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# UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW

## ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 1995-1996

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### Introduction

During the past fiscal year, two programs at the UNM School of Law received national recognition. *US News & World Report* ranked the clinical law program fourth best in the nation, up one spot from last year. Additionally, the American Bar Association named the law school's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) the top new VITA program in the nation and intends to use the program as a nationwide model.

Peter Arenella, professor of law at the University of California, Los Angeles, and network television commentator on the O.J. Simpson trial, delivered the 16<sup>th</sup> John Field Simms Memorial Lecture. Arenella spoke about and provided insights into the Simpson trial.

The School of Law hosted a number of conferences and workshops. With the help of a grant, the Law School presented a series of health care decision-making workshops across the state, co-sponsored with the UNM Health Sciences Ethics Program, with the goal of developing non-judicial mechanisms and processes to help people involved in health care decisions resolve conflicts openly and out of court. The Law School hosted the first national conference on the teaching of Indian Law in the classroom and in clinical programs. Two continuing legal education courses, one on wills, trusts, probate and charitable giving, and the other on the Internet and its numerous possibilities to lawyers were presented. The Law School also hosted a seminar, co-sponsored with the U.S.-Mexico Conflict Resolution Center, entitled "International ADR Under the NAFTA", where speakers discussed the arbitration and mediation processes and how they apply to international transactions under NAFTA.

Gloria Valencia-Weber. The result is a four-color brochure, using photographs and short statements by Indian students on their experiences at the law school, and native-motif art. The brochure's attractiveness has made it effective for student recruitment. After a mailing to all law schools deans and others, the law school world knows more about the uniqueness of the ILC program at UNM.

## NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW

### Publications

For 1995-96, the Law Review published three regular issues. The first issue is a symposium on U.S.-Mexico border issues. The second issue is an Indian Law symposium, based in part on the Indian Clinical Law Conference held here last fall. The conference was titled "Unique Issues in Teaching Indian Law and Developing Indian Law Clinics" with speakers from Indian law clinics across North America. The third issue is our combined lead articles and survey issue. This year 11 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 1995-January 1996. The Law Review received 19 papers and made offers of acceptance to 10 students and 9 accepted; six were second-year students, eligible for credit in the Spring semester, and three first-year students will be on the staff beginning Fall 1996.

## NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL (NRJ)

### *Natural Resources Journal Celebrates 35th Anniversary*

On February 16, 1996, the University of New Mexico School of Law honored past and present members of the *New Mexico Law Review* and *Natural Resources Journal* at a celebration dinner which marked the 35th Anniversary of the *Natural Resources Journal*.

The *NRJ* baton was passed from Professor Al Utton to Professor Suedeen Kelly at the beginning of this year. Professor Utton had served as advisor and Editor-in Chief since its inception. He remains Editor Emeritus for the journal and Director of the International Transboundary Resources Center.

The 1995-1996 *NRJ* staff developed a new manual for use by students and staff. It outlines student publication policies, staff responsibilities, processing criteria and standards, and administrative procedures. The manual also outlined the requirements for the UNM Natural Resources Certificate Program. The program is a concentration in the area of natural resources. Requirements include 12 hours of natural resources-related courses plus four units of *NRJ* credits. Six credit hours may be taken outside the law school in approved resource-

oriented courses. The program is not mandatory for the NRJ staff.

### **Publication Year**

The publication year of the *Natural Resources Journal* included Volume 35, No. 3 - Summer 1995, Volume 35, No. 4 - Fall 1995, and Volume 36, No. 1 - Winter 1996.

## **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 1996 Summer Program received 103 applications and accepted 89 students. Of the students who attended the program this summer, 14 were from UNM, 23 from Southwestern, 9 from Texas Tech, and 6 from the Universidad de Guanajuato. Representatives from the Consortium will be meeting here at the Law School on Monday, October 7, 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 Fourth Annual Conference on U.S. and Mexican Competition and Trade Law in Santa Fe, from September 28-30, 1995. The speakers included: Professor Eleanor M. Fox of New York University School of Law, Chair of the American Bar Association Task Force on the Competition Dimension of NAFTA; Lic. Gabriel Castañeda Gallardo, former member of the Mexican Comisión Federal de Competencia; Terence P. Stewart, partner of Stewart and Stewart and author of The GATT Uruguay Round: A Negotiating History, 1986-1992; and Harvey M. Applebaum, member of Covington & Burling and former chair of the American Bar Association Section on Antitrust Law. Lic. Miguel Jauregui Rojas of Mexico City spoke on the 1995 amendments of Mexican laws regulating the oil and gas sectors of the Mexican economy.

Professor Michael W. Gordon of the University of Florida acted as moderator for panels which considered hypothetical questions relating to the establishment of agency and distributorship agreements in Mexico, regulations of horizontal and vertical restraints of trade in the U.S. and Mexico, government action in response to foreign subsidies and dumping of merchandise, and issues of product liability under U.S. and Mexico law. Participants in the discussion included Professor Ignacio Gomez-Palacio of Mexico City, John Gero, Director, Trade Remedies Division, Canada Department of Foreign Affairs; and Keith Harvey, partner of Davis & Harvey, Dallas, Texas.