The University of Georgia School of Law

Office of the Dean
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To the Members of the
University of Georgia
Law School Association

Gentlemen:

We are on the threshhold of a new academic year and, with the exception of the progress on our new building, (in the language of our space age) all systems are GO.

NEW BUILDING

The seeming snail's pace of our construction is an old story to you all, but I assure you that it is much more agonizing to endure it on a day-by-day basis than it is simply to hear about it or to see it on infrequent occasions.

But perhaps I am overly pessimistic. The architect seems confident enough; and, as a matter of fact, the contractor has poured a substantial portion of the new main floor between the present building and Herty Drive, and has installed a few uprights leading to a new second floor. The emergence of a tiered classroom floor from a mass of wooden forms was an encouraging sight, too, since it was the first concrete evidence that a school building was actually under construction.

In the hope that the original schedule can be met, we have begun preliminary planning for a dedication ceremony to be held at the time of the Homecoming football game in the Fall of 1966. Each of you will, of course, be kept fully informed on this since, whenever we formally occupy the building, we hope for a massive return of our alumni to help us celebrate the occasion.

FACULTY

Last year, we operated with a full time teaching staff of ten professors, all except one of whom will continue at Georgia during the coming year. These include Professors Pasco M. Bowman, II., Verner F. Chaffin, Lindsey Cowen, D. Meade Feild, Thomas F. Green, Jr., Richard Morton, John F. T. Murray, John B. Rees, Jr., Perry Sentell, Jr., and Law Librarian Sewell M. Brumby.

Professor Robert N. Leavell will be on leave of absence, serving as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Michigan. We regret Bob's absence, but we think the year's experience will be valuable to him and to us - and most of all to the University of Michigan.

Professor Norman Crandell and Mr. Julian Stewart have been transferred from the staff of the Institute of Law and Government to that of the School of Law to conduct the Law School's Continuing Legal Education Program, hereafter elaborated.

This distinguished professional staff has been augmented by four additional appointments.

Mr. James Ralph Beaird, Associate Solicitor of Labor on leave for the academic year 1965-1966, is serving as a Visiting Professor of Law. Mr. Beaird, age 40, received his B.S. degree in 1949, his LL.B. in 1951, both from the University of Alabama; and his LL.M. in 1953 from George Washington University.

Since graduating from Alabama, he has served as Assistant Solicitor of Labor, Associate General Counsel of the Department of Labor and, for the past five years, Associate Solicitor of Labor. He will teach Labor Law, Civil Procedure, Trial Practice, and the Legal Profession. Mr. and Mrs. Beaird and their two girls, age eleven and eight, moved to Athens in early September.

Mr. Charles Lunsford Saunders, Jr., whose parents live in Washington, Georgia, joins the faculty as an Associate Professor of Law. Mr. Saunders, age 35, received his B.S. degree in 1952 from the University of Wisconsin, and his LL.B. in 1958 from the University of Virginia where he was Editor in Chief of the Virginia Law Review. For five years after graduation, he served as an associate in the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, Washington, D.C., and for the past two years has been associated with Grant, Shafroth, Toll & McHendrie of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Saunders will specialize in Taxation, and during his first year will also offer a course in Legal Accounting and a section of Legal Writing. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, who have just become the parents of a baby girl, will live temporarily in Washington.

Mr. John Daniel Reaves, age 26, became an Assistant Professor of Law on August 1, 1965. Mr. Reaves graduated from Auburn University in 1961 with a B.S. degree, and from the University of Virginia in 1964 with an LL.B. From the time of his graduation until August 1, he served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard T. Rives, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Mr. Reaves will have primary responsibility for organizing and publishing our Law Review, and will also teach the basic course in Property to the First Year Class. Mr. Reaves is unmarried - at the moment.

Mr. E. Hunter Taylor, Jr., age 24, comes to us as an Assistant Professor of Law. Mr. Taylor received his undergraduate education at Union University in Tennessee, and was awarded his LL.B. degree in 1965 by Tulane University School of Law. During the coming year he will teach Commercial Transactions, Legal Writing, Equitable Remedies, and Security. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their infant daughter moved to Athens in mid-July.

The resident faculty will be supplemented this year by six part-time Instructors from the practicing Bar.

Mr. Harrison A. Birchmore, of Erwin, Birchmore

& Epting, Athens, will offer Mortgages and Real Estate Transactions.

Mr. Hiram E. Camp, Vice President and Trust Officer of The Fulton National Bank of Atlanta, and Mr. King D. Cleveland, Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of the Bank of Georgia, Atlanta, will each offer seminars in Estate Planning.

