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# Editorial

## The Law School

The following summary of items of current interest is presented for the information of the alumni and friends of the Law School.

### *The Student Body*

Enrollment for the 1954-1955 session of the Law School again shows an increase over the preceding year. This year's total of 178 students exceeds the number of last year by 32, or approximately 18 percent. Class distribution is: First-Year—91; Second-Year—40; Third-Year—46; Irregular or unclassified—1. Included in the First-Year group are 25 veterans enrolled under GI benefits, indicating the extent to which the return of veterans continues to affect the enrollment. The size of the First-Year Class has resulted in the division of all first-year courses into two sections for more effective teaching with smaller groups. This plan is being tried out on an experimental basis this year.

There are 46 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws this year, with 17 scheduled to complete the required work in February of 1955, and 29 at the June or August commencements. These figures compare with a total of 32 law degrees conferred during the 1953-54 session.

Under the present admission requirements, entering students must have either a college degree or have completed at least three years of college study with a C average on all work undertaken. This requirement insures that only students who have proven their ability to pass college work successfully will be admitted to the study of law at the LSU Law School. It is interesting to note that 48 of the first-year students, or over half of the class, already have a college degree and 27 are candidates for degrees under the curriculum which permits the first year of law work to be accepted as elective credit toward an undergraduate degree. It is to be expected that in the future there will be only a relatively small proportion of graduates of the Law School who will not earn a baccalaureate degree in addition to the professional degree of Bachelor of Laws.

### *The Faculty*

Professor Joseph Dainow has returned from sabbatical leave during which he was abroad in the spring and summer of 1954. As Fulbright Lecturer in France he was visiting professor at the Faculties of Law of Paris and of Lyons; he delivered several lectures at the Faculty of Law of Grenoble; and at the University of Dijon he returned as visiting lecturer to the classrooms where he had once been a student. A number of lectures were given at the summer session of the Institut d'Etudes Juridiques de Nice. These lectures were in the fields of Comparative Law, Private International Law, and American Legal Institutions. Professor Dainow was also the recipient of a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship to do research in legal codification and civil code revision; this brought him into touch with the current work of the civil code revision programs in France and Holland, the recent work in Italy, and the legal codification program in Israel. While in Europe, Professor Dainow attended a number of international conferences, including the Colloque International on private law and social legislation in Paris, France (May 13-15); the International Meeting on Arbitration Reform in Como and Milan, Italy (June 3-6); and the International Congress of Comparative Law in Paris (August 1-7).

Associate Professor Robert A. Pascal is taking his sabbatical leave during the fall semester of the current year. He is remaining in residence at the Law School engaged in research and writing incident to the completion of a special study of *negotiorum gestio* and unjust enrichment. When completed, the study will be presented as a dissertation at the University of Michigan Law School.

Professor Melvin G. Dakin has been invited to serve as Visiting Professor of Law at Northwestern University Law School during the second semester of the academic year. As visiting professor he will teach the courses in Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. He has been granted leave of absence to permit his acceptance of this invitation.

Assistant Professor George W. Pugh has accepted an appointment for 1954-1955 to undertake the organization of a central administrative office for the Louisiana Judicial Council under the direction of Chief Justice John B. Fournet. The 1954 legislature has made an appropriation to finance the work of the Judicial Council. Mr. Pugh's special training in the fields of procedure,

practice and judicial administration should prove an invaluable assistance to the members of the Louisiana judiciary in their organization of such a central office to collect essential data relative to functioning of the state's judicial system. Mr. Pugh will be on leave of absence while undertaking this assignment.

Mr. Carlos E. Lazarus, Coordinator of Legal Research for the Louisiana State Law Institute, has accepted a part-time appointment as Assistant Professor of Law to offer the course in Evidence during the fall semester. Mr. Lazarus is a graduate of the Loyola University Law School and served for a time as a member of that faculty.

Mr. Alvin B. Rubin, Assistant Professor of Law (part-time) is this semester offering the Law School's course in Local Government Law and will teach the course in Federal Procedure during the second semester. Additional appointments for essential course work will be announced at a later date.

Dr. Mario Matteucci, Secretary General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law with headquarters in Rome, Italy, and a visiting Fulbright lecturer in the United States was special guest lecturer in the Law School during the period October 1 through October 4, 1954. He delivered a series of four lectures devoted to a consideration of important recent legislative developments on the continent in the civil law of property, in labor law, in the law of business organizations and in family law. The lectures were coordinated with the instructional programs for first-, second- and third-year class groups.

