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TRIAL DEMONSTRATION HIGHLIGHTS LAW DAY

FORUM HEARS TYDINGS

The Hon. Joseph D. Tydings, Democratic United States Senator from Maryland, met with the sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, spoke at the first Law Forum of this year about several bills which are indicative of the work done by the committee in an effort to improve and organize the Federal Judiciary System.

A significant contribution, according to Tydings, has been the sub-committee’s study of the United States Commissioner System. The present duties of a commissioner are to issue various warrants and subpoenas. He is paid by the number of documents so issued. The sub-committee has recommended that the system be reorganized so that the task of a commissioner would serve as a master in certain cases, participate in pre-trial discovery, and otherwise help to relieve some of the burdens which plague the Federal Judges.

Another proposal which the sub-committee has considered is that of increasing the number of law clerks assigned to the Senators. The Senator stated that the judges seem to feel that they would be accomplishing more with two clerks assisting them instead of just one.

Tydings spent the remainder of his talk explaining his own legislative proposal for providing the states with added revenue. He noted that state taxation is at the saturation point and that the new reapportioned legislatures are going to need revenue to carry out state reform. Therefore, it is Tydings’ suggestion that the Federal Government return one percent of the funds collected through the Federal Income Tax to the states.

In metropolitan areas the money could go directly to the county or a regional board for inter-city use. According to Tydings, passage of this measure would decrease by the next few years as more states reapportion their legislatures.

Alumni Attend Dinner and Reunion

The Villanova Law Alumni Assn. Annual Dinner took place March 17 at the “Top of the Barclay,” City Line Ave., Philadelphia. Bishop of the American Board of Missions, former president of the World Methodist Council, was the guest speaker.

On January 28, approximately 44 persons attended the 1967 dinner and reunion at the law school lounge. Among those present were three of the law school’s first professors: Professor O’Tools, Professor McCartney and Professor Stephenson, who is still teaching at the law school.

Frederick Heldring Speaks on ‘International Liquidity’

Frederick Heldring, Dutch-born vice president of the International Division of the Philadelphia National Bank and chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, delivered an address on “International Liquidity” at the Villanova School of Law Forum.

Heldring centered his remarks on international lending, which he considered as always interesting but not always profitable. Heldring said that whether international bankers will lend to corporations depends on the nation’s political system and its balance of payments. Communist countries were very good risks according to these standards.

Communism, Heldring maintained, has lost much of its former unity and becomes more decentralized as more countries realize the system is doomed to economic failure. The Communist system, because it does not provide for the rejection of consumer goods, fails moment a male consumer has enough ties in his drawer to reject one. “Karl Marx,” he said, “has supplied the answer to preventing the stocking of unwanted goods.

Medical Examinations Demonstrated by Attorneys

Shown above are some of the participants in the trial demonstration held at the Law School. The presiding judge from left to right are Abraham E. Freedman, Esq., and The Honorable Theodore L. Reimel. In the witness box is the plaintiff’s medical witness, Dr. David Gelfand, and in being questioned by plaintiff’s attorney, Harry A. Gair, Esq., shown above in the left foreground.

The Hon. Theodore L. Reimel, President Judge of the Court of Common Please, No. 5, presided at the trial demonstration and lecture at the Villanova School of Law.

Harry A. Gair, Esq., of Philadelphia, was attorney for the plaintiff. He presented as an expert medical witness, Dr. David Gelfand of Philadelphia General Hospital. Representing the defendant was James J. Leyden, Esq., of the firm of Schoessler, Harrison, Segal and Lewis. His medical witness was Dr. Daniel Lewis from Jefferson Memorial College.

The morning session of the program, which was arranged by Professor J. Edward Collins, consisted of a trial demonstration of the examination of the two doctors. Each doctor testified and was cross-examined concerning the plaintiff’s physical condition prior to and after an automobile accident which

MAKE YOUR OPINION KNOWN

Students are requested to make known their opinions concerning the facilities they would like to see in the proposed law school dormitory. Suggestions are solicited on such things as the style of furniture types of recreational facilities: space for club rooms and other student organizations: or anything else you feel is necessary or desirable.

Please respond immediately.

