

Sen. Cooper to Covington & Burling

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Sen. John Sherman Cooper, retiring at 71 after two decades in the Senate, will join Washington's largest law firm, Covington and Burling.

Cooper, who was a county judge and a state circuit judge in the early days of his career, will assume what is known as the "Dean Acheson Seat," the elder statesman slot once occupied by the late Secretary of State, in the 130-member firm.

Officially, his title will be "counsel" to the firm.

For Cooper, a man who spent his lifetime in the modest-paying jobs of public service, the new affiliation promises to be lucrative.

According to Joseph C. Goulden's book on Washington's "Superlawyers," more than 25 of the principal partners in Covington and Burling earn six-figure salaries and those at the top are in the \$200,000 bracket.

A legal firm not even mentioned in the index of "The Superlawyers" when it was published last year is expected to expand its business rapidly here in 1973 if the partners can ever agree on what to call themselves.

Charles W. Colson, the special counsel to the President who is leaving after the inauguration, is dickering with his former partners to return to the firm now known as Morin, Dichstein, Shapiro & Galligan.

But before Colson adds his name to their shingle and stationery letterhead, he wants to be guaranteed top billing. In fact, he is known to feel that "Colson & Morin" would have more class and more clout.

The argument over what to tell the signpainters is serious enough that Colson could still go elsewhere.

"Lawyers can work together and never argue over how fees are to be split or who gets the biggest office with the best view," says one source who knows the situation with Colson. "But when it comes to whose name

goes up there first on the door in those gold letters, that's crucial."

Potpourri

Redskins coach George Allen and his wife may be wearing look-alike "his and hers" outfits at the Super Bowl. From the Georgetown men's shop where her husband buys, she has ordered a gray glen plaid suit, gray pants and a blue blazer to match favorite clothes already hanging in her husband's closet. They're by the same designer, Polo . . . Autographed presidential mementos from the estate of the late White House correspondent Merriman Smith will be auctioned off at the Charles Hamilton Galleries in New York on Jan. 11. The items, expected to bring more than \$10,000, include a Russian ruble autographed by almost every world leader who attended the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences and worth at least \$2,000. . . .

In a 1930ish imitation of Fred Astaire, foreign affairs adviser Henry Kissinger did the foxtrot with Ginger

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Rogers at Frank Sinatra's Palm Springs home on New Year's Eve and then sat through an "Auld Lang Syne" concert by his host that lasted until 5:30 a.m.

Kissinger said goodbye to 1972 at two different parties in the California resort town. He began the evening at Sinatra's, where an elaborate buffet was spread for VIPs who included presidential press secretary Ron Ziegler, Eva Gabor, Leo Durocher, former New York Mayor Robert Wagner and Mrs. Bennett Cerf.

Then Kissinger and Sinatra, in a group with Rosalind Russell and her husband, Frederick Brisson, and the estranged wife of lyricist Alan Jay Lerner, paid their respects at another gathering at the home of U.S. Ambassador to Britain Walter Annenberg.

Kissinger had met the beautiful Karen Lerner earlier in the week at a luncheon given by agent Irving Lazar.

Sinatra's guests, including Kissinger, returned to his house where nostalgia reigned the rest of the evening.

Sinatra, who declined to come to sing at the upcoming Inaugural (but will emcee one event) had brought in a full orchestra to help him serenade his friends with a concert that went on and on through all their old favorites and his.

The Smithsonian's Daniel Boorstin has never conceded writing any of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's speeches, although that has always been the claim of Boorstin's staff. But Boorstin does stand high with the Nixon administration and there is a report that he may be in line for a new "cultural czar" job inside the White House.