
School of Law Dean

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1. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Under the direction of the new dean, Leo Romero, the law school saw continued growth in a number of its programs, the establishment of new programs and recognition of law school faculty and students for their legal scholarship. The following is a summary of the important developments and accomplishments at the School of Law in 1991-92.

The Law School Clinical Program

The law school clinic received a federal grant to launch a program, The Institute for Access to Justice (IAJ), offering expanded legal services to needy clients around the state, while providing more intensive training for selected law students. The renewable Title IX grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education paid for visiting and clinical fellows, improved computer capabilities and allowed the clinic to expand its client base statewide.

The Institute for Access to Justice enhances the clinical program by providing an additional and more intensive clinical course to the law school curriculum. All UNM law students are required to earn six credit hours in a one-semester course. IAJ, a two-semester, ten credit-hour course, allows students to take on more complex legal projects.

Notable among major projects for IAJ were a comprehensive needs survey for low-income persons, establishment of working relationships with a local service providers to try to develop a community-based approach to providing
legal services, the development of a series of legal notebooks to answer frequently asked questions, and identification of ways to collect and coordinate distribution of information about available legal services for low-income persons.

Professor J. Michael Norwood resigned as clinical director effective June 30 1992. Professor Jose Martinez replaced him as acting director for the year.

Due to the efforts of Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) held its biannual clinical conference in Albuquerque. The law school hosted a reception for the 250 visiting clinicians along with a guided tour of the UNM law clinic.

Library
Several facilities projects were completed in 1991-92. Student computer areas were expanded as three separate computer laboratories were constructed on the lower floor. These included a personal computer lab with 21 work stations. Two training labs for the use of the legal databases WESTLAW and LEXIS were relocated next to the student pc lab. The law school computer network was also upgraded. The upper level and circulation areas of the library were recarpeted.

The Technical Services staff began to install and implement the on-line public access catalog. They edited and loaded catalog records and tested hardware and functions for the new comprehensive automated library system to be used by the UNM General Libraries and the UNM Law Library. Computer terminals will essentially replace the functions of the card catalog at the law library in the fall of 1992. The development of the shared database means that users in any of the libraries in the UNM general library system, in the law library or at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Library will
have immediate access to catalog records of the materials in their collections and in other collections included in the database.

Anita Morse, director, resigned effective June 30, 1993. She is on leave for the 1992-93 academic year. Lorraine Lester is acting director in her absence. The Friends of the UNM School of Law Library honored Morse with a significant contribution toward the cost of the first 100 volumes of the Consolidated Treaty Series 1648-1918, edited and annotated by Clive Parry.

Gordon Russell was hired as Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services. Russell holds a Canadian law degree and an MLS and was head of the Reference Department at the University of Miami Law Library before joining UNM.

Admission

The University of New Mexico School of Law received 1054 applications for the class that entered Fall 1991. Of that group 199 were admitted. The median LSAT for those admitted was a 36 (10 to 48 scale) and the median UGPA was a 3.23. The matriculated class of 110 had a 34 LSAT median (based on the average of multiple scores). The LSAT range was 45 to 21. The UGPA median was 3.14 ranging from a 1.95 to 4.13. The average age on entry was 29. The class had 58 percent women and 46 percent minority students.

The law school admission work group continues to use Macintosh computers. This year, the Admission Office connected with Law Services Direct Entry System which allows on-line entry of decisions and LSDAS report requests.
Placement

Interviewing programs took place in the fall and spring. In the fall, approximately 35 law firms and legal employers interviewed second and third-year students for summer and permanent employment; a number of employers interviewed first and second-year students during the spring for summer jobs. In preparation for these programs the law school, assisted by Lou Edwards, assistant director of Career Counseling and Placement, held seminars for students on interviewing and resume writing techniques. The School held its fourth fall Career Fair in September. The Career Fair permits employers to meet with students on an informal basis.

Because the market for traditional law firm employment has been tight, the law school sponsored several panel discussions on alternative legal careers: one focused on public interest organizations, another on government and corporate careers, and a third on judicial clerkships.

The law school also initiated an Alumni Placement Bulletin which advertises employment opportunities to recent graduates. The law school also exchanges the Bulletin with placement offices at 80 other law schools, further enabling our students to learn about employment opportunities.

Finally, the school has continued to upgrade its student-staffed placement information office. The office has been computerized and has expanded its library and file materials.