#### *Moot Court Work*

This year's finals in the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Competition were held at the Law School on October 16, 1954. A panel of judges consisting of three members of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, including Associate Justices Hamiter, Moise and LeBlanc, heard the arguments and decided the competition. Professor Melvin G. Dakin, as Faculty Advisor, and the Senior Moot Court Board, of which H. L. Dufour Woolfley is Chairman, were in charge of arrangements. The winning team was composed of Joseph Peyton Parker, Jr., and Richard E. Talbot, Sr., who were chosen over the competing team composed of Marvin F. Gahagan and Cas B. Moss. The winning team will represent the Law School in the Regional Trials of the National Inter Law School Moot Court Competition to be held in Baton Rouge on November 11, 12 and 13, 1954, with the LSU Law School serving

as host to the visiting teams from other law schools. Professor Dale E. Bennett is the faculty coordinator for the regional moot court competition.

### *The Order of the Coif*

The 1954 induction ceremonies of The Order of the Coif were held on April 23, 1954. In recognition of their scholarly work, the following four students from the upper ten percent of the 1954 graduating class were selected for this high honor:

Aylmer Buford Atkins of Homer, La.  
John Sidney Covington of Baton Rouge, La.  
Newton Cleburn Dalton of Baton Rouge, La.  
Jack Murphy Gordon of Lake Charles, La.

The honorary member selected for the year was Mr. Charles F. Fletchinger of the New Orleans Bar, former President of the Louisiana State Bar Association and of the New Orleans Bar Association, long-time leader of Louisiana's legal profession and active participant in numerous educational and civic endeavors. Mr. Fletchinger delivered a scholarly address tracing the development of the *cy pres* doctrine in the law of trusts and making a plea for the clarification and establishment of the doctrine in Louisiana law.

### *Post-Admission Legal Education*

The Third Annual Institute on Mineral Law is scheduled to be held at the Law School on February 11 and 12, 1955. Professor Harriet S. Daggett is in charge of the program arrangements. The work of the Institute continues to merit the attention of members of the bar who have a special interest in the Louisiana law of oil and gas.

An Institute on certain medical aspects of personal injury litigation is being planned under the direction of Professor Wex S. Malone. It will be scheduled in the spring with the exact dates to be announced.

During the early summer, a course in fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation was offered in Shreveport, Louisiana, by Professor Melvin G. Dakin. It consisted of ten two-hour sessions devoted to a consideration of bureau procedures, the content of gross income, deductions, cash and accrual tax accounting, capital accounting, capital gains and losses, corporate income taxes and special corporate surtaxes, corporate distributions and reorgani-

zations and trusts, estates and partnerships. Some twenty members of the Shreveport Bar participated in the course. A non-credit course on Estate Planning was conducted by Assistant Professor Alvin B. Rubin in conjunction with his regular law school course during a five-weeks period beginning last April and embracing fifteen classes of one hour duration. Consideration was given to the marital deduction and community property interests, life insurance, dispositions of business interests and inter vivos transfers, insofar as these subjects affect estate planning. The course attracted members of the bar, bankers and other specialists interested in the field of estate planning.

A faculty committee is surveying possibilities for additional programs in continuing legal education in keeping with the interests and needs of the profession.

*Dean Emeritus Robert Lee Tullis*

This report cannot be concluded without a brief mention of a date of widespread interest to the alumni of the Law School. On June 10, 1954, Dean Emeritus Robert Lee Tullis reached his 90th birthday. He became dean in 1912 when the Law School was in its sixth year and served until his retirement as Dean Emeritus in 1934. Under his leadership the Law School became a powerful force for providing a high quality of legal education in the state. During the twenty years of his retirement he has continued to maintain an active interest in all affairs of the Law School and has been a constant source of inspiration to the faculty. Dean Tullis's health would not have permitted a program celebrating his 90th birthday. For the first time this year he found it necessary, in the interest of his health, to be absent from the finals of the Moot Court Competition named in his honor. The friends of the Law School, including all those among the law alumni, who were fortunate enough to study under Dean Tullis, share the sentiments of the present faculty in extending to Dean and Mrs. Tullis heartiest felicitations in his 90th year. They also express the hope that his health may be improved and conserved for many additional years.

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