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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW
July 1, 1994-June 30, 1995**

APPOINTMENTS AND SEPARATIONS TO STAFF

Visitors

Several visiting faculty brought their expertise to the law school in 1994-95. Gudmundur Eiriksson, legal advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Reykjavik, Iceland, visited the law school during the fall semester. He taught courses on international law and international criminal law. Placido Gomez, an alumnus of the law school, visited UNM from Texas Southern University Law School. He taught Property, environment and Culture, and in the first-year Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing program. Gerry Beyer, a professor at St. Mary's University, visited during the spring, teaching Wills and Trusts and Commercial Transactions. Melissa Harrison, a criminal law expert at the University of Montana, taught Criminal Law, Advocacy, and White Collar Crime. Katherine Pearson, formerly with the Albuquerque City Attorney's Office, taught in the Law School's D.A. Clinic during the fall and assisted with the Clinical Law Program's Semester-In-Practice Clinic during the spring. Christine Zuni continued as a visitor, directing the law school's Southwest Indian Law Clinic. Prior to visiting UNM, Zuni was an administrator with the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals. Ruth Musgrave, Director of the Institute of Public Law's Center for Wildlife Law, joined the law school as a visitor during the spring semester teaching Advocacy and Biodiversity and the Law.

Three visiting Lecturer III's also joined the law school in the spring. Nancy Simmons and Andrea Seielstad assisted in the supervision and training of students enrolled in the Clinic's Semester-In-Practice program while Barbara Blumenfeld assisted with the law school's first-year writing program.

Adjuncts

The law school continued to strengthen its ties with the legal community. The following adjunct professors taught during the year: Joanne Aguilar, of the District Attorney's Office; Julia Asbey, former judge with the New Jersey Superior Court; Mark Bennett, Santa Fe mediation consultant; Thomas Bird, Keleher & McLeod; Timothy Butler, Esq.; William Dixon, Bruce Hall, Andrew Schultz and Deborah Thal, all of Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb firm; Joan Gibson, Director, Center for Health Law and Ethics, Institute of Public Law; Franklin Gill, Director, U.S.-Mexico Law Institute; Joseph Goldberg, Freedman, Boyd, Daniels, Peifer, Hollander, Guttmann & Goldberg; Gail Gottlieb, Sutin, Thayer & Browne; Gregory Griego, Workers' Compensation Administration; Toby Grossman, American Indian Law Center; Peter Ives, Hickey & Ives; Karen Kennedy, Simmons, Cuddy & Friedman; Richard Levin, Levin & Vance; Thomas Luebben, Esq.; Sharon Marinuzzi, Assistant District Attorney; Ruth Musgrave, Director, Center for Wildlife Law, Institute of Public Law; Honorable John Pope, District court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District; Richard Rosenstock, Esq.; Steven Scholl, Sharp & Jarmie; Nancy Simmons, Pro Se Law Clerk, U.S. District Court; David Walther, Esq.; and Richard Yong, Luebben law firm.

Permanent Faculty

The law school had a total of 33 faculty during 1994-95, including the Law Library director and three deans. Of the 33, 2 were African Americans, 6 were Hispanics and 14 were women.

Professor Maureen Sanders resigned at the end of the 1994-95 to enter private practice. Professor Willis Ellis retired in December after almost thirty years of service with UNM.

Professor Sherry Sheible Wolf replaced Professor Ruth Kovnat as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs during 1994-95.

Elizabeth Rapaport joined the law school as an associate professor at the beginning of the spring semester. Rapaport previously taught at Duke University's Sanford Institute of Public Policy. She obtained her B.A. from City College of New York, her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, and the J.D. from Harvard Law School. She taught Advocacy and Jurisprudence during the spring.

Honors and Awards

Professor Ruth Kovnat was appointed as the University of New Mexico Regents' Professor of Law and Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber as the Regents' Lecturer in Law.

Professor Sherri Burr was promoted to full professor and granted tenure effective 1994-95. Burr joined the law school faculty in the fall of 1988. She received her A.B. from Mount Holyoke College, her J.D. from Yale and her M.P.A. from Princeton University. Her research and teaching interest include international law and intellectual property.

Also effective 1994-95, Professors Denise Fort and Gloria Valencia-Weber were promoted from assistant to associate professors. Fort joined the law school in 1991. She received her B.A. from St. John's College, Santa Fe, and her J.D. from Catholic University. In addition to being director of the Masters of Water Resources Administration Program, Fort teaches environment law courses. Valencia-Weber joined the law school in the fall of 1992. She received her B.A. and M.A. from Oklahoma State University and J.D. from Harvard Law School. Her teaching and research interests include immigration law and Indian Law.

Leaves of Absence

On full-year sabbaticals during 1994-95 were Professors Ruth Kovnat and James Ellis. Professor Maureen Sanders was on sabbatical during the fall semester and Professors Barbara Bergman and Sherri Burr each took spring semester sabbaticals.

On leave without pay during the year were Professor Ted Parnall, who continued a three-year leave to serve as a Law Development Advisor for the Indonesia Economic Law Project in Jakarta; Professor Sherri Burr who visited the University of Tennessee in the fall; and Professor Fred Hart who visited St. John's University in the spring.

PUBLICATIONS

The Law Review's publication contract with Western Newspaper Publishing Co. expired in July 1994. Thus, the contract was sent out for re-bid in October 1994. Fortunately, Western was the lowest bidder and was again awarded the contract in December 1994.

The 1995 publication year, the Law Review's 25th anniversary year, was celebrated by having a new cover design.

