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DALLAS--David William Purcell, former associate dean and executive director of continuing legal education and Law School Development at Southern Methodist University, has been appointed director of development for The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School.

Since joining SMU in 1967, Purcell directed a number of fund solicitations for the Law School, notably the \$4.5 million Law Quadrangle Campaign, endowment and facilities construction drives and the Law School Fund.

Purcell initiated and directed the continuing legal education program, co-sponsored by the SMU School of Law and the Practising Law Institute of New York City.

An honor graduate of The University of Texas School of Law, Purcell was director of estate planning and assistant director of development for Union College, Schenectady, New York, prior to joining SMU. He was an attorney for the Midland Division, Legal Department, Sinclair Oil & Gas Co., in Midland, Texas from 1962 to 1965. He was legal assistance attorney at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver while serving in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

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In announcing the appointment, UTSMS Dean Charles C. Sprague said, "We're extremely fortunate to be getting a person with such high qualifications for development at the medical school."

After high school in Dresden, Ohio, Purcell attended the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa., and Denison University in Granville, Ohio, ranking first in the 1953 graduating class.

He attended Harvard Law School in 1953-54, then went to The University of Texas where he was granted the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, with honors, in 1956.

Purcell is a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Alumni Council and American College Public Relations Association. He is a member of the public relations, legal education and continuing legal education committees of the Dallas Bar Association.

In community activities, Purcell is a member of the Press Club of Dallas, is past vice president of the Couples Roundtable Class, Highland Park Methodist Church, and past vice president of the S.P.E.B.S.Q. S.A. in Midland, Texas.

Purcell, his wife and four children, reside at 4651 Irvin Simmons Drive in Dallas.

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