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## Dean's Letter to the Law School Association

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Dear Alumnus:

It is the intention of the Law School and of the Law School Association to send you periodic reports on the progress which is being made in the implementation of our plans for your Law School. I have the honor to submit for your approval this account of our activities during my first four months as Dean.

#### NEW BUILDING

At the top of this page you see an artist's conception of our new building. While it is not totally accurate, inasmuch as the large glass expanses have given way to a more traditional exterior, in the main the general appearance is quite like what will be seen by you on and after September, 1966.

Bids on the project were opened on August 27, 1964, and the contract was awarded to the H. L. Coble Construction Company, of Montgomery, Alabama. The contractor established headquarters on the site in September, and ground was broken on October 17, with Governor Carl Sanders, Law Class of 1948, and Regents Chairman James A. Dunlap, Law Class of 1946, wielding the ceremonial spade. Since then, the old Strahn house which formerly housed the Institute of Law and Government has been removed, and now will follow the site work, the pouring of the foundations, the steel work, the enclosing, and the finishing. If all goes according to schedule, we will be in the new portion by September, 1966, and our present quarters will be remodeled not later than a year thereafter. Consequently, we expect to be in full operation by September, 1967.

In the meantime, we have under way an extremely active, vital program in which you will all be interested.

#### FACULTY

We have been most fortunate this year in procuring the services of four outstanding new faculty members. They come to us with a variety of backgrounds and a wealth of experience.

Professor Robert Nelson Leavell, age 40, came to us from Tulane University Law School of New Orleans. He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1948 from the University of Mississippi, and his LL. B. in 1952 from Yale University. He practiced law in New York City for four and one-half years, and was an Assistant Professor of Law at this Law School from 1956 to 1958. He then went to Tulane where he served until July of this year. Mr. Leavell will teach Corporations, Agency and Partnership, Equity, and Credit Transactions. He, his wife, who is also a graduate lawyer, and children, live in Washington, Georgia.

Professor John F. T. Murray, age 46, is currently Commandant of the Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army, Charlottesville, Virginia. Professor Murray received his Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1941, his LL. B. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School in 1951, and his M. A. in International Affairs in 1961 from George Washington University. He has had experience in law and teaching, including teaching courses in Business Law and Russian History at the Columbus Extension of the University of Georgia in 1959-1960. Professor Murray will teach Criminal Law, Criminal Law Problems, and Negotiable Instruments during his first year. The Murrays have six children, three of whom will be living with them when they move to Athens around January 1, 1965.

Associate Professor Robert Perry Sentell, Jr., age 30, has for the past several years, been a member of the staff of the Institute of Law and Government, teaching part-time in the Law School. He now joins the Faculty on a full-time basis. Mr. Sentell received his A. B. degree from the University of Georgia in 1956, his LL. B. here in 1958, and his LL. M. from Harvard Law School in 1961. He will teach Torts, Municipal Corporations, Legislation, and Legal Writing. The Sentells, who have lived in Athens for several years, have two young children.

Assistant Professor Pasco Middleton Bowman, age 31, resigned his position with Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Attorneys at Law, New York City, to join us. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Bridgewater College, Virginia, in 1955, and his LL. B. from New York University in 1958. In 1961-62, he studied abroad at the London School of Economics, majoring in International Law. Mr. Bowman has as fine a record and background for teaching as any young man entering the field of legal education this year. Although he is the junior in rank, he very clearly measures up to the exceptionally high standard of excellence established by the other three appointments. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have one child.

Dr. Thomas F. Green, Jr., Professor D. Meade Feild, Dr. Verner F. Chaffin, and Assistant Dean and Associate Professor John B. Rees, continue their outstanding service in the Law School. These able men are known to you all, and I will not elaborate on their outstanding qualifications. Suffice it to say that my situation would have been extremely difficult had they failed to give their full time, energy, and loyalty to the School. I am pleased to report that each of them has gone the extra mile, and more.

Assistant Professor Marion Wilson Benfield, Jr. is on leave of absence this year in order that he might take graduate work at the Law School of the University of Michigan. We expect him to return as a full-time teaching member of the Faculty in September, 1965.

We are extremely fortunate in having Mr. Harrison A. Birchmore and Mr. Edwin B. Fortson, of the Athens-Clarke County Bar, continue their part-time instruction in the Law School. In addition to the course in Real Estate Transactions which Mr. Birchmore has taught so successfully for several years, he is teaching this Fall a course in Mortgages. Mr. Fortson will continue his work in Trial Practice, with assistance from other members of the Athens-Clarke County Bar.

We are pleased to report that we have procured the services of Mr. King D. Cleveland, Vice President and Trust Officer of the Bank of Georgia, to offer a seminar in Estate Planning during the Fall and Winter Quarters. We hope to recruit, on a rather extensive scale, experts in particular fields, such as Mr. Cleveland, to offer specialized work in the Law School.

You are aware that Dean Hosch retired as of June 30, 1964, and, in August, was named Dean and Professor Emeritus of Law. Dean Hosch has an office in Waddell Hall, and remains available to us for consultation and advice.