Financial Aid

With few exceptions, law school grant assistance is need-based. Because grant funds have become extremely tight (due, in part, to the University's policy requiring reinvestment of income above a 5% rate of return), the school has been able to provide only modest grant assistance to approximately one-fourth of our
students. As this limited grant assistance does not meet the realistic needs of our students, financial aid is one focus of the school's development activities.

Enrollment
The UNM law student body is a diverse group. While the majority of its students are New Mexico residents, the undergraduate backgrounds of UNM law students represent a mix of state and private schools throughout the U.S. In the fall 1991 semester, 42 percent of the student enrollment was minority and 54 percent female. The law school's enrollment was 334.

Development
Susan Cote joined the law school in January as its first development director. A Boston native, she graduated from Regis College, earned a master's degree in library science from Simmons college and a J.D. from the Suffolk University law school. Cote was the director of the library system at Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University where she spent 50 to 60 percent of her time fundraising. Prior to Case Western, Cote worked at Boston University, Boston College and MIT. Since January, Cote has begun to clarify the law school's philosophy of development and is working with the dean on the school's mission statement and has begun the process of identifying and researching major donor prospects.

Special Centers
In January, the law school took another step in the exploration of transboundary legal issues with the establishment of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute. Headed by Franklin Gill, a retired chief corporate and securities counsel for the Philadelphia-based Sun Co., the new institute will sponsor an annual
conference, with papers to be published each year in a special edition of the law review. Gill, has taught business associations and international trade law at UNM since 1986.

The institute is being co-sponsored by the law school, the American Bar Association's Mexican Law Committee and the State Bar of New Mexico. The first conference, to be held Oct. 1-3, will be devoted to a review of the current status of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Institute of Public Law

The Institute of Public Law (IPL) has continued to work on numerous projects funded by state and federal government and private foundations. This work has included projects in bioethics and environmental clean-up. The latter project has supported community efforts to solve water concerns in Albuquerque's South Valley. IPL also had major involvement with the Traffic Safety Bureau in its efforts to control DWI in New Mexico.

Of particular note is the creation of the Judicial Education Center (JEC), funded by the State Justice Institute, to provide judicial education at all levels of New Mexico's judiciary. Santa Fe lawyer Paul Biderman was hired as the center's director and program coordinator. The JEC assumed responsibility for judicial education in December 1991 and conducted eight education and training programs for New Mexico judges, court clerks and administrators applying current adult education concepts and techniques.

Significant funding was received by IPL for work on a Wildlife Laws Manual by the Center for Wildlife Law. Intergenerational projects funded by the Kellogg Foundation and Social Security Administration were completed and provided information to form a basis for future efforts.
IPL was instrumental in the creation of News 101 at KGGM and is pursuing funding for various public policy oriented TV specials produced by New Mexico high school students.

The International Transboundary Resource Center

In 1991-92, the International Transboundary Resource Center (CIRT) organized conferences, drafted treaties, and continued to add to the literature on transboundary resources.

In collaboration with the Universidad de Granada, CIRT organized two major conferences marking the 500th Anniversary of the arrival of Columbus in the New World. Held at the University of New Mexico and the Universidad de Granada, the conferences focused on water resources and land grants in Mexico and New Mexico.

CIRT also brought together a work group to draft a framework for a North American Ecological Treaty. The Treaty will be called the Cuixmala Draft Treaty for the Protection of the North American Ecological Zone. The goal is to provide a trilateral legal model for cooperation in the management of those migratory resources, such as migratory species and atmospheric resource, which can be addressed best on a regional basis. The heads of the nation's teams, Ambassador Alan Beezley, Canada, Ambassador Alberto Székely, Mexico, and Professor Albert Utton, United States, met in February in Cuximala, Mexico with the assistance of the Goldsmith Foundation to prepare the work plan for the national teams.

CIRT also participated in briefing the Trustees of the Ford Foundation on border environmental problems and helped to set a research agenda for the U.S.-Mexico Border Region.
CIRT and its director were asked to serve as the Secretariat and the Secretary, respectively, for the Water Resources Committee of the International Law Association. The first meeting of the reconstituted committee was held in The Hague in November and a second meeting in Cairo in April. Four working groups are focusing on major water diversions from international rivers, liability for transboundary damage, estuaries and the salt water/fresh water interface, and cross-media pollution. The committee is broadly based and has legal, diplomatic, and academic representatives.


CIRT's Research Director, Ambassador Alberto Székely, was elected as Mexico's Commissioner to the International Law Commission of the United Nations, and our director, Professor Albert Utton, was appointed to the Public Advisory Committee on the U.S.-Mexico Environment by the head of the EPA, William Reilly.

