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**ALL MSU LAW GRADUATES ARE PLACED**

All June graduates of the Montana State University School of Law, Missoula, have been placed in the practice of law or in positions leading to the practice of law, Dean Robert E. Sullivan announced Monday.

This is the first time in the recent history of the Law School that all members of the graduating class have been able to enter practice immediately upon graduation, Dean Sullivan said.

"It is generally assumed that there are too many lawyers and that the opportunities for law graduates are extremely limited," he observed. "However," he continued, "a recent survey of the legal profession indicates that there is an actual shortage of lawyers in some parts of the nation and that the shortage will become more acute in the immediate future."

Of the 18 members of the MSU class, 12 are actively engaged in law practice, 11 of them in Montana. The other man has returned to his native North Dakota to practice. Two members of the class have been called to military service with the Judge Advocate General's Dept.; two, including a Fulbright scholar at the University of London, are continuing advanced legal studies; and one has accepted an appointment in the office of the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service. The other member of the class is a legal assistant to Chief Justice James T. Harrison of the Montana Supreme Court.

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As the result of new counseling procedures and the screening of applicants for the school, the number of dismissals for low scholarship has declined sharply, Dean Sullivan said. Of the 31 entering law students in the fall of 1956, only two were dismissed for poor scholarship during or at the end of the year.

Financial assistance in the form of scholarships and grants-in-aid are currently available to 20 per cent of the law students. This is considerably above the average for law schools in the Rocky Mountain region, Dean Sullivan said.

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