Dr. Sigmund Cohn, who has been a member of the Faculty since 1939, retired as of December 31, 1963. He retains, however, an office in the Law building and I look forward to a close association with him.

Assistant Professor Royal G. Shannonhouse, III., resigned during the summer to enter the private practice of law in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

#### **JOHN A. SIBLEY LECTURESHIPS IN LAW**

A generous grant from the Charles Lorigans Foundation of Atlanta, Georgia, has made possible the establishment of the John A. Sibley Lectureships in Law designed to bring to Athens each year outstanding legal scholars from all over the United States. The lecturers will meet the regularly scheduled classes in their fields, will each give at least one public lecture, and will be generally available to the Faculty and student body for consultation. I am pleased to announce that we have received firm commitments from the following:

Professor Myres McDougal, Yale Law School - November 30 through December 4, 1964.

Professor Herbert Wechsler, Columbia University School of Law, Director of American Law Institute - January 15 through January 20, 1965.

Professor Charles O. Gregory, School of Law, University of Virginia - March 25 through March 31, 1965.

Sir Arthur Goodhart, retired Master of University College, Oxford. April 26 through May 1, 1965.

Professor William Cary, Columbia University School of Law, previously announced as a Sibley lecturer for 1964-1965, has requested that his appointment be delayed until 1965-1966.

The first public lecture will be delivered by Professor Myres S. McDougal on Monday evening, November 30, at 8:30 P. M. He will speak on "Jurisprudence and a Free Society".

#### **SPECIAL LECTURES**

On Wednesday, October 21, Mr. H. Sol Clark, of the Savannah Bar, spoke to members of the Law School student body on "Trial Advocacy". As those who know him would expect, Mr. Clark won his audience completely; his remarks gave our first year students an exceptionally fine introduction to trial work.

This lecture was the first of several special lectures which will be held during this academic year.

#### **ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**

The Charles Lorigans Foundation has also made possible the creation of the Samuel H. Sibley Professorship of Constitutional Law and the Robert Cotten Alston Professorship of Corporation - Tax Law. The endowment will provide salaries which will attract to the Faculty at Athens pre-eminent scholars in each of these fields. Committees are actively working on these appointments and we expect to announce the first holders not later than September, 1966, when we occupy our new building.

#### **LAW LIBRARY**

The present Library facilities are woefully inadequate, both for what we actually have and for what we need. The new building will take care of the physical problem and, insofar as the collection itself is concerned, we have been greatly encouraged by a 225% increase over last year in this year's appropriation for acquisitions. In addition, we have received very substantial gifts. The Callaway Foundation has made \$100,000.00 available for the purchase of law books, and approximately one-third of this has already been spent for British Commonwealth materials which are in relatively short supply. We will continue to emphasize the acquisition of English language materials, but we will gradually work into foreign language materials from the West Indies and Central and South America in keeping with a general University policy of interest in these areas.

Private gifts such as this will permit substantial progress in the rapid expansion necessary for a truly first class research Library, but we will need many more before the job is completed.

Along this line, alumni who have library materials they would like to donate to the Law School should communicate either with me or with Colonel Sewell Brumby, Law Librarian. Regrettably, as offers are made, there will be items which we can not accept because we have an adequate supply and there are limitations on space. However, we would like to be given an opportunity to examine prospective gifts so that we may select those things which will be valuable additions to our collection. Undoubtedly there are many rare and semi-rare items in Georgia libraries which ought to be in the Law Library of The University of Georgia. I hope that each of you will keep us in mind as you review your holdings from time to time.

## STUDENT BODY

In many ways, 1964 has been an outstanding year for The University of Georgia School of Law. In my judgment, however, the finest thing which has happened is the receipt of the Most Outstanding Student Bar Activity Award offered annually by the American Law Student Association. The Georgia student body won this through its Trial Practice Court program, instituted by a group of interested students last year with the help of Mr. Edwin Fortson, Mr. Nicholas Chilivis, and Mr. Larry McLeod, all of the Athens - Clarke County Bar. In the past, this award has been won by Cornell, Virginia, Washington, and Miami. Now Georgia is added to the list. I am certain that this is merely the first of a series of national recognitions which will put Georgia in the position of pre-eminence which all of us desire.

The Student Editorial Board continues to serve the Bar of Georgia through its Case Notes in the Georgia Bar Journal.

The Legal Aid Society, in conjunction with the Athens-Clarke County Bar, provides a daily legal service for indigents here in Athens.

Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternities have planned an exciting program of speakers for this Fall. Included are the Honorable Carl Sanders, Governor of the State of Georgia; the Honorable Peter Zack Geer, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia; Mr. Roy V. Harris, Augusta attorney, member of the Board of Regents; and Mr. Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution.

The Law Dames, whose membership is composed of the wives of Law students, while not strictly a student activity, is nevertheless a vital part of our operation. They have had an organizational meeting and will meet monthly hereafter.

