

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 1, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997

LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN

---

**Contents**

1. Staff Appointments & Separations	9. Curriculum Committee
2. Clinical Programs	10. Law Library
3. Indian Law Certificate Program	11. Institute of Public Law
4. New Mexico Law Review	12. Admissions & Financial Aid
5. Natural Resources Journal	13. Computer & Technical Support
6. The International Transboundary Resources Center	14. Career Counseling & Placement
7. Guanajuato Summer Program	15. Development & Alumni Affairs
8. U.S.-Mexico Law Institute	16. Judicial Selection

---

**APPOINTMENTS AND SEPARATIONS TO STAFF**

Visitors:

John S. Lowe, the George W. Hutchinson Professor of Energy Law at Southern Methodist University, visited the Law School during the fall semester as the Leon Karelitz Chair in Oil and Gas. Phyllis Subin, formerly trial attorney and director of training for the Defender Association of Philadelphia, visited the full year. She taught both semesters in the Clinical Program's Public Defender Clinic. Barbara Blumenfeld continued as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, directing the Law School's first year writing program. Donavon Roberts and Barbara Creel, both Visiting Lecturer III's, assisted in the supervision and training of students enrolled in the Community Lawyering Clinic. Lisa Waggoner, also a Visiting Lecturer III, supervised the D.A. Clinic.

Permanent Faculty:

In August of 1996, Jennifer Moore and Christine Zuni Cruz began tenure-track appointments as Assistant Professors of Law. Each had held visiting appointments the prior year. Albert Utton retired from the law faculty effective June 30, 1996. Judith Anspach, Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library resigned effective May 30, 1997.

## Adjuncts:

The Law School continued to strengthen its ties with the legal community. The following adjunct professors taught during the year: Linda Andre-Wells, Esq.; Donald Becker, Esq.; Christopher Behling, Esq.; Mark Bennett, Santa Fe mediation consultant; Deborah DePalo and Kevin Fitzwater, District Attorney's Office; William Dixon, Andrew Schultz and Deborah Thal, Rodey Law Firm; Franklin Gill, Director, U.S.-Mexico Law Institute; Susan George, Peter Jenkins and Ruth Musgrave, Center for Wildlife Law; Gail Gottlieb and Jeffrey Graves, Sutin, Thayer & Browne; Gregory Griego, New Mexico Workers' Compensation Agency; Evan Hobbs and Daniel Pick, Laflin, Lieuwen, Tucker & Pick; David Johnson, Civerolo, Wolf, Gralow & Hill; Karen Kennedy, Esq.; Pam Lambert, Institute of Public Law; Nan Nash, Director, Court Alternatives, Second Judicial District; Edward Pearson, City Attorney's Office; John Pope, District Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District; Maureen Sanders, Sanders & Westbrook; Steven Scholl, Sharp, Jarmie & School; Judith Schrandt and Timothy Sheehan, Sheehan, Sheehan & Stelzner; and Nancy Simmons, Esq.

## **THE LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

During the 1996-97 academic year, the Clinical Law Program again received national recognition in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey of America's best graduate programs. The UNM Law Clinic retained its fourth place ranking in the United States, tied with Yale University for that position. The New Mexico Legislature once again funded the Southwest Indian Law Clinic in the amount of \$82,300 which allowed this program to continue its unique and excellent service to Native Americans and the various tribes and pueblos in New Mexico. The Semester in Practice program received its third and final appropriation in the amount of \$248,880 from the U.S. Department of Education. This funding allowed the Semester in Practice Clinic to continue its important low income and community group representation in Bernalillo County. In addition, this federal funding allowed the Clinical Law Program to complete its conversion to a totally networked PC system, which continues the Clinical Law Program's innovative utilization and teaching of the use of computer technology in a law office setting.

The 1996-97 academic year also marked the completion of three highly successful semesters for the Criminal Defense Clinic. That clinic was very popular with law students and allowed the clinic to once again focus on criminal defense and trial skills within the program. The other clinical courses in the curriculum were the Law Practice Clinic, the District Attorney Clinic, and the Law Office Extern and Judicial Extern programs. As part of the Law Office Extern Program, the Clinical Law Program continued its support of the internship program for diplomatic officers of the Mexican Foreign Service as part of the Law School's overall expansion of United States/Mexico legal programs.

## **INDIAN LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

During the 1996-97 year, the Law School had thirty-three indigenous law students, 27 from American Indian tribes and 6 Chamorro students from the Marianas.

In May 1997, six students graduated with the Indian Law Certificate Specialty and all six are members of tribes. This means that for the three years in which students have been graduated with the specialty, there have been twenty graduates, of which twelve are members of tribes and one is Native Hawaiian.

On October 8, 1996, the Third Indian Convocation was held. The speaker was Robert L. Bennett, a unique historical actor in Indian Law. As a professional and an attorney, Bennett spanned the important historical period of Indian law, beginning before the New Deal era, through the end of the Allotment period, the start of the Indian Reorganization Act under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, then through termination, and again into self-determination. Bennett ultimately served as the commissioner of Indian Affairs, the first Indian to serve in this capacity since the administration of President Grant in the last century. After his long years of service, Bennett then became the first Director of the Indian Law Center which was established at the Law School in 1970. The Convocation attracted a large audience because of its historical significance.