Selected publications from CIRT:
Part II - A Bibliography of the International Law of Natural Resources and the Environment (Vol. 31, Natural Resources Journal).


2. SIGNIFICANT PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE
The dean anticipates evaluating and strengthening several areas of the law school in the near future.

The Guanajuato Summer Program
The law school continued the Guanajuato summer program for the third year in the 1992. Unlike the first two years, when the law school operated the program on its own, the law school put together a consortium to reduce the financial costs and increase the number of students. The law schools of the University of New Mexico, University of San Diego, and Texas Tech, in cooperation with UNM's Latin American Institute, offered six weeks of summer law study in Guanajuato, Mexico followed by an optional internship in Mexican law firms.

The Institute is organized in cooperation with the Universidad de Guanajuato Facultad de Derecho, one of Mexico's leading law centers. This cooperative effort results in a thorough introduction of non-Mexican students and lawyers to Mexico's legal and cultural systems.

The law school plans to institute an evaluation of the Guanajuato consortium. The consortium has been operating for one year. This is an important program, an asset to the law school, consistent with the University of the Americas orientation.

Indian Law at UNM
The law school will consider developing a certificate program in the area of Indian law. UNM offers several courses in the area of Indian Law but does not offer a separate program. A professor in the area of Indian Law, Gloria Valencia-Weber, was named after a national search in 1991-92 and is currently a Visiting Professor for the academic 1992-93 year. The law school had a total
Indian student enrollment of 27 in 1991-92. The development of the Indian Law program at the UNM School of Law fits with the UNM 2000 plan and the emphasis on multiculturalism.

Summer/Part-time Coursework
There is evidence of interest in a part-time program and summer course offerings. The law school self study and the subsequent accreditation process have focused attention on this issue. A Committee will further investigate these two issues.

The Law School Facility
The lack of adequate faculty and administrative office space is a continuing problem. The law school is considering its options to address this problem. One possibility is a new building or an addition to the existing one.

3. & 4. APPOINTMENTS AND SEPARATIONS TO STAFF
The University of New Mexico School of Law saw significant new appointments and several of its professors recognized for their achievements. In July 1991, after a national search Leo M. Romero became dean of the school. Romero replaced Theodore Parnall who resigned the deanship to head a team sponsored by Harvard Law School and the World Bank to draft finance laws for the Southeast Asian Nation of Laos.

Romero, who earned an A.B. in history from Oberlin College, a J.D. from Washington University, and an L.L.M. from Georgetown University as a Prettyman fellow, joined the law school faculty in 1972. Over the years he has
taught evidence, trial practice, criminal procedure and criminal law. Romero was named associate dean for academic affairs at the law school in 1989.

Professor Ruth L. Kovnat replaced Romero as associate dean for academic affairs, effective July 1, 1991. Kovnat teaches constitutional law, civil procedure and environmental law. She joined the UNM law faculty in 1975, having taught and served as associate dean at Temple University School of Law.

New to the law faculty was Denise Fort. Fort was appointed Academic Director of the Master of Water Resources Administration Program and Assistant Professor of Law. In addition to her responsibilities with the Water Resources program, Fort teaches a course in environmental law at the law school.

Visitors
Several visiting faculty members brought their expertise to the law school in 1991-92. Mary Beth West, formerly of the U.S. Department of State, taught Indian law and Mediation. She also directed financial aid and placement. William S. Dixon, a senior partner in the Albuquerque firm, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A., taught Advocacy and First Amendment Rights. The Hon. Edward S. Godfrey, formerly dean at the University of Maine and former Supreme Court Justice in Maine, taught Conflict of Laws. Nancy Cook and John Capowsky assisted with the Institute for Access to Justice in the spring and fall, respectively. Cook previously taught at the American University Law School in Washington D.C. for nine years where her specialties were appellate advocacy and clinical training and supervision. Capowski is the Director of Education and Training for the Office of the Attorney General in Maryland.
Adjuncts
The law school continued to strengthen its ties with the legal community. The following adjunct professors taught during the year: Margot Ballon and Richard Bowman of the District Attorney's Office, Herbert Becker, Assistant U.S. Attorney; James E. Burke, Esq.; Timothy Butler, Los Alamos National Laboratories; Margaret Davidson, Keleher & McLeod; Joseph Goldberg, Esq.; The Hons. Gregory Griego and John Pope, Workers Compensation Administration; Jennifer Hall, Esq.; Pamelya Herndon, Internal Revenue Service; Nancy Hollander, Freedman, Boyd, and Daniels; Peter N. Ives, Compton, Coryell, Hickey & Ives; Gary P. Kaplan, Montgomery & Andrews; The Hon. Pamela Minzner, U.S. Court of Appeals; Richard Monikowski, Esq.; Andrew Schultz and Patricia Taylor, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb; Barbara Shapiro, Poole, Kelly & Ramo; Sasha Siemel, Sutin, Thayer & Brown; Patricia Stelzner, Senior Citizens Law Office; David Stout, Carpenter Law Office, Ltd.; and Timothy Sheehan, Sheehan, Sheehan & Stelzner.

