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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW
July 1, 1970--June 30, 1971
Thomas W. Christopher, Dean

I. General Information

Enrollment: Enrollment in the fall of 1970 was 209, as compared to 186 in the fall of 1969, 175 in 1968, and 97 in 1964. The freshman class had 95 students of whom 5 were in the Indian Program, and 11 had Spanish surnames; 8 were women. 5 freshmen were suspended for academic reasons in June, and 11 were placed or continued on academic probation. 55 graduated in January or June, 1971 (36 in 1970, 41 in 1969, 23 in 1966, 11 in 1964).

Publications: Faculty research and publication again were quite good.

The Natural Resources Journal, a faculty-student scholarly journal, had its regular four issues per year. It has subscribers in every state and in 29 foreign countries.

The first issue of the New Mexico Law Review was issued in January, 1971. This is to be issued semi-annually by the law students and faculty, and one of its primary aims is to serve the New Mexico Bar.

The Indian Law Newsletter continued publications on a bi-monthly basis. This newsletter is published by the law school's American Indian Law Center, and it serves to keep interested persons up to date on legal developments. It has 642 subscribers.

Institute of Public Law and Services: This Institute's object is to place the Law School in the service of the state and the community.

Its regular staff consists of one attorney and a secretary, and law students are used as research assistants. During the meeting of the legislature, Professor Al Utton, Director, Mr. Gary O'Dowd, Deputy Director, and a number of students worked in Santa Fe with various groups and officials. Messrs. Utton and O'Dowd worked almost full time as legislative consultants with the Governor. A number of law students, under the direction of Mr. O'Dowd and Mr. William MacPherson, worked with the Lieutenant Governor and with the legislature.

The primary research project for the year has been a revision of the code of criminal procedure for New Mexico. The State Supreme Court has appointed a committee of New Mexico lawyers, with the law dean as chairman, with the task of presenting to the Court a suggested revised code. The staff work for this committee is done by the institute. Two students rendered valuable service in this project: Mr. Donald Kline, and Mr. Charles Shaw, with Mr. Shaw making a major contribution. Professor MacPherson and Assistant Dean Geer served as reporters until February, and Mr. O'Dowd took over as reporter at that time and he continues to serve in that capacity.

In another project, the Law School received a \$25,000 grant to provide 15 District Court Judges with full-time summer law clerks.

American Indian Law Center: Mr. Robert L. Bennett continues to serve as director of the Indian Law Center. The Center received grants or contracts with: The Field Foundation; the Donner Foundation; O.E.O.; Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Navaho Tribe; Arrow, Inc.; and National American Indian Court Judges Association.

Including the OEO grant for the Indian student program, these grants and contracts amounted to approximately \$760,000.

The Center had an excellent year, and it is looked on nationally as the leader in Indian law matters.

CLE: The program for Continuing Legal Education for the Bar included 6 seminars or meetings:

Socorro: September and October 1970. A class for credit at New Mexico Tech titled Law for the Layman. Conducted by the law faculty under the direction of Professor Ellis.

Roswell: October-December 1970. Fundamentals of Estate Planning. Professor Muir.

Las Cruces: November 10, 1970. Human Relations Applicable to the Practice of Law. Dr. Senescu, Assistant Dean Geer, Dean Christopher.

Albuquerque: February 2, 1971. The Economics of Damages and How to Prove Them. Presented by David B. Hamilton, Professor of Economics; Mrs. Melissa Patterson, Research Associate, Economic Department; Richard L. Gerding, attorney, Farmington; and William E. Snead, attorney, Albuquerque.

Albuquerque: May 15, 1971. (With the Federal Bar Association), Federal Regulation of Employment Practices. Program presented by representative from the ALOC, U.S. Dept. of Labor, NLRB and U.S. Dept. of Interior.

II. Faculty

Professor Barnett was on leave for the entire academic year (1st semester without pay, and second semester on sabbatical leave) to do research. Professor Sharp retired on June 30, 1970. Mr. Theodore Parnall joined the faculty on July 1, 1970 as an Assistant Professor. Assistant Professor Desiderio received a promotion to Associate Professor as of July 1, 1971. Mr. MacPherson's title was shifted to Assistant Professor (from lecturer). Mr. Jack Campbell was appointed as a professor, without lecture duties or salary. Professors Walker and Desiderio received notices of tenure at the end of the second semester.

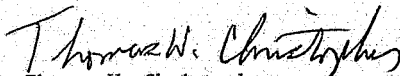
The full-time, regular faculty for 1970-71 were: Thomas W. Christopher, Dean and Professor; Walter E. Barnett, Professor, on leave both semesters; Robert L. Bennett, Director Indian Law Center, Lecturer in Law; Robert Desiderio, Assistant Professor; Willis H. Ellis, Professor; Myron Fink, Law Librarian and Associate Professor; Hunter L. Geer, Assistant Dean and Lecturer in Law; Frederick M. Hart, Professor; Jerome A. Hoffman, Assistant Professor; Leo Kanowitz, Professor; William T. MacPherson, Director, Clinical Law Program, Lecturer in Law; Hugh B. Muir, Professor; Theodore Parnall, Assistant Professor; Albert E. Utton, Professor; Jerrold L. Walden, Professor; Robert W. Walker, Professor; and Henry Weihofen, Professor.

The part-time faculty during the 1970-71 school year were: Paul Phillips, Jack Love, Seth Montgomery, Raymond Sanchez, and Juan Burciago.

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III. Thomas W. Christopher ended his term as dean on June 30, 1971,
and Frederick Hart assumed the deanship as of July 1, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas W. Christopher
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