We are organizing a Georgia Legal Research Group which will offer memorandum service to lawyers of Georgia who do not have access to libraries adequate for particular problems. It is hoped that our planning will be completed this quarter so that in January, 1965, the staff will be available for this service.

The Georgia Law Review is "in the works". September, 1966, is our current target date, but if we can move it up we certainly will. We have organized a "shadow" editorial board which will serve this year and will form the nucleus of the second "shadow board" which will serve next year. These two boards will set the stage for the first volume, which will be produced primarily by the class which entered this past September. An alumni committee is aiding us in our planning; and all alumni will, in due course, be contacted with respect to the Review.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

The Law School Association, headed this year by Oscar Smith, of Rome, is planning an active program. All alumni will be encouraged to participate. There are now in existence active committees on membership, scholarships, and the Law Review, to mention only a few. Others will be established in the

near future. If you are asked to serve I encourage you to accept. If you are willing to serve and have not yet been contacted, I know that Oscar Smith would appreciate receiving a note from you. He is always on the lookout for interested people who will work.

Of course, the first thing that everyone can do, and should do, is to join the Association. The active membership is woefully small considering the potential membership. I am enclosing a letter from Oscar on this subject. I hope you will indicate your interest in our dramatic and dynamic program by joining your association and lending your support to this great endeavor.

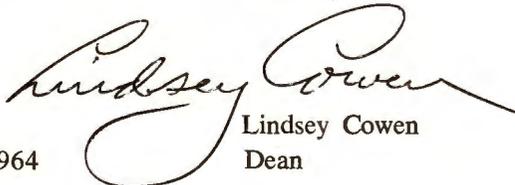
## PLACEMENT

For some years our students have accepted the major responsibility for their own placement. Many of you are familiar with the annual Placement Brochure which is edited and published by members of the student body. The Faculty has, of course, given such aid as it could, but it is now our intention to increase our efforts in this area and to bring our students into contact with as many opportunities as are brought to our attention or we otherwise locate. Here the alumni can aid tremendously by keeping us informed of their own needs and of the needs which they know are developing in their communities. Where firms have an established recruitment program, The University of Georgia School of Law should be included on the list of those schools to be visited. Obviously, not every year will a particular firm hire a Georgia student, but regular interviewing will evidence the interest and concern of our alumni and will be an invaluable morale builder. Already this year seven firms have interviewed here at the school. We hope that many more will take advantage of the opportunity in the near future. Professor Robert Leavell has accepted primary responsibility for the effort. Contact can be made either with him or with me.

## IN CONCLUSION

I have been royally received in Georgia, and I have enjoyed more than I can ever say my few months here. I have had the opportunity of meeting many of you and explaining in person what we are trying to do. I have received other invitations to speak, which I have promptly accepted. Consequently, as the year goes by, I will see more and more of you, wherever you may be in this state. My theme, *our* theme is more appropriate, now and forever is Quality. This is to be an institution of pre-eminent excellence, second to none in the program it offers. If we are to measure up to our responsibility we can do no less.

Sincerely,

  
Lindsey Cowen  
Dean

November 16, 1964

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SCHOOL OF LAW - UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - ATHENS, GEORGIA

November 16, 1964

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

It is plain to see from Dean Lindsey Cowen's News Letter that the University of Georgia School of Law has entered upon a new era of improvement and expansion. There is a firm resolve to make our School one of the outstanding law schools in America.

Never before have we alumni had such an opportunity to help our school achieve the greatness which it should and can achieve. The Law School, under the able leadership of Dean Cowen, needs your help and will keep on needing it in the future.

Alumni effort is needed in such matters as helping to attract highly qualified students, helping to plan for the publication and circulation of a law journal or law review, encouraging students to better scholarship by awarding prizes, presiding at moot court trials, recognizing outstanding faculty achievements, placement of graduates, and many others.

The Law School Association was formed as the organization through which the alumni of the Law School could carry out such activities as these. At present, the Association awards five annual cash prizes to students for outstanding achievements, awards a scroll to an outstanding graduate at Law Day each May, is working toward the setting up of a Law School scholarship fund, holds the Law School alumni breakfasts at the annual and midwinter meetings of the State Bar and is generally trying to be helpful to the Law School.

However, the number of alumni who are members of the Association is far too small. I believe you will agree that we all owe the Law School a lot more than it will ever get from us. Certainly, we should all at least be members of the Association.

If you have not yet joined the Association, I urge you to do so now. By so doing, you will show your support of the Law School and become a participant in the great new program now underway.

The dues of the Association are:

Admitted to practice:

Less than three years.....	\$ 3.00
Three to ten years.....	5.00
More than ten years.....	10.00
Sustaining Membership.....	25.00

If you have not already joined the Association, you may do so by sending your dues for 1964-65 to Upshaw Bentley, P.O. Box 1744, Athens, Georgia. If you are already a member, please forward your dues for 1964-65 to Upshaw.

Sincerely yours,



Oscar M. Smith,  
President.