Please write out all suggestions, and address them to Mr. John Carnes, c/o the law school.
The second semester is now well under way as I write. I expect that before two more months roll by, we should have important decisions with respect to the law school’s program during the years immediately ahead. The faculty has plans for well-considered instructional innovations and the development of a pervasive program of seminar instruction. Whether or not we can develop the instructional program which we think of as reaching toward the ideal depends in large part upon when we get a much needed residence facility in Garey Hall and when we get a law school residence hall adjoining Garey. As I have so often said, our residence hall will not be merely a place for law students to sleep and eat. It must also be a place where the law and the social and cultural problems with which the law deals are talked and lived. We conceive of our law school residence facility as an integral part of our instructional plant—as an American version of something approaching the Inns of Court. But, while this careful planning goes on, the customary events that make life good here at Garey Hall and which draw our alumni close to us are programmed.

The students staged their annual gala—the Advocates Ball—a most attractive dinner dance on Saturday, March 11 at the Marriott.

On Friday, (Saint Patrick’s Day), the annual dinner limited to alumni and their invited guests was held at the beautiful “Top of the Barclay” on City Avenue. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Methodist Bishop of the Philadelphia Area, former President of the Methodist World Council and a former president of Dickinson College—a great churchman, a great educator and a great ecumenist. Dinner chairman was Lawrence F. Flick ’62.

Saturday, April 1, will see Garey Hall abloom with the final argument in the Reimel Appellate Court Competition. The fortunate finalists will have a memorable experience in arguing to a distinguished bench. Presiding as Chief Justice will be Mr. Justice Byron R. White of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

On Friday, April 14 the Board of Visitors to the Law School will make its annual visit to the School. On the following day, Saturday, April 15, we shall hold our annual dinner for alumni and present members of the Villanova Law Review at Garey Hall. Again, we are fortunate in our speaker, the Honorable Arthur H. Dean, distinguished statesman, diplomat and lawyer; the senior partner in Sullivan and Cromwell, New York. President of the Methodist World Council and a former justice in arguing to a distinguished bench. The Honorable Arthur H. Dean, distinguished statesman, diplomat and lawyer; the senior partner in the law firm of Blatt, Blatt & Consolvo, Atlantic City and Somers Point, N. J. and a member of the Peace Corps, can be reached c/o Box 305, Thika, Kenya.

Heldring Speaks

In the afternoon seminar Judge Reimel, Gayr, Leyden and Dr. Gelfand presented various problems and techniques connected with discovery, a subject of necessity and development of the case, the panel discussed discovery methods and their use in obtaining information concerning both parties, their health conditions, and the circumstances surrounding the accident. They stressed the use of discovery and its importance in order to be well prepared for trial.

The remainder of the afternoon consisted of a study of the rights of the defendant in the examination and cross-examination of witnesses and the significance and development of the facts and medical opinion to a causal relation or lack of such relation to the accident. The attorneys pointed out their approach to the problem by which they explained why they had chosen certain methods or procedure rather than others in their examination of the witnesses.
From the Dean’s Desk

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Walsh Says Oust Bad Magistrates

Philadelphia’s Chief Magistrate John Patrick Walsh defended the present magistrate system at a meeting of the American Affairs Discussion Club. He spoke the day after Governor Shaffer announced his support of the movement to abolish the magistrate system; Walsh did not deny that some mag­istrates had engaged in corrupt practices, but he emphasized that the appropriate solution was not to eliminate the useful system but to discharge any corrupt magistrates.

Walsh said the system adequately handled all problems within its jurisdiction. He advocated an ex­tension of magistral jurisdiction to provide speedy trials by reduc­ing the caseload of the courts, to dispose of minor civil cases that should not require the expense of an attorney, and to conserve man­power for processes.

Awards Presented

(Continued from Page 1) has the greatest scholastic improvement during the first and second years, was given jointly by Santo A. Agati and Stephen T. Saltz.

The James Rinaldi Award given annually to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to classroom work during the first year, was given to Walter J. Tag­gart and James B. Buchinman. An­thony R. Agnew and Raymond T. Letulle shared the Rose B. Rinaldi Award presented annually to a stu­dent who has made an outstanding contribution in classroom work dur­ing the second year.