Mr. Nicholas P. Chilivis, of Erwin, Birchmore & Epting, and Mr. Edwin B. Fortson, of Fortson, Bentley & Griffin, each of Athens, will offer our seminars in Trial Practice.

Mr. Larry V. McLeod, of Erwin, Birchmore & Epting, Athens, will offer a section in Legal Writing.

SIBLEY LECTURES IN LAW

Last year's highly successful John A. Sibley Lectures in Law promise to be equalled at least by the distinguished lecturers who will come to Athens during this academic year.

The *Honorable Mortimer M. Caplin,* former Commissioner of Internal Revenue and now senior partner in the Washington law firm of Caplin, Battle & Harris, was our Sibley Lecturer during the Summer Quarter. *Professor William L. Cary,* of Columbia Law School, former Chairman of the Securities Exchange Commission, will be in residence during the week of October 31, 1965, and will give his public lecture on Tuesday, November 2, 1965.

Dean Hardy Cross Dillard, of the University of Virginia, will lecture during the week of January 16, 1966. His public lecture will be given Tuesday, January 18, 1966. And *Professor Eugene V. Rostow,* former Dean of Yale Law School, is expected to be in residence during the Spring Quarter.

Alumni are cordially invited and encouraged to attend these lectures when it is possible for them to do so.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

The expansion of the faculty has made it possible to offer to this year's students a much more comprehensive curriculum.

We are, of course, continuing to offer the basic required work during the first and second years. All students in both the first and second year are required to take full loads of fifteen quarter hours in each of the three quarters of the regular academic year. During the Fall of the third year, a two-hour course in the Legal Profession is required of all senior students, and then they may elect among twelve courses and seminars totaling thirty-six hours of work. In the Winter Quarter they may choose from eleven courses and seminars with a total of thirty-one quarter hours in building their fifteen-hour schedules, and in the Spring Quarter from twelve courses and seminars totaling thirty-one quarter hours work.

Perhaps the most interesting improvement in the curriculum is in the field of Taxation. In addition to the basic course in Federal Income Taxation and the one in Estate and Gift Taxation which were offered last year, we will offer Corporate Income Taxation, the Income Taxation of Partnerships, Trusts and Estates, and State and Local Taxation.

Our most immediate needs now are for additional electives in the International and Commercial Law fields.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia is now a going concern. The State Bar of Georgia and the Law Schools of Emory, Mercer, and Georgia, have pooled their resources to make available to the lawyers of Georgia the finest program of Continuing Legal Education offered anywhere. Assistant Professor Norman A. Crandell and Mr. Julian Stewart, both of our Law faculty, will serve as Director and Assistant Director of the Institute, and with Professor Mallory C. Atkinson, of Mercer, General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia, will plan and implement the programs under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. Professor Thomas F. Green, Jr., and I represent our school on the Board.

During July, a five-day Basic Federal Income Taxation Short Course for the General Practitioner was held in Athens. Registrants included twenty-one practicing attorneys and five law students.

For the summer of 1966, the Institute is considering a short course in Advanced Estate Planning; however, Director Crandell will be pleased to have any additional suggestions on subject matter.

LAW LIBRARY

On July 1, 1964, the official count of books available in the Law Library was 48,282. This placed Georgia ninth among eleven southern state law schools and of course far down on the list of all law schools in the United States. During 1963-1964, our expenditure of state funds for law books as a percent of the expenditure for all University books was 7.3%, which ranked Georgia eighth among the same list of eleven schools.

Between July 1, 1964 and June 30, 1965, 13,222 new books were purchased. Of this number, 4,524 were actually shelved, making the official count at the close of the year 52,806. At the same time, there were 650 volumes being processed, with an additional 8,048 volumes paid for but left in crates and boxes for lack of shelf space. The total number of volumes which could have been shelved, therefore, was 61,504.

This increase of over 25% in a single year was made possible by a substantial increase in state appropriation and the expenditure of a major portion of the Callaway grant. It was certainly a step in the right direction. However, the cold, harsh fact is that an adequate, Anglo-American research library must now contain 200,000 volumes, or more; and, when foreign materials are added, the count becomes almost astronomical.

For the current year, state support has been continued at last year's level, but private funds have been substantially exhausted. Therefore, the increase in acquisitions will be substantially smaller at the end of this year than it was at the end of last year. In light

of the large backlog of books yet to be unpacked, this is a temporarily acceptable situation; but concurrently with our move into the new building we must move rapidly ahead in the building of the law library.

