

**American Chemical Society
offers financial aid
for legal expenses**

A unique program offering financial aid to chemists and chemical engineers to help pay legal expenses in suits involving their careers has been initiated by the American Chemical Society.

Any chemist or chemical engineer who can meet the educational and professional requirements for membership in the ACS and is a litigant or near-litigant in a suit affecting work, employment, or professional status is eligible to apply for a loan to meet legal fees. Nonmembers will be required to pay the ACS a service charge of \$50.

In this legal aid loan program, the ACS generally will lend up to \$2000 at an interest presently set at 6%. With suitable security provided by the applicant, the Society would consider lending up to \$10,000.

Conceived last year by then ACS President Alan C. Nixon, the program was approved in principle by the ACS Board of Directors last fall and was initiated recently following a favorable Internal Revenue Service ruling.

If the loan applicant is an ACS member, he first must have applied to the Council Committee on Professional Relations for help under its member assistance program, and the Committee must have decided that it cannot resolve the problem. Before applying for a loan, a nonmember applicant must provide evidence to the Committee that he or she has pursued the normal avenues of interaction with his or her employer or other party involved in the pending or expected litigation.

Applications must be submitted to the ACS executive director on forms provided by the Society, supplying such information as the nature of the litigation, prior efforts to solve the problem, the need for and the amount of the loan, and proposed arrangements for repaying the loan. Following review and comments, the executive director submits the loan application to the ACS Board. ■

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New treasurer of Soap and Detergent Association named

Frazier M. Hancock, vice president, general manager, Duveen Soap Corporation, was elected treasurer of The Soap and Detergent Association during the Association's recent board of directors meeting in New York. He succeeds Alfred M. Bretschger, FMC Corporation, who recently accepted a new assignment for his company in Belgium. ■

**Society of Cosmetic Chemists
establishes new member class**

The Board of Directors and the membership of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) have ratified constitutional changes required to establish a new class of member, "Fellow of the Society." This new membership class is designed to recognize outstanding achievement and leadership.

AOCS member Sol D. Gershon, technical planning director, Lever Brothers, and one of the first SCC members to be elected a "Fellow of the Society," has been named to serve on the Fellow Certification Committee.

The Committee's task is to nominate deserving SCC members to the new membership class. Election is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. ■