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Nearly all of the 16 men who will be graduated from the Montana State University Law School in June will remain in Montana to practice, according to the annual placement issue of the MSU Law School News, published this month.

The publication notes that this year, as last, there are more job opportunities for lawyers in Montana than there are MSU law graduates. This demand imposes an obligation on members of the legal profession to encourage students to study law as well as placing a responsibility on the Law School to pursue an active recruitment program, the publication says.

The placement issue is mailed annually to members of the Montana bar, alumni of the Law School, law schools throughout the country, and other potential employment sources, Dean Robert E. Sullivan said. The brochure lists biographical data, qualifications, and availability of law seniors.

Eleven of the seniors had already accepted positions when the placement issue went to press this month, Dean Sullivan reported.

William P. Conklin of Great Falls received an appointment for 1960-61 as law clerk to Judge Walter Pope of the U. S. Court of Appeals, San Francisco. Conklin was awarded an A. B. in history, with honors, by Harvard University in 1957. At MSU he was editor in chief of the Montana Law Review. He has served as research and writing assistant in the University of Michigan Law School.

Charles F. Angel of Bozeman has been appointed law clerk to Chief Justice James T. Harrison of the Montana Supreme Court. Maurice R. Colberg Jr. of Billings received a similar appointment as clerk to Justice Wesley Castles of the Montana Supreme Court. Both hold B. S. degrees in business administration from MSU.

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Angel has been on the MSU moot court team and business manager of the Montana Law Review. Colberg also serves on the Montana Law Review staff and is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Other graduates who will enter state service in Helena are Robert A. Tucker of Missoula, who will work with the Interim Legislative Council, and Marvin J. Sorte of Scobey, who will join the staff of the attorney general's office. Tucker took a degree in journalism at MSU in 1948 and worked for several years on New Mexico and Montana newspapers before entering law school. Sorte served two years as president of the Law Students' Association and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Phi, and Phi Delta Phi.

Theodore Corontzos of Great Falls and Gerald R. Dzivi of Kalispell will be associated with law firms in Great Falls. Corontzos was a moot court finalist, associate editor of the Montana Law Review, and a member of the Law School Honor Committee. Dzivi has also been active in the moot court program and on the Law Review staff.

David O. De Grandpre of Great Falls and Ronald D. McPhillips of Shelby will join Shelby law firms. De Grandpre worked on the Law Review and is a member of Phi Delta Phi. McPhillips was vice president of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

James J. Sinclair of Helena has taken a position with a Kalispell law firm. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Seniors who have not yet accepted positions are Donald J. Dougherty and William E. O'Leary, both of Butte; Thomas R. Kennedy and William A. McCormick, both of Missoula, and Cordell Johnson of Bozeman.

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