In 1994-95, the Law Review published three issues: two regular Law Review issues, plus the *United States-Mexico Law Journal* symposium issue.

The first issue was an Indian Law Symposium. The second issue was a combined lead articles and survey issue. The third issue published was the *United States-Mexico Law Journal*, Vol. 3 (1995), a product of the United States-Mexico Law Institute, Inc., under the direction of Professor Franklin E. Gill.

The United States-Mexico Law Journal. In April 1995, the membership of the Law Review voted to terminate its association with the United States-Mexico Law Institute and will no longer publish its *Journal*. Prior to this decision, there were many meetings between the Editor-in-Chief, the Managing Editor, the *Journal* editors, and finally the entire Board and staff of the Law Review to discuss the Law Review's position. Dean Leo Romero approved of the severance of the U.S. Mexico Law Journal from the New Mexico Law Review. The U.S. Mexico Journal was established as a separate publication with its own editorial board and student editors.

Admission

The University of New Mexico School of Law received 1255 applications for the class that entered Fall 1994. Of that group 199 were admitted. The median LSAT for those admitted was 158 (based on the 120 to 180 scale) and the median UGPA was 3.31. The matriculated class of 107 had a 155 LSAT median and a 3.21 median UGPA. The LSAT range was 178 to 135. The UGPA range was 3.98 to 2.15. The average age on entry was 27. The class had 54 percent women and 42 percent minority students. There were 91 residents and 16 nonresidents.

The law school recruited students at Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Highlands University, St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico State University, the University of New Mexico, the College of Santa Fe, 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 prelaw society, meetings with appropriate classes, and participation in the University's career day.

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 1994-95, the school made grant awards to 60 students. The total amount awarded, \$117,136, was about the same as the amount awarded in the prior year, \$115,036, although the number of recipients decreased slightly. Law school grant decisions were made by the law school financial aid committee.

Law school tuition has increased at a rate of approximately ten percent each year and was \$2,714 for residents and \$9,102 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, students must depend heavily on loans. In 1994-95, 277 law students borrowed a total of \$1,966,209 from outside sources, (Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized, and Unsubsidized Loan programs, Law Access and Law Loans private loan programs) to finance their law school educations.

DEVELOPMENT

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

Gift Amount	Donor	Purpose	Notes	Date
\$110,834	Mae Lark	Scholarship	Honoring Justice Irwin S. Moise	August 1994
\$604,232	Frank D. and Marie K. Gorham Trust	Academic Chair in Oil and Gas	Honoring Judge Leon Karelitz	September 9, 1994
\$10,000*	The Morgan Family	Library Endowment for Natural Resources	Honoring John Ross Morgan, Jr. and Mrs. John Ross Morgan, Sr.	May 2, 1995 * Donations were accumulated over a two year period. Endowment was completed this year.
\$58,418	Frank & Marie Gorham Trust	Current fund for activation of Karelitz Chair	Moved from Geology Dept.	
\$26,370	Judge Finesilver	Health Care Decision Making	Remainder of public trust money	Jan. 3, 1995
\$10,000	Tim Sheehan	Library acquisitions	Lead gift for library campaign	June, 1995
\$25,000	Leon & Lee Karelitz	Academic Chair in Evidence and Trial Practice	This endowment will be complete with a testamentary gift from Judge Karelitz	Annual contribution

B. Annual Campaign

The Annual Campaign was conducted in a somewhat different fashion this year with the revitalization of the class representatives. Selected Board Members appointed Class representatives and charged them with the responsibility of contacting their classmates for contributions and news. The results follow:

Indicator	1993-94	1994-95	Change	
Number of Alumni/ae donors	283	295	12	4%
Number of New Alumni/ae Gifts	163	121	<42>	<26%>
Number of Renewed Alumni/ae Gifts	101	108	7	7%
Average Gift-Unrestricted	\$189	\$197	\$8	4%
Number of \$1000 Givers	11	12	1	9%
Upgrades at any level	31	54	23	74%
Total Firm Giving	\$19,986	\$20,008	\$22	even
Number of firms participating	13	19	6	46%
Total Unrestricted	\$53,541	\$58,136	\$4595	9%
Total Restricted	\$13,266	\$120,722	\$107,456	810%
Total added to Endowment	\$119,953	\$768,761	\$648,808	540%
Distinguished Achievement	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$500	5%

Award Dinner (net)			
TOTAL RAISED	\$196,260	\$957,619	\$761,359 388%

C. The Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner

The dinner was once again successful. The monetary goal of \$10,000 net was achieved and all time lines were met. There was a smaller number of attendees this year. Sponsorships were obtained for everything but the overall meal cost.

Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award at the dinner on _____, 1994, were Mary Walters, Haskell Rosebrough, and Franklin Jones (posthumously).

Alumni/ae Affairs

- A. Board Meetings were held regularly with adequate attendance. One out-of-town meeting was conducted in Las Cruces.
- B. Officers were elected and a new way of doing business was established, although a by-laws change was not completed. Until a stable pattern of operating can be established there will be no changes to the by-laws.
- C. Alumni Newsletter The main communication toll to Alumni/ae is UNM Law. The newsletter process was re-thought and a decision made to out-source the writing and design. The last newsletter of the year was done under the new format and well received by the constituency. Three issues of the newsletter were published and mailed to all alumni.
- D. The Alumni/ae Board of Directors sponsored a reception for graduating students in April. It was well attended and deemed a success by the Board.
- E. The Dean traveled to various parts of the state for his Judicial Selection duties. Two receptions were held with Alumni/ae, one in Las Cruces. Neither one was well attended.