



William G. Rice, Jr.
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Rice Receives U.W. Honorary Degree

Emeritus Professor William Gorham Rice, Jr. will be granted an honorary LL.D. degree by the University which he served for almost his entire professional life at Commencement exercises at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on June 13.

Prof. Rice retired in 1963 after 41 years as a member of the Law School faculty. He is an internationally recognized authority in the fields of labor and international law. On leave from the Law School, he served as the first General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and served as a member of the National Defense Mediation Board from 1941-45, and subsequently as Assistant General Counsel of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

He joined the Faculty after serving as Law Clerk to the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. A graduate of Phillips Academy, he earned four degrees at Harvard. He served as an ambulance driver for the American Field Service and as a first lieutenant in the Army during World War I.

Long a champion of the causes

of equal opportunity and civil rights, Professor Rice has devoted most of his retirement to the work of the Wisconsin branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. He is presently the Legislative Chairman.

He has been active politically—first in the Progressive Party, and later in the growing Democratic movement after the second World War. He was a candidate for Congress in 1946 and for the Legislature in 1956.

Alumni over the 40 years all know him well. He taught almost every course offered in the Law School at one time or other.

Alumni Legislators

On occasion the *Gargoyle* has listed and discussed the numerous public services and services to the University performed—usually without compensation—by the members of the Faculty.

Important as these projects are, they can not match the cumulative value of the public service performed by the Law School Alumni in their roles as leaders in all the communities in which they live and work. It would be impossible to catalogue their numerous activities and responsibilities.

For example, consider the impact of the Law School Alumni who serve in the Legislature and who have served in the 103 years since the founding of the Law School.

Eight Senators and 14 Representatives in the current Legislature are alumni of the Law School:

Senators

- Allen Busby, R, Milwaukee, Class of 1928
- Arthur A. Cirilli, R, Superior, Class of 1942
- Henry J. Dorman, D, Racine, Class of 1947
- Ernest J. Keppler, R, Sheboygan, Class of 1950
- Dale McKenna, D, Jefferson, Class of 1966
- Roger Murphy, R, Waukesha, Class of 1951

Jack D. Steinhilber, R, Oshkosh, Class of 1955

Carl W. Thompson, D, Stoughton, Class of 1939

Representatives

Norman Anderson, D, Madison, Class of 1954

James N. Azim, R, Muscoda, Class of 1965

Lloyd Barbee, D, Milwaukee, Class of 1956

Harold Froelich, R, Appleton, Class of 1962

Jon R. Guiles, R, Oshkosh, Class of 1970

Robert L. Jackson, Jr., D, Milwaukee, Class of 1962

Frederick P. Kessler, D, Milwaukee, Class of 1966

Edward Nager, D, Madison, Class of 1955

John C. Oestreicher, D, Marshfield, Class of 1963

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., R, Milwaukee, Class of 1968

Paul E. Sicala, D, Milwaukee, Class of 1964

John W. Slaby, D, Phillips, Class of 1958

Tommy G. Thompson, R, Elroy, Class of 1966

Jon P. Wilcox, R, Wautoma, Class of 1965

In addition, there are 3 Senators and 6 Representatives who are graduates of other Law Schools. Two Representatives are currently law students.

The present Chief Clerk of the Assembly is a member of the Class of 1971, Thomas Fox, of Chilton.

Among the other elected officials, now serving, we find Attorney General Robert Warren, Class of 1956, and United States Senator Gaylord Nelson, Class of 1942. U.S. Representatives John Byrnes, Glenn Davis, Robert Kastenmeier, and Vernon Thomson are Wisconsin Law School alumni. So are Justices Beilfuss, Connor Hansen, and Nathan S. Heffernan of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.