

EDWARD J. REISNER JOINS THE LAW-SCHOOL STAFF

At the end of 1975, Mary Staley retired as Placement Director of the Law School, to the surprise of her many friends and associates. One measure of her success on the job is in the expression of dismay and disbelief from both the recruiters and the students who had used her services.

At the October meeting of the WLAA Board of Directors, William Lewis, who has been director of alumni affairs and director of the Fund Drive since 1974, announced his intention to resign before the end of the 1975-76 academic year.

Mr. Edward Reisner joined the Law School staff on February 1 to become Assistant Dean in charge of Placement and Alumni affairs. He has splendid qualifications for both of these responsibilities. Nancy Hubacher, who has been responsible for all alumni funds and involved in alumni activities, such as the Spring Program, will be a member of the staff.

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Mr. Reisner, in a sense, is coming home. He is a 1972 graduate of the Law School. His entire career has been in the service of the Bar. As a member of the staff of the State Bar of Wisconsin, he has, in his words, done "just about everything." He has edited pam-

phlets, planned and conducted advanced training seminars. He developed the new probate system, recently introduced by the State Bar. He has provided staff assistance to many of the Bar Committees. He has served as business manager.

In the past year, Mr. Reisner has participated on behalf of the Bar in the establishment of the first program for Legal Assistants, being conducted at the Lakeshore Technical Institute at Sheboygan. It is a two-year program in which there are now 45 people enrolled. He serves on an Advisory Committee which meets monthly to review course materials, which are being developed to be usable elsewhere, in programs still to be established.

This development closely follows the American Bar Association's guidelines on the training of para-professionals in law, which require a two year program, with an approved curriculum which is offered under the supervision of members of the Bar. Eventually it is likely that this program and others like it will be accredited by the ABA, and its graduates certified as having met certain well-defined objectives.

In the last two years, Mr. Reisner's responsibility has included representing the Bar Association's interests in the many complicated issues involving the State Bar which are under consideration by the Legislature.

Mr. Reisner is a native of West Allis. He earned his B.A. degree in American Institutions on the Madison campus before he enrolled in the Law School.

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