Through the 1996-97 year the Indian Law Certificate program received constant requests from other law schools, Indian organizations, and students. As a result, our descriptive brochure will need to be revised and republished in the 1997-98 academic year.

The Director of the Indian Law Certificate Program, Gloria Valencia-Weber, was promoted to full professor with tenure.

## **NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW**

### Publications:

For 1996-97, the Law Review published three regular issues. The first issue is the Border Issue. The second issue covers the Indian Law issues. The third issue contains two lead articles along with the student-written casenotes. This year 9 student notes were published.

### Write-on Competitions:

The Law Review holds two write-on competitions annually. The first of these took place over the winter break period, December 1996-January 1997. The Law Review received 18 papers and made offers of acceptance to 9 students and 9 accepted; four were second-year students, eligible for credit in the Spring semester, and five first-year students who will be on the staff beginning Fall 1997.

The second competition is held over the summer break period with packet pickup for three weeks only, from May 5-23. After that date, packets are mailed upon request. As of this date, 59 packets have been distributed. The return deadline is August 22, 1997. The 1997-98 Board will be making the selections from this competition in August when school begins.

### The Law Review Board:

Editorial Board Appointments. Appointments to the 1997-98 Editorial Board were made in mid-April and a total of 8 positions were filled. A Managing Editor, three Lead Articles editors, one Student Articles editor, and two Notes & Comments editors. Since that time two more members have been added, one Lead Articles editor and one Notes & Comments editor. Also, because the Law Review will be putting on a symposium on State Constitutional Law in Fall 1997, one Lead Articles editor is serving as the Symposium Coordinator.

### Future Plans:

The Law Review has moved closer to doing its own desktop publishing with the acquisition of the PCs. In the Fall of 1997, the Law Review will be hosting a symposium on State Constitutional Law. The papers from the symposium will be published in the second issue of Volume 28, Spring 1998.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL (NRJ)**

### ***The Natural Resources Journal Sponsored Two Symposia***

Last August, the Journal co-sponsored with the Reddy Corporation a symposium for federal, state and local government decision-makers to discuss issues flowing from increased competition in generation of electricity. Speakers included lawyers, economists, academics, utility and consumer representatives. The keynote speaker was Alfred Kahn, Economics Professor Emeritus at Cornell University.

Last October, 1996, the Journal held an oil and gas law symposium. This was co-sponsored with the Law School and supported in part by a grant from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law

Foundation. It was organized around the visit of Professor John Lowe, from Southern Methodist University, first Leon J. Karelitz Visiting Professor of Oil and Gas at the Law School. This Chair for Visiting Professors in oil and gas was recently endowed by Frank and Marie Gorham.

### ***Other Important Events That Occurred This Year***

On Thursday, March 27, 1997, the Natural Resources Journal sponsored its first annual NRJ Breakfast. Invitations were sent to all past and presents editors of the journal.

Changes were made to the notes and comments writing process. Instead of writing just a note under the auspices of the NRJ, now there is a seminar in the curriculum called Advanced Writing in Natural Resources that staffers are required to take. It is also open to all second and third year students. Writing a note in the context of this course gives students access to more instruction in scholarly writing and allows students to have their writing qualify for the Advanced Writing Requirement.

A new policy has been adopted that allows non-NRJ staffers who take the Advanced Writing Course to use the writing they produced through the course in lieu of the tryout package memo to apply for membership on the NRJ staff. Three of our new staff members were accepted to NRJ in this way.

Next semester, Advanced Writing in Natural Resources will be cross listed in the graduate schools of the Economics Department and the Communications and Journalism Department, and we anticipate the possibility that graduate students from those disciplines will write an article and become NRJ staff members.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER**

The Center is supported by grant funds. At the moment, it has grants from the Hewlett, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, and is dedicated to furthering understanding of how to deal with migratory transboundary resources such as air, water and living resources.

Activities for this year include:

#### **Santa Fe Conference**

- Organized a conference on New Mexico Water Law in Santa Fe (including international and interstate dimensions).

#### **San Diego**

- Participating in cataloging and Analyzing Agencies Responsible for Environmental Administration in the U.S.-Mexico border region with San Diego State University.

### Texas

- Participated with the Texas Land Office in inventorying water and land resources in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

### Cuernavaca, Morelos (Mexico)

- Organizing a symposium with the University of Arizona - Udall Center entitled *Coping with Scarcity in the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Drainage Basin: Lessons to be Learned from the Droughts of 1995-96.*

### Bellagio (Lake Como), Italy

- Hosted a conference in Italy which brought together international river basin commissioners from various places around the world to discuss the theme *Managing International River Basins Under Stress: Strengthening Treaty and Institutional Arrangements.*

### Mexican Foreign Ministry

- Administering the graduate program whereby each year a lawyer with the Mexican Foreign Ministry spends one year studying here at the University of New Mexico School of Law in order to obtain a diploma in American Legal Studies. The program includes regular law school classes, internship with the courts, internship with a law firm, and, finally, a research paper.