Drastic action is required. An increase in size of 20,000 volumes a year ought to be our minimum goal, and I would like very much to make it 30,000 a year for a five year period. The average of $12.50 a volume multiplied by the number of volumes will give you an idea of the money which will be required.

STUDENT BODY

As of the date of this letter, our expected enrollment for the Fall Quarter is: Third Year Class 46; Second Year Class 67; First Year Class 90. This will be a decrease of 13 in our enrollment compared with last year's, caused by the graduation of an unusually large Third Year Class and the limitation in the size of the First Year Class to 90, compelled by the dimensions of the classroom available to us.

A comparison between the class which entered in the Fall of 1964 and the one which is expected to enter in the Fall of 1965 may be of interest:

	1964	1965
Total number enrolled or expected to enroll	90	90
Male students	85	85
Female students	5	5
Georgians	84	82
Non-Georgians	6	8
Colleges and Universities represented	44	48
Law School Admission Test Scores:		
Mean score (average of LSAT scores on this distribution)	539 (68th percentile*)	547 (71st percentile*)
Median (LSAT score which appears in the middle of this distribution when scores are arranged in descending order)	524 (63rd percentile*)	541 (69th percentile*)

These statistics demonstrate modest but definite improvement in the qualifications of our entering class.

For the class which will enter in September 1966, assuming that the new building is ready for occupancy, we are prepared to sectionalize should the number of qualified applicants require it.

GEORGIA LAW REVIEW

As has been suggested, Assistant Professor John Daniel Reaves is in residence and actively working in his role as faculty editor of the Georgia Law Review.

During the Fall Quarter, his primary responsibility will be the training of a staff of student editors, who are expected to do a major share of the research writing and editing required in publishing such a Journal. In the Winter and Spring Quarters, he will oversee the writing, editing, and polishing of student casenotes and comments preparatory to sending our first copy to the printer.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Reaves is soliciting articles from distinguished jurists, practitioners, and professors. We have entered the "countdown" stage on our planned launching of the Georgia Law Review.

LEGAL DEFENDER PROGRAM

In late August, the University of Georgia School of Law was one of five schools in the nation to receive a special grant from the National Defender Project. The initial grant to Georgia was $13,500.00, but it is expected that within the next few months there will be a supplementary grant.

Very broadly, the purpose of the grant is to make possible an expansion of Georgia's existing program of Legal Aid to provide student assistance to assigned counsel in criminal cases.

The program and proposal were prepared by Professor John F. T. Murray with the assistance of Judge James Barrow of the Western Judicial Circuit, and Judge Olin Price, President of the Athens-Clarke County Bar Association.

PLACEMENT

In the absence of Professor Robert N. Leavell, Professor D. Meade Feild will head the School's Placement service.

In the near future, each member of the State Bar of Georgia will receive Georgia's Placement Brochure, prepared by the Student Bar Association. Additional personal and professional information will be furnished upon request, and we stand prepared to arrange interviews between our senior students and prospective employers, either at the School or elsewhere.

This year's graduating class is unusually small. Therefore, it would be wise for those seeking new associates to contact us as soon as it can conveniently be done to make the necessary arrangements for interviewing. The small size of the class also makes it possible for us to offer expanded service to those of our alumni who are considering a change. All inquiries will, of course, be held in strictest confidence.

LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Law School Association held at the Desoto Hotel in Savannah on June 4, 1965, a new Constitution and set of Bylaws were adopted. There were two principal changes. One moved the Association's fiscal year from July 1 - June 30 to January 1 - December 31. The other was a reorganization of the Law School Association Council to include the officers of the Association, the Dean of the School of Law, a member of the faculty of the School of Law, and a member from each of the congressional districts in Georgia. The Council subsequently met at the University on Saturday, August 7, to plan the activities of the Association for the coming year.

*Of the 170,857 who were tested in the period 1957-1964, the indicated percent scored lower than the Georgia means or medians.

This year's officers are John C. Bell, Augusta, President; William R. Gignilliat, Jr., Gainesville, First Vice President; Jesse W. Walters, Albany, Second Vice President; and Upshaw C. Bentley, Jr., Athens, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Council include: Mr. George L. Smith, II., Swainsboro, First District Member; Mr. Edmund A. Landau, Jr., Albany, Second District Member; Mr. W. M. Page, Columbus, Third District Member; Mr. Clarence R. Vaughn, Jr., Conyers, Fourth District Member; Mr. A. C. Latimer, Atlanta, Fifth District Member; Mr. E. S. Sell, Jr., Macon, Sixth District Member; Mr. Oscar M. Smith, Jr., Rome, Seventh District Member; Mr. Thomas J. Dickey, Brunswick, Eighth District Member; Mr. William O. Carter, Hartwell, Ninth District Member; Mr. Jack McGahee, Augusta, Tenth District Member; Dean Lindsey Cowen and Professor Verner F. Chaffin, School of Law, University of Georgia, Athens.