Permanent Faculty
The law school had a total of 29 permanent faculty in 1991-92 including 2 African Americans and 4 Hispanics. Of the 29, 11 were women. The School had three deans, one of whom was Hispanic and one a woman.

Honors and Awards
Two long-time members of the faculty were appointed to named professorships. Michael Browde was selected as the Keleher & McLeod professor, and James Ellis was named the school's Henry Weihofen professor. Browde, who graduated from Brown University and the Georgetown University Law Center, joined the law school faculty in 1978. His specialty is constitutional rights.
Ellis, who graduated from Occidental College and the University of California at Berkeley, joined the faculty in 1976. He has focused his work on constitutional law with an emphasis on the rights of the mentally retarded and mentally disabled. He is a past president of the American Association of Mental Retardation and has lobbied actively in Congress and in state legislatures for laws exempting the mentally retarded from the death penalty.

Also recognized for their research efforts were Richard A. Gonzales and Antoinette Sedillo Lopez. Gonzales was appointed as the University of New Mexico Regent's Professor of Law and Sedillo Lopez as the Regent's Lecturer of Law.

Leaves of Absence
On leave of absence during 1991-92 were Theodore Parnall, professor and former dean, and J. Michael Norwood, professor and director of the Clinical Law Program. Parnall was the resident legal advisor in Vientiane, Laos for the World Bank's Laos Legal Project. Professor Norwood's sabbatical leave included a stay in Edinburgh, Scotland where he studied European computer applications in law.

5. PUBLICATIONS
During the year, law faculty published books, edited volumes, and wrote articles and chapters. In addition two law school professors, James Ellis and Barbara Bergman, drafted a friend of the court brief on behalf of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, National Mental Health Association, American Association on Mental Retardation, National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, and the national and Louisiana chapter of the ACLU. The U.S. Supreme Court adopted their reasoning and research in expanding the
rights of mentally disabled criminal defendants. In a 5-4 decision likely to have wide repercussions, the court held in Foucha v. Louisiana that when a criminal defendant has been found not guilty by reason of insanity, but later found to be no longer mentally ill, a state may not continue to confine him simply because it believes him to be dangerous.

BERGMAN, Barbara

New Mexico Objections at Trial, coauthored with Judge Myron Bright and Professor Ronald Carlson, Butterworth Legal Publishers, 1992.


Wilson v. State, Amicus Curiae brief for American Association on Mental Retardation, co-counsel with James W. Ellis, Missouri Supreme Court, Case No. 73285, filed January 1991.

BURR, Sherri

ELLIS, James F.
FRITZ, Christian G.


HALL, G. Emlen


KELLY, Suedeen G.

SANDERS, Maureen A.
"Risk Retention Groups: To Join or Not to Join?" 42 Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel Quarterly, 335, Spring 1992.

"Who Is the client of the Public Sector Attorney and Why do We Care?", Public Law Notes, 1 Winter, 1992.

SCHEIBLE, Sheryl L.


SEDILLO LOPEZ, Antoinette
6. OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

In various profession capacities and at the highest levels, law school faculty members have participated in a number of activities. Below is a list of selected activities:

BERGMAN, Barbara
Co-program director, Southwest Regional National Institute of Trial Advocacy Program, held May 20-30, 1992 at The University of New Mexico.


BROWDE, Michael B.
Special Reapportionment Co-Counsel, New Mexico State Legislature

Counsel to Rule Committee, New Mexico House of Representatives (writing House rules for Constitutional Discipline and guiding Committee and House through the application of those rules to a charge member)

BURR, Sherri
Chair-Elect, the Association of American Law School's Section on International Law

Executive Committee and Program Chair AALS Section on Art Law
DESIDERIO, Robert J.
University Faculty Athletic Representative to the National Collegiate Athletics Association and the Western Athletics Conference.

Chair, University Athletics Self-Study Committee 1991.

FRITZ, Christian G.