### Granada (Spain) Exchange Series

- Arranging a symposium with the University of Granada in Spain whereby a group of faculty members will come here to address recent developments in selected areas in Spanish law and a group of our faculty members will participate in a symposium in Spain to report on recent developments in selected areas of U.S. law. This year the topics will include judicial selection, the use of juries, defending the mentally handicapped, and class action suits.

## **GUANAJUATO SUMMER PROGRAM**

The summer law program in Guanajuato is sponsored by a consortium which includes law schools from UNM, Texas Tech, Southwestern University, and the Universidad de Guanajuato. The 1997 Summer Program accepted 58 students. Of the students who attended the program this summer, 7 were from UNM, 25 from Texas Tech, Southwestern 6, and 2 from the Universidad de Guanajuato. Representatives from the Consortium met here at the Law School on Monday, October 20, to close the books on the finances for this year and to plan for next year.

## **U.S.-MEXICO LAW INSTITUTE**

The U.S.-Mexico Law Institute held its Fifth Annual Conference, September 19-21, 1996 in Santa Fe, NM on secured financing in Mexico, restructuring Mexican guaranteed debt, recent decisions of bi-national panels under NAFTA and the enforcement of foreign contracts, and judgments in U.S. and Mexican courts. A distinguished group of attorneys and legal scholars will participate in the advanced program including: Dr. Boris Kozolchyk, President of the National Law Center for Inter American Free Trade; Carlos de la Garza, Santos-Elizondo-Cantú-Rivera-García Gonzalez-de la Garza, Monterrey, Mexico; Peter Darrow, Mayer, Brown, & Platt, New York City; James Holbein, head of the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat and Professor Jorge A. Vargas, University of San Diego School of Law.

The U.S.-Mexico Law Institute will hold its Sixth Annual Conference in Santa Fe, from September 25-27, 1997. The program will cover the 1995 reform of the Mexican judiciary, the amparo process in Mexican civil procedure, current issues of foreign investment in Mexico, and legal practice of U.S. and Mexican attorneys in Mexico and the United States.

Professor Michael W. Gordon of the University of Florida will be the moderator of a panel considering agricultural disputes between Mexican and U.S. producers, a subject which has generated considerable controversy in the tomato, apple and, corn products industries.

Distinguished representatives of the Mexican bar who will participate in the 1997 Conference include Dr. Mario Melgar Adalid, a member of the recently created Mexican Consejo de la Judicatura Federal, Dr. Lucio Cabrera Acevedo, the official historian of the Mexican Supreme Court, Lic. José Othón Ramirez, the Coordinador de Asesores of the Attorney General's Office of Mexico and Lic. Miguel Jáuregui Rojas, the founder and senior partner of the Mexico City law firm of Jáuregui, Navarrete, Nader y Rojas.

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

During 1996-97, the Curriculum Committee developed the curriculum for the 1997-98 academic year. More specifically, the Committee again reviewed the current writing program. The previous year, the Committee had recommended changes to the first-year writing program, including the use of writing instructors to teach the first year LRRW and Advocacy classes. The faculty had postponed making any decision on that proposal and had asked the Committee to address certain issues raised by the faculty. The Committee did so and then re-submitted the proposal to reorganize the first year writing program by hiring

two full-time writing instructors to teach LRRW and Advocacy rather than using tenured faculty. Instead, tenured faculty would have worked with small sections of first year students in substantive courses. The faculty initially approved that proposal, but later decided that the budgetary constraints would make it impossible to implement at this time.

In addition the previous year, the Curriculum Committee had recommended creating a defender clinic as one of the five clinical offerings. The faculty had approved that and a visiting professor was hired to set up the clinic. Professor Subin did an outstanding job in creating a defender component to the clinical program. When the faculty made its hiring decision for next year, however, it decided to offer the clinical position to an individual with expertise in civil practice rather than criminal law. As a result, because there was no money to hire a visitor and there were not enough current faculty who would be here next year or who were willing to teach a defender clinic, the defender clinic will be discontinued at the end of the summer.

One change to the curriculum that has been needed for a long time was implemented for next year. For the first time, there will be two courses in Criminal Procedure: one focusing on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments and the other covering the topics that there was no time to address in the first class.

The goals of the Curriculum Committee for the upcoming year are:

(1) To develop a three-year long term plan for the entire curriculum, identifying the core courses that need to be taught every year, those which should be offered every other year and those which should be offered less often. Students need to know what courses will be offered in what progression and in which semester of their law school career so that they can plan their curriculum. While much work has been done on this project, it has not yet been completed.

(2) To continue the evaluation of the entire law school writing program, particularly the first year program and the current thesis requirement.

