

Donald Curran

Upon the resignation of David Ladd, Donald Curran served as acting Register of Copyrights from January 3, 1985, to September 10, 1985, when Ralph Oman assumed the position of Register.

Mr. Curran was born in St. Louis and educated in the public schools there. He graduated *cum laude* from St. Louis University with a bachelor's degree in industrial relations. From 1953 to 1957, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant with the Strategic Air Command. In 1960, he was awarded a graduate teaching fellowship in public administration at George Washington University in the District of Columbia.

In April 1961, Mr. Curran joined the staff of the Library of Congress as an administrative assistant to the executive officer of the Legislative Reference Service. From 1961 to 1969, he worked in increasingly responsible positions as an administrative officer and as a management analyst in the Legislative Reference Service, the Reference Department, and the Administrative Department. He conducted a number of management improvement studies during this time that resulted in organizational and procedural changes. Included was a 6-month management study of the Copyright Office that was the first systematic outside study of the Office's work procedures. His study eventually led to a change in work procedures that are now automated.

In 1969, Mr. Curran transferred to the Budget Office to become the assistant budget officer. A year later he was promoted to budget officer, and, in November 1973, he became chief of the Financial Management Office. He held that position until he was promoted to associate Librarian of Congress in 1976. Mr. Curran retired from the Library of Congress in January 1997.