GONZALES, Richard A.

Instructor, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Albuquerque, NM, 1992

HALL, G. Emlen

HART, Frederick M.

American Bar Association, Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar: Member, Law School Accreditation Committee, 1986 to present.

KELLY, Suedeen G.


Member, Executive Committee of the Legislation Section of the AALS, 1989 to present.

Trustee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 1988 to present.

Vice Chairman, Government aOrganization and Separation of Powers Committee of the Administrative Law section of the American Bar Association, 1991 to present.

PARNALL, Theodore


ROMERO, Leo M.


Lecturer, Conference on Graduate Education for Minority Students, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, April 1992.

Speaker on Academic Support Programs in Law School, University of Colorado School of Law, June 1992.

Albuquerque Bar Association, Board of Directors, 1991 -.

Law School Admission Council, Minority Affairs Committee and Chair of workgroup on academic assistance programs, 1989 to present.

American Bar Association, Diversity Committee, 1991-.

SANDERS, Maureen A.


SCHEIBLE, Sheryl L.

Faculty, National Institute for Trail Advocacy, Chapel Hill, NC, 1991.

Elected to the American Law Institute, 1992, Members Consultative Groups on Restatement of Law Third: Property (Donative Transfers), Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution.

Editor, Elderlaw Newsletter, ABA Section of Real Property, Probate & Trust Law's Long Term Health Care Issues Committee, 1991-92.


SEDILLO LOPEZ, Antoinette

Presenter, AALS 1992 Annual Meeting, Sections on Clinical Legal Education: Minority Law Professor; Teaching Methods; Jan 3-7, San Antonio, Texas.
7. OUTSIDE-SPONSORED RESEARCH
In 1991-92 the law school received over $1.4 million in contracts and grants from a variety of city, state, and federal agencies and foundations. Most of the money went to the Institute of Public Law, the nonprofit research institute founded as the public-service arm of the law school in 1969. The Center for International Transboundary Issues and the law school clinic also received significant outside funding.

Institute of Public Law
Projects Funded in FY1991-92

Coalition for Children Youth and Family
Kids Count Television Special
Paul Nathanson

$29,500
City of Albuquerque
Develop Low Level Radioactive Wastewater Regulations
Judy Flynn-O'Brien

City of Albuquerque and State of New Mexico
Environmental Department
Southwest Valley Management and Funding Options
Judy Flynn-O'Brien

State of New Mexico Corporation Commission
Draft Rules and Regulations for the Telecommunication and Transportation Divisions
Paul Nathanson

State of New Mexico Department of Health
Patient Self-Determination Act Training
Joan Gibson

State of New Mexico Department of Health
Health Care Financing Reform
Judy Flynn-O'Brien

State of New Mexico Environment Department
Underground Storage Tank Program Projects
Judy Flynn-O'Brien

State of New Mexico Environment Department
Develop Regulations Setting Hazardous Waste Fees
Judy Flynn-O'Brien

State of New Mexico Human Services Department
Bioethics Training
Joan Gibson

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Hunter Harassment Laws Manual
Ruth Musgrave
International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 8,800
Wildlife Laws Newsletter
Ruth Musgrave

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 111,251
State Wildlife Laws Manual
Ruth Musgrave

Kellogg Foundation 69,561
Intergenerational Wildlife Education Demonstration Project
Ruth Musgrave

National Center for State Courts 23,527
Develop Model Curriculum for State Courts
Joan Gibson

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 10,000
State Wildlife Laws Manual
Ruth Musgrave

U.S. Congress 4,072
Office of Technology Assessment
State Laws on Vertebrate Animal Importation
Ruth Musgrave

State Justice Institute and State of New Mexico 292,195
Administrative Office of the Courts
New Mexico Judicial Education Center
Paul Biderman

State Justice Institute 16,702
Faculty Development Program
Paul Biderman

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department 38,400
Traffic Safety Bureau
DWI Schools Newsletter
Anne Goodman
State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
Department  
Traffic Safety Bureau  
DWI Training and Information Program  
Paul Nathanson  

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
Department  
Traffic Safety Bureau  
DWI School Conference  
Anne Goodman  

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
Department  
Traffic Safety Bureau  
Alcohol Assessment Program  
Anne Goodman  

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
Department  
Traffic Safety Bureau  
DWI Case Handling Training: Police  
Ruth Musgrave  

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
Department  
Traffic Safety Bureau  
Intergenerational Safety Promotion  
Paul Nathanson  

State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation  
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Judicial DWI Training  
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