#### **UNM LAW LIBRARY**

The Law Library continued to provide a high level of service to the UNM Law School faculty and students, to the University and legal communities, and to its public patrons. The University-wide job classification project, UNM pact, solidified position descriptions for the library staff and individuals have new position titles and classification grades in line with the university personnel structure. The library acquisitions budget continued to be strained as demands for new legal publications

increased and the cost of maintaining the current collection rose. An on-site inspection initiated by the Association of American Law Schools addressed the law library collection and the acquisitions budget. Major personnel changes impacted the law library with the resignation of the Library Director, Judith Anspach, and the completion of a national search that focused on hiring a new Director, as well as a second search that was directed toward filling a new position of Associate Director. Technological developments were directed toward the acquisition and implementation of a CD-Rom tower into the law school computer network. The tower will make numerous CD-Rom legal products available to faculty and students and other library users. We expect that new leadership will introduce change to both the organizational structure and the implementation of services provided by the UNM Law Library. We look forward to an aggressive development campaign and significant enhancements to the role of the Law Library in the future of the UNM School of Law and the University.

#### Organizational Changes:

Two national searches were completed to fill vacant faculty positions on the Law Library Staff. The outgoing Director, Judith Anspach, continued the search efforts to fill the position of Associate Director. This position was awarded to Mary Custy, who was Acting Head of Public Services since the departure of Gordon Russell in May of 1996. This leaves the position of Reference Librarian currently vacant. The search for a new Law Library Director was completed in June, 1997 and the position was awarded to Marsha Baum who leaves the Directorship of the Law Library at the University of South Carolina to join the UNM Law School. She has her JD from SUNY at Buffalo, and MLS from Columbia University and has been actively involved in academic law librarianship since 1984 .

#### Development and Acquisitions:

The Library will join the efforts of the Law School Development Office and the new Law School Dean, Robert Desiderio, in exploring outside sources for library acquisitions support. The Law School Development Office and Regents Matching Grant was able to raise approximately \$50,000 in additional funding for the library. An on-site inspection initiated by the Association of American Law Schools noted that library acquisitions development efforts should be a priority for both the new Dean and new Law Library Director. A donation of \$25,000 for legal publications in CD-Rom format was received from Albuquerque attorney Jerry Roehl, Esq. This donation given in memory of the late Helen Carter, former UNM Legal Research Librarian, and in honor of her daughter, attorney Shannon Carter, will enhance the Law School CD network. A screen-saver was designed to commemorate this notable gift.

Technical Services:

Retrospective conversion of older cataloging records to machine-readable form continues as a means of providing access to research sources. A computerized index to the NM Court of Appeals Briefs and Records held in the law library was developed.

Curriculum Support:

Judith Anspach took part in the Legal Research, Reasoning and Writing training program for First Year Law students during the Fall Semester. She taught Advocacy in Spring of 1997. Mary Custy taught Advanced Legal Research in Spring of 1997 and prepared and presented special lectures for the LRRW program, the Administrative and Legislative Process class, Environmental Law, the Southwest Indian Legal Clinic Program, the Summer Associates Refresher Class, and the First Year Students' WESTLAW and LEXIS training program. The Legal Research Pool, composed of UNM Law students, continued to give research support to Law School faculty under the supervision of Ms. Custy. Photocopy Services were contracted out to a commercial management company in January, 1997. It is hoped that new equipment and improved maintenance of the equipment will enhance library and research efforts as well.

Personnel Changes:

Wendy Pederson

hired in Serials Dept. as Binding Assistant LTA III  
August 5, 1996  
(LIS I - UNM pact)

Marie Chavez

increased to 1.0 FTE CS IV (LTA UNM pact)  
August 21, 1996  
Public Services Dept.

Len Cazares

decreased to .5 FTE LIS II (LIS III UNM pact)  
September 1, 1996  
Public Services Dept.

Constancia Simpson

indefinite leave - Technical Services Dept.  
November 7, 1996

Mary Custy

hired as Associate Director/Hd. Of Public Services  
March 1, 1997

Len Cazares  
terminated  
June 19, 1997

Judith Anspach  
terminated as Director of UNM Law  
Library - UNM Law Faculty Professor  
May 30, 1997

### **INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC LAW**

During 1996-97, the Institute of Public Law conducted numerous activities and programs concerning law and public policy throughout New Mexico. The Institute operates on a \$2 million budget derived primarily from government and foundation contracts.

Some of the accomplishments of the past year include:

#### **Judicial Education Center**

- Conducted or supported more than 30 programs for judges and court personnel in New Mexico.
- Produced and broadcast a public television documentary on New Mexico's limited jurisdiction courts.
- Initiated a judicial studies certificate program for court clerks at the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute.
- Received the 1997 Judicial Education Award from the American Bar Association Judicial Division National Conference of Special Court Judges.
- Published a five-year report of programs and accomplishments.