Detailed reports will be made at the Luncheon Meeting to be held during the midwinter meeting of the Bar in Atlanta in early December.

MIAMI MEETING

On Wednesday morning, August 11, 1965, a Breakfast Meeting for those Association members attending the annual convention of the American Bar Association was held at the Fontainebleu Hotel in Miami Beach. Mr. Charles Kimbrell, of Coral Gables, initiated the meeting and handled all local arrangements. Professor Verner Chaffin, representing the Association, presided, and I spoke briefly about our activities in Athens. Those attending were:

Florida guests: Mr. Benjamin G. Parks, Jr., of Naples; Mr. Charles Kimbrell of Coral Gables; Mr. Thomas Watson of Lakeland; Mr. Thomas A. Clark of Tampa; Mr. Wilson Kemp, formerly of Atlanta and now of Miami; Mr. Frank Hamilton of Tampa; Mr. Edwin McDonald of Fort Lauderdale; Mr. James P. Dyal of Fort Lauderdale; Mr. Byron Kopp of Coral Gables; and Mr. James Gordon of Miami.

Georgia guests: Judge Robert H. Jordan of Atlanta; Mr. Glenn Ellard of Cornelia; Mr. Charles Bloch of Macon; Mr. Wingate Dykes of Americus; and Professor Verner Chaffin and Dean Lindsey Cowen of the University of Georgia, Athens.

Mr. A. J. G. Priest, of the University of Virginia School of Law, attended as a special guest.

FLORIDA-GEORGIA GAME

We were so pleased by the interest of our Florida alumni that we are now discussing some purely social occasion in Jacksonville at the time of the Florida-Georgia game. I would appreciate receiving the reactions of those of you who plan to be in Jacksonville that day.

LAW SCHOOL FUND

On May 1, 1965, the Law School Association announced the establishment of the Law School Fund within the University of Georgia Foundation. Originally conceived as a means for acquiring and managing the scholarship funds so necessary to a school of true excellence, its purposes were soon broadened to permit financial support beyond that which the State of Georgia might be expected to provide in whatever area it may be needed.

Contributions to the Law School Fund may be made at any time, but a formal campaign for support will be conducted annually in December. It is the hope and expectation of the Law School Association that ultimately the income from the endowment will substantially meet the additional cost of excellence. In the meantime, some invasion of corpus will be necessary, except where a donor has specifically limited expenditures to income.

There is nothing which will have a greater effect on the Law School than the complete success of the Law School Fund. You will soon hear much more about this aspect of the program.

BOARD OF VISITORS

As its November, 1965, meeting, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia formally established a Board of Visitors for the Law School. The Resolution creating the Visitors directed that the Board should "serve as a consultive and advisory body on Law School affairs to the Regents, the President of the University of Georgia, and the Dean and faculty of the University of Georgia School of Law, and make recommendations from time to time concerning the needs and requirements to be met and the policies to be followed in developing the Law School into a nationally recognized institution of outstanding quality". Subsequently, the following Visitors were appointed: Mr. Harry S. Baxter of Atlanta; Mr. Howell C. Erwin, Jr., of Athens; Mr. Omer Franklin of Valdosta; Mr. William R. Gignilliat, Jr., of Gainesville; Mr. Robert Heard of Elberton; Mr. Howell Hollis of Columbus; the Honorable O. Wendell Horne of Cordele; Mr. E. S. Sell, Jr., of Macon; and Mr. Robert Troutman, Sr., of Atlanta.

The Visitors have met on several occasions since their appointment, with Mr. Harry S. Baxter serving as the first chairman and Mr. Howell Erwin as secretary.

The Visitors are divided into three committees: (1) Faculty, Students, and Placement of Students; (2) Curriculum, Continuing Legal Education, and Law Review; and (3) Facilities and Library. Regular meetings of the committees and of the entire Board of Visitors will be held periodically in Athens.

IN CONCLUSION

We at the school are pleased with, but not complacent about, our progress. Morale is high, and there is unbounded optimism in the future.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Cowen

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