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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Dean Robert E. Sullivan of the Montana State University School of Law has been named chairman of a five-man committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to draft a Model Act on Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Other lawyers on the committee are Alex Blewett, Great Falls; George V. Powell, Seattle, Wash.; John C. Pryor, Burlington, Iowa, and Melvin L. Zurier, Providence, R. I.

The committee will draft a model law that would provide for the prosecution of persons or firms that make a practice of rendering legal services that are prohibited by law or in other ways engage in unlawful practice of the law, Dean Sullivan said.

The purpose of the national conference is to bring about more uniformity in the laws of the land, Dean Sullivan said. It is made up of commissioners appointed by the states who meet annually for six days to consider acts drafted by committees of the organization. Montana's commissioners are Chief Justice James T. Harrison of the Supreme Court, Dean Sullivan, and Blewett.

When a model or a uniform act has been approved by the national conference, the commissioners work for its adoption in their respective states, Dean Sullivan said. Every state in the Union has adopted at least one of the acts recommended by the national conference, he added.

The work of the national conference is endorsed by the American Bar Assn., and Dean Sullivan's committee will cooperate with the association's standing committee on unauthorized practice of law.

Dean Sullivan teaches the section of the legal ethics course in the MSU Law School which deals with unauthorized practice. The course is required of all seniors because, according to the dean, the school operates on the theory that it is impossible for a lawyer to separate professional conduct from ethical standards.

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