#### **Center for Wildlife Law**

- Drafted and secured passage of HB 249, a bill that imposes stiffer penalties for repeat violations of the state's game and fish laws and regulations. The bill was passed by Wild Friends, the Center's wildlife law education program for middle and high school students.
- Hosted the first Wildlife Summit, a conference designed specifically for young people. The summit, sponsored by Wild Friends, drew more than 250 students and teachers, state legislators, magistrate judges, state and federal wildlife officials, and several media representatives.
- Completed the 664-page **Federal Wildlife and Related Laws Handbook**, which summarizes statutes, treaties and other federal documents pertaining to wildlife and environmental law.
- Completed and published, in partnership with Defenders of Wildlife, "Savind Biodiversity: A Status Report on State Laws, Policies and Programs."
- Completed **Final Environmental Impact Statement:**

**Reintroduction of the Mexican Wolf Within its Historic Range in the Southwestern United States** for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office.

--Organized and co-sponsored a national conference titled "Saving Biodiversity in the United States" in Washington, D.C. in partnership with Defenders of Wildlife.

--Continued publication of the Wildlife Law News Quarterly, which reports on the latest developments in state and Canadian provincial wildlife law.

--Developed and presented a three-day course on natural resource law for U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel in October 1996 sponsored by the Service's National Training and Conservation Center. The course drew USFWS biologists and other staff from throughout the U.S. Law Professors DuMars, Hall and Kovnat served as instructors for the program, as did member, as did Institute staff and other New Mexico attorneys. Drawing on local talent, including attorney Brian O'Neill, lead counsel in the suit brought by private parties against Exxon for the Exxon-Valdez incident and winning the largest punitive damage award ever, the Center presented a similar course in Minnesota this spring.

### **Environmental Law**

--Continued publication of the newsletter Tank Notes for the Environment Department's Underground Storage Tank Bureau. The bureau also consulted with IPL on matters relating to financial responsibility requirements for UST owners and operators.

--Continued to work on a ground water protection ordinance and joint powers agreement for the City of Albuquerque and the County of Bernalillo, a project funded jointly by the two governments.

--Assisted Bernalillo County's Environmental Health Department in its efforts to update the county's food ordinances for proposal to the county commission.

### **Traffic Safety**

--Completed the statewide DWI Process and Data Standards project, which included publishing and disseminating a management plan and making recommendations to Governor Gary Johnson, the DWI Oversight Task Force and the Legislative Finance Committee.

--Worked on a number of youth projects for the State Highway and Transportation Department Traffic Safety Bureau, including a statewide youth conference with more than 120 participants; a Stop DWI Art Fair exhibited in Winrock Mall; an intergenerational project in Truth or Consequences designed to effect change in the community; classes and workshops for teens in the Bernalillo County Teen Court; a detailed plan for a diversion project in Farmington for youth convicted of minor first offenses; and youth group projects in Taos, Truth or

Consequences and Albuquerque.

--Developed and coordinated the two-day Southwest Regional DWI School Conference in May that was attended by more than 100 anti-DWI activists; developed and coordinated a January statewide DWI conference attended by more than 170 people; facilitated the training of New Mexico driver education instructors throughout the state in June; and conducted four regional traffic safety forums for law enforcement officers.

--Published the monthly Traffic Safety Newsletter, responded to calls for information from the public on traffic safety issues, updated materials relating to DWI, contributed to a report on underage drinking in the state and conducted legal research on issues of interest to the Bureau.

### **Health Policy**

--Drafted health information confidentiality and health care financing legislation for the state Health Policy Commission;

--Researched creation of a public/private entity for health data centralization;

--Drafted new rules on collection of and access to statewide health data.

### **Ordinance and Rules Drafting**

--Drafted a city/county ordinance on ground water protection.

--Repromulgated entire set of rules for the State Fire Marshal's Office.

--Repromulgated entire set of rules for the State Corporation Commission Department of Insurance.

## **ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID**

### **Admissions**

#### **Entering Students:**

The University of New Mexico School of Law received 825 applications for the class that entered Fall 1996. Of that group, 236 were admitted. For the entering class, the 25 percentile LSAT and UGPA was a 150 and 2.91; the 75 percentile was a 160 and 3.57. The LSAT range was 172 to 141. The UGPA range was 4.10 to 2.18. The average age on entry was 29. The class of 98 residents and 14 nonresidents had 44 percent women and 37 percent minority students. Twenty-five entering students had advanced degrees.

The law school also enrolled 13 transfer students and 10 visiting students.

## Recruitment:

The law school recruited students at Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Highlands University, St. John's College in Santa Fe, the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico State University, The University of New Mexico, and Western New Mexico University. A recruitment team visited each of the institutions. Visits included either a general meeting on campus or a meeting with the pre-law society, meetings with appropriate classes, and participation in the University's career day. Students were also recruited by the director of admissions at special law days held at The University of Arizona and Arizona State University. In addition to on-campus visits, the law school held an evening pre-law night program and two open houses for all applicants. The Open House Program consists of a question and answer period conducted by the director of admissions and student organization representatives, student-led law school tours, and a visit to a first-year class. Accepted Applicant's Day was held in April. The law school also participated in UNM's early outreach programs, including the general high school visitation day, the African American Student program for high school juniors, and American Indian Student Day for high school juniors and seniors.

