollment. Less than 20% of the students in the Law School had law-related summer clerkships in 1970. Only a few law students were located in firms in the smaller towns.



These opportunities must be expanded if the Law School is to meet its responsibilities to the state Bar. Day-to-day association between the student and the small firm or sole practitioner over a period of time—a summer, or a term—is the only way in which students can be exposed to the challenges and rewards of the practice of law in smaller communities.

It will require our joint efforts to develop the practical aspects of legal education to the fullest.

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During the past month I have had a chance to meet with groups of Alumni in Superior, Ashland, Hudson, Eau Claire, Janesville, the Twin Cities, Fennimore, Racine, Chicago and Wisconsin Dells. During December, I will be visiting several more groups. I relish the opportunity to talk about the Law School with Alumni. I look forward to more of these gatherings, which are extremely pleasant—as well as educational—for me.

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