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JUDGE, ATTORNEY SPEAK ON ENTERING PRACTICE

As an adjunct to the Law Forum series, the law school often presents programs designed to acquaint the students with the work performed by attorneys in various types of practice. Just such a program was presented recently through the efforts and at the suggestion of Mr. Hugh P. McFadden, Vice-Chairman of the law school Board of Consultants, and senior partner of the firm of McFadden, Riskin and Williams in Bethlehem, Pa. He arranged for a program presenting two distinguished guests: Judge Clinton Beul Palmer of the Common Pleas Court of Northampton County; and Mr. Bernard D. Broeker, General Counsel of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

This discussion was divided into two areas, with Judge Palmer presenting first some of the general problems that face the young attorney upon entering the Bar, and making suggestions as to how he can cope with them. Next, in the area of specialization, Mr. Broeker described the opportunities for meeting corporate attorneys and he also explained the nature of the work of an attorney in that field.

During his part of the program, Judge Palmer spoke initially about one of the most basic problems facing any young attorney—how to get clients. Since it is unwise to advertise, the attorney must find other methods of developing a clientele, and Judge Palmer listed three methods that are "sometimes" successful in this respect:

1. the country club approach
2. the luncheon club approach
3. the political approach

The first of these necessitates an affiliation with the local country club as a means of meeting people and thereby cultivating future business. However, as the Judge pointed out, this approach is financially impossible for the young attorney. He said he was "prepared to do without" and make a living by "good golfing and good luck.

The second suggestion, while not financially restricted, still has its disadvantages; since as the Judge said, "you can't eat lunch all day," he merely wished "good golfing and good luck."

The third suggestion, while not financially restricted, still has its disadvantages; since as the Judge said, you want to "get clients," and he could not "cope with them" except by some means. The Judge also explained the nature of the work of an attorney in that field.

In choosing among the three approaches, the attorney must remember that the third area of specialization, the political approach, is sometimes of the most value, and Judge Palmer listed three methods that are "sometimes" successful in this respect:

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The political approach is the most difficult to follow, but it is the one most likely to be successful; in Judge Palmer's opinion, appears to be the one most likely to be successful, since the Judge pointed out, "by no means exclusive. The limits of man's imagination and the Code of Ethics are the only boundaries he knows."

The Judge made one other general suggestion concerning the young attorney's adjustment to practice. He stated that any attorney who intends to do trial work should do so within his first five years after graduation from law school. He predicted that if the effort is not made within that time period, it will never be, "for, embarrasment, age, or any of several other reasons may be the excuse that an attorney will use for not entering the courtroom; but whatever the reason, it can be a grave detriment to your future career."

"The work is demanding and stimulating, and is as varied as general practice. Consequently, there is no loss of professionalism."

There was one point which both speakers emphasized during their presentations—both Judge Palmer and Mr. Broeker stressed the value of general practice to the law school graduate.

MURDER IN THE COURT IS ONLY A HAPPENING

Prof. J. Edward Collins has afforded law students the opportunity to participate in a series of "Trial Happenings" held Saturday mornings.

At the first meeting, Prof. Collins told the students that the course would be an informal one following no regimented format. Hence the name "Happenings."

Throughout the successive weeks the third year students have had the experience of acting as attorneys for clients in simulated courtroom situations, with the second year students sitting as jurors.

In addition to the outsiders who have given their time to take the stand as witnesses, students in the first year have participated as witnesses with Prof. Collins presiding as judge.

The projects involved have been the delivery of an opening statement, a direct examination of the defendant, the cross-examination of defense witnesses, and the summation of the prosecution. The projects have been held in the law school, with the students seated in the courtroom, followed by examination of eye-witnesses to dispel the atmosphere of sympathy created by the defendant's counsel, also a direct examination and a cross-examination of lay witnesses.

An expert witness, portrayed by a professor of civil engineering from Villanova undergraduate school, was questioned on the effect of tire chains for driving on icy roads.

The highlight of the course was a "staged" murder in the court room, followed by examination of eye-witnesses to illustrate how a witness' ability to observe, remember and relate can falter within an hour of observation.