This year the law faculty approved a small pilot program to award up to twelve \$1,000 merit scholarships to outstanding first-year applicants as a recruiting tool. The program achieved moderate success. Of the twenty-five offers extended, nine were accepted.

We continued to improve law school publications and to develop brochures about our special programs. Work began on a brochure about our U.S.-Mexico Law programs and also on a redesign of the law school catalog.

## **Financial Aid**

With few exceptions, law school grant assistance is need-based. Because grant funds are very limited, the school has been able to provide only modest grant assistance.

In 1996-97, the school made grant awards to 63 students or 18.6 percent of the student body. Grants ranged from \$300 to \$5,000. The median grant was \$3,284. The total amount awarded was \$169,348. Law school grant decisions are made by the law school financial aid committee, based on information provided on the Access diskette. All law students under the age of 40 must include parental information as a part of this needs analysis.

Law school tuition has increased at a rate of approximately ten percent each year and was \$3,284 for residents and \$11,015 for nonresidents. In addition, students were charged \$135 for computer and duplicating fees.

As the law school's limited funds do not meet the realistic needs of our students, many students must depend heavily on loans. In 1996-97, 213 law students borrowed a total of \$2,837,540 from outside sources, (Federal Perkins, Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan programs, Law Access and Law Loans private loan programs) to finance their law school educations.

## COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

### 1996-97 Accomplishments:

This past year has been one of tremendous change for technology at the law school. The major push was to migrate approximately 150 text-based terminals to PCs and retrain the community of 400 plus users on the new platform. In addition CaTS staff were implementing new server technology and planning for a new student Technology Center, which will be implemented in fall of 1997. The specific achievements include:

- Configuring and installing 21 PCs for faculty. This included researching and procuring various software to support the new computer platform
- Establishing a startup student PC & training lab consisting of 10 PCs.
- Conducting introductory training classes for all faculty & first year students on using PCs on the law school network.
- Upgrading 17 library PCs to Windows95.
- Moving all Lexis and Westlaw access off local modem connections to Internet connections.
- Configuring a networked CD-ROM server to be accessed by faculty & students.
- Upgrading and reconfiguring 7 PCs donated by Lexis for student use.
- Configuring and installing 40 PCs for the Clinic. This included assisting the Clinic in migrating all internal forms and brief bank documents to the new platform.
- Configuring and installed 18 PCs for staff.
- Working towards implementing a Law School "Intranet" by installing and testing a new WindowsNT server with Intranet software.
- Working with the UNM architect to design the new student Technology Center. Selected a vendor for modular office furniture for the Center.
- Migrating all e-mail access from logging to a terminal session to PC-based access.

## CAREER COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT

The following report briefly enumerates the activities and accomplishments of the Office of Career Resources.

### Current Activities and Accomplishments

- Several panels and workshops were presented, including the following:
  - Presentations on Career Services at Fall 1996 First-Year Orientation and Transfer Students Orientation and for Accepted Applicants' Day.
  - Summer Opportunities presentation to 1Ls and, separately, to 2Ls and 3Ls.
  - Workshops on Resume Writing and Cover Letters. One session presented in Legal Research and Writing class.
  - Workshops on Job Interviewing. Networking, and Information Interviewing.
  - Panel on Judicial Clerkships with judges and a clerk as panelists.
  - Panels on legal jobs in international law and health law, and alternative careers.
  - Panel on "The Things They Don't Teach You In Law School."
- Coordinated presentations at the law school by national speakers on career issues:
  - Ralph Nader on "Law in the Public Interest," as part of Alliance for Justice/Public Interest Law activities.
  - Kimm Walton, author of *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Job of Your Dreams*.
- Coordinated several special programs:
  - Created, facilitated, and presented a Spouse/Partner event, to assist spouses and partners of law students in learning more about what goes on in law school and how to cope as a couple.
  - Coordinated the annual Career Fair.
  - Coordinated the school's and students' participation in the Sunbelt Minority Program and Annual Patent Law Interview Program.
  - Coordinated student participation in DA Conference in Silver City.
  - Coordinated the law school portion of the Mock Interview Program.
- Managed activities of the Career Resources Office:
  - Revised booklets on Resumes, Cover Letters, and Interviewing Skills. Researched and compiled information on Internet legal job search resources.
  - Increased the Career Resources library by approximately 15 new books, journals, and newsletters.

- Managed the Alumni Hotline for up-to-date phone messages of job opportunities for alumni.
- Regularly published bi-weekly Student Update.
- Marketed law school placement services in several ways:
  - Met with Albuquerque Bar Association Past President's Committee to create an ad and spoke to Albuquerque Bar members at luncheon to advertise school's placement services.
  - Called legal organizations previously active at the school who have not committed to participating in fall, on-campus recruitment program; sent postcards to others.
  - Joined new local organization, Association for Public Interest Law, and attended meetings to represent career services and placement needs of the students.
- Administered and provided feedback on the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) to over 20 students, alumni, and staff.
- Continued exploring ways to obtain financial funding for unpaid or low paying public service legal summer positions. Began a push for school to start a National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) chapter and to consider starting a Pro Bono Students Association (PBSA) chapter.

