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I.U. Dean Leon Wallace Named To Chair Of Law

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The Indiana University Board of Trustees Friday named Leon H. Wallace, dean of the School of Law, to the newly created Charles McGuffey Hepburn Chair of Law.

Dean Wallace at the same time requested that he be relieved of administrative duties and assigned to full-time teaching and legal research, but, at the request of President Elvis J. Stahr, Dean Wallace agreed to carry forward the duties of the deanship until July 1, 1966, in order to afford adequate time to seek a replacement.

Dr. Stahr said that the trustees accepted Dean Wallace's resignation from administrative duties "with regrets which were tempered only by the appreciation that he will continue to contribute to the greatness of our Law School as a sensitive teacher and gifted researcher."

One of the highest ranking scholars ever to be graduated from the I.U. School of Law, Prof. Wallace has served as dean since 1952.

A native of Terre Haute where he practiced law for a dozen years before joining the I.U. law faculty in 1945, he has guided the school during the period of expansion which has made it one of the 10 largest law schools in the nation.

Under Dean Wallace's direction the present Law School Building on the Bloomington campus was built and the school moved to its modern quarters



LEON WALLACE

from old Maxwell Hall in 1957.

Prof. Wallace followed in the legal footsteps of his father, the late Harry S. Wallace, who also practiced in Terre Haute. Prof. Wallace was graduated from the Law School in 1933. He held the highest three-year grade average in his class, earning the doctor of jurisprudence degree with distinction.

He is chairman of the section on local and state laws of the American Bar Association, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Bar Foundation, a member of the board of directors of the Indiana Continuing Le-

gal Education Forum, and chairman of the committee on amendments to the federal and state constitutions of the Indiana State Bar Association.

He also is a past national president of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and a member of the American Law Institute and the American Judicature Society.

He also is a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic society, Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity and Order of the Coif.

The late Charles M. Hepburn, for whom the new chair in law is named, was dean of the Law School from 1918 to 1925. He joined the Law faculty in 1903 having taught earlier at the Cincinnati Law School. He also had served as an instructor in Latin and Greek in Davidson College, his alma mater, after earning the law degree from the University of Virginia.

Surviving Dean Hepburn are five children, all graduates of the University. They are Andrew, author and magazine writer; Mrs. S. Roger Tyler, Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Ralph W. Evans, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. Ben R. Ross, Bloomington, and Dr. Charles Keith Hepburn, Indianapolis physician. One of two sons who are deceased was the dean of the School of Law at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

A married student apartment building on the Bloomington campus is named for Dean Hepburn.