

# Ruth B. Saaf Retires

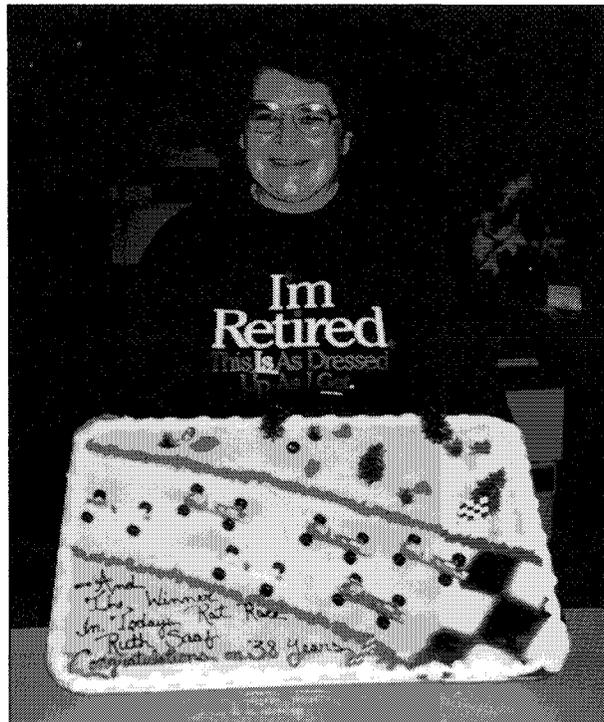
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This spring a bit of history disappeared from the Law School. For the first time since the 1940's, neither Nellie Davidson nor her daughter, Ruth Saaf, could be found working in the Law School!

Ruth Saaf, who worked for the Law School full time since 1958 and had run the School's Duplication Service for many years, retired on March 31st. But, let's let Ruth tell her own story:

*As I have had something in common with the Law School since about age five, I have always considered the School a "home away from home". I remember coming to the School on Saturday mornings to play on the Hill while my mother, Mrs. Davidson, worked. It was always fun and yet a learning experience as well. While still in high school, I passed the Civil Service test so that I could work in the Law Library during the summer months.*

*During the summer of 1958 a full time position opened. I learned that I would have to take another test for the new posi-*



*tion. After passing it, I had to be interviewed. This meant going through the Personnel Department. I was interviewed by Verna Baertschy, the Librarian, and by Dean Ritchie. The third interviewer should have been my mother but she sent me directly to the Dean. Dean Ritchie was stern and business-like. I will never forget*

*his last question, "How would you address Mrs. Davidson, who will be your supervisor?" I was surprised and hesitated before saying, "Mrs. D", just like everyone else." He smiled for the first time and told me I had the job.*

*Over the years I have worked for seven Deans and four Supervisors. That's enough! Along the way I decided that I wanted to work for the Law School longer than my mother had. I reached that goal and then some.*

*Retirement looks much better on the outside looking in. I'll have plenty of fresh air and be able to see outside whenever I want. Travel in Wisconsin will be high on my list of things to do. The prospect of being*

*able to pick up and go without asking someone for permission to take vacation will be a new experience.*

We all wish Ruth bon voyage and hope to see her somewhere along the road.