### **Future Activities**

- Continue exploring ways to obtain financial funding for students interested in unpaid or low paying public service legal summer positions.
- Establish a student chapter of NAPIL and, perhaps, a student chapter of PBSA.
- Increase outreach and contact with legal professionals state-wide and in neighboring states.
- Create a booklet that has alumni biographies for use by current students needing contacts and networking options.
- Create a bi-monthly mini-newsletter to faculty to keep them apprised of career service activities.
- Develop a brochure on career services.
- Develop or purchase a computer system to track students' job search activities; maintain lists of recruiters, on-campus interviewing information; and keep track of, and have quick access to, the many types of data used in the office.
- Increase involvement, through receptions and/or panels, etc., of students' spouses and partners and alumni.
- Continue to create reminders and other printed material to be mailed to legal professionals (as a way of telling them about the school's career activities and 'advertising' our students).
- Acquire more Career Resource library materials on areas of law not sufficiently represented.

**DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

**I. DEVELOPMENT**

**A. Major Gifts (\$10,000 +)**

Gift Amount	Donor	Purpose	Notes
\$100,000	The Branch Law Firm	Refurbish Forum	completed
\$63,840	Bill Weihofen	Endowment-Professorship	in memory of his father, Professor Emeritus, Henry Weihofen
\$50,000	Jean Seth	Endowment	in memory of Judge Oliver Seth
\$50,000	Don Dickason	Unrestricted	through the efforts of Bob St. John
\$30,400	Betty Schware	Finalize Scholarship Endowment	In memory of Rudy Schware
\$25,000	Judge Leon Karelitz	Evidence and Trial Practice Chair endowment	additions to endowed fund. Anticipate testamentary gift to exceed \$2 Million
\$16,759	Ronald and Susan Friedman	Endowment	Faculty Excellence Award

**B. Special Gifts \$1,500-10,000**

Gift Amount	Donor	Purpose	Notes
\$5,800	Mary Poole	Poole Merit Award	addition to endowment and current fund
\$5,000	Campbell, Carr Berge, Sheridan	Library	
\$5,000	Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley	Library	
\$5,000	Gallegos Law Firm	Library	
\$5,000	Sam and Frances Joy Dazzo	Sam and Frances Joy Dazzo Endowed Scholarship	addition
\$5,000	Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk	Scholarship	Native American Recruitment

\$5,000	Gene Gallegos and Felice Gonzales	Judge J. V. Gallegos Endowed Scholarship	addition to endowment matched
\$3,284	Civerolo, Wolf, Gralow & Hill	Scholarship	annual award
\$3,000	Anon	Annual Scholarship	renewal
\$3,000	Anon	Annual Scholarship	new
\$2,200	Friedman, Boyd, Daniels, Hollander, Guttman, & Goldberg	Deans Unrestricted	
\$2,000	First Judicial District	Scholarship	
\$2,000	Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin, & Robb	Minority Scholarship	
\$2,000	Norwest Investment Management & Trust	Dinner Sponsorship	
\$2,000	Branch law Firm	Dinner Sponsorship	
\$1,600	Art Beach	Sponsorship/Annual	
\$1,500	Richard Gregory	Library	
\$1,200	Dean Leo and Robin Romero	Unrestricted Deans Fund/Library	
\$1,000	Kemp Smith	Deans Unrestricted	
\$1,000	Dan Gonzales	Scholarship	Hispanic student
\$1,000	Michael Hart and Dr. Marreth Williams	Dean Unrestricted Fund	
\$1,000	Charles Muchmore	Dean Unrestricted Fund	
\$1,000	Jerry Roehl	Law Library	

### **C. Annual Campaign**

The annual campaign was a success this year, raising approximately what was raised last year during an election year. (Traditionally an election year brings lower contributions). Integrated into the annual request for funds, was a library campaign. Methodologies included direct mail, telemarketing, and face-to-face solicitation.

### **D. The Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner**

The Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner attracted 400+ guests and was held at the Holiday Inn Pyramid. There were two honorees, Felix Briones and Professor Emeritus Al Utton. Sponsorships increase significantly over the previous year and so did attendance. Committees are in place for the 1997 event.

### **E. Library Campaign**

As mentioned in the Annual Campaign section, the Library Campaign was an integral part of the annual campaign plan. The Library Campaign had a goal of \$100,000 which was not met. The university regents matched funds raised on a 1:3 ratio so the new money added to library acquisitions exceeded \$50,000. The Campaign was chaired by two non-alumni attorneys.

## **II. Alumni/ae Affairs**

**A. UNM School of Law Alumni/ae Board** held regular meetings with increased attendance. The Board held a retreat to orient new members and invigorate existing members. With a 75% participation rate, the retreat was deemed a success.

The By-Laws revisions were completed.

The Dean traveled to various parts of the state for Judicial Selection duties. Receptions were held with Alumni/ae in Farmington and Roswell.

**B. UNM Law** is the Alumni/ae news letter which has a circulation of approximately 3500 and is produced three times per year. The editorial and publication team works well together and has streamlined the mechanics of the process in order to meet publication and mailing deadlines.

## **III. Conclusion**

The total raised for the year is \$486,047, which represents a 46% increase over the previous year. The historical fund raising table is shown on appendix A. The operational plan for 1997-98 is aggressive and requires cooperation between the law school and the foundation. A committed Alumni/ae Board is a key asset to the success of many functions.

The new fiscal year will have challenges including a new dean and development director search. Until space and personnel issues are addressed, the function will continue at this level.

**JUDICIAL SELECTION**

**FISCAL YEAR REPORT FOR 1996-1997**

(July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997)

DATE	COURT	COMMISSIONERS	VACANCIES	APPLICANTS	NOMINEES	APPOINTED
7/16/96	Third	17*	1-temporary	4	0	Reconvened
8/20/96	Metropolitan	18	1	4	3	Victoria J. Grant
9/3/96	Reconvened Third	17*	1-temporary	4	0	None
11/22/96	Ninth	14	1	6	3	Robert C. Brack
12/19/96	First	14	1	15	6	Stephen Pfeffer
1/14/97	Second	16	1	20	6	Mark A. Macaron
1/17/97	Eighth	14	1	8	5	Stanley A. Read
1/22/97	Twelfth	16	2 (Div. I Div. III)	14** 10 10	6 3 3	Jerry H. Ritter Karen L. Parsons
1/23/97	Third	18	1	8	3	Regina R. Sewell
1/24/97	Sixth	14	1	6	3	Gary M. Jeffreys
3/4/97	Appellate	18	1	11	3	Dan A. McKinnon, III
3/26/97	Metropolitan	14	2 (Div. I Div. VIII)	21*** 21 21	7 7 7	Denise Barela Shepherd Donavon A. Roberts
4/9/97	Fifth	16	1	6	3	Gary L. Clingman
6/11/97	First	14	1	15	5	T. Glenn Ellington
6/17/97	Second	18	2	30***	6	Geraldine E. Rivera Deborah Davis Walker
6/19/97	Metropolitan	14	1	17	4	Kevin L. Fitzwater

\* For these Commissions, one Commissioner was registered as an Independent.

\*\* Six of the applicants applied for both of the two vacancies.

\*\*\*All of the applicants applied for both of the two vacancies.

\*COMMISSIONERS<sup>1</sup>

African American Male	0
African American Female	0
Anglo Male	129
Anglo Female	41
Hispanic Male	59
Hispanic Female	21
Native American Male	0
Native American Female	0
Asian American Male	0
Asian American Female	0

\*APPLICANTS<sup>2</sup>

African American Male	1
African American Female	1
Anglo Male	97
Anglo Female	38
Hispanic Male	30
Hispanic Female	13
Native American Male	4
Native American Female	4

\*NOMINEES

African American Male	1
African American Female	0
Anglo Male	32
Anglo Female	10
Hispanic Male	12
Hispanic Female	5
Native American Male	0
Native American Female	3

\*JUDGES APPOINTED

African American Male	1
African American Female	0
Anglo Male	10
Anglo Female	4
Hispanic Male	0
Hispanic Female	2
Native American Male	0
Native American Female	0

\* Ethnic and racial information represents the best efforts of the Judicial Selection Office to identify these characteristics of the Commissioner and Applicant Pools. Neither Commissioners nor applicants are required to provide information about their ethnicity or race.

Of the 18 judicial vacancies occurring between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, 17 of them were filled through the judicial selection system, including one vacancy on the Court of Appeals, 13 vacancies on the District Courts, and four on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. To fill the vacancies, 15 Judicial Nominating Commissions were convened, and one of the Commissions was reconvened.

The Commissions interviewed the 189 candidates who applied for the 18 judicial vacancies. Of this number, 63 were nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commissions to fill 17 of the 18 vacancies. The temporary vacancy in the Third Judicial District was not filled because no candidates received a majority vote

---

<sup>1</sup> One commissioner served four times, three commissioners served three times, and eighteen commissioners served twice, and were counted each time they served.

<sup>2</sup> Five applicants applied for three separate vacancies, and twenty-two applicants applied for two separate vacancies, and were counted each time they applied.

and, therefore, no candidates were nominated for the position.

Three of the vacancies in 1996-1997 occurred as a result of the legislative creation of new District Court Judicial positions. The other 16 judicial vacancies occurred due to resignations.

This report includes the names of those appointed by Governor Gary Johnson to fill 17 of the 18 judicial vacancies in the fiscal year of 1996-1997. The report lists the courts in which the vacancies existed, the number of commissioners serving on each of the twelve Judicial Nominating Commissions, the number of applicants for each vacancy, the number of nominees sent to the Governor for each vacancy, and ethnic and gender information regarding the Commissioners, applicants, nominees and appointees.