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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW  
July 1, 1969--June 30, 1970  
Thomas W. Christopher, Dean

I. General Information

Enrollment: Enrollment in the fall of 1969 was 186, as compared to 175 in the fall of 1968, 185 in 1967, 163 in 1966, 144 in 1965, 97 in 1964, and 89 in 1963. The freshman class had 90 students, of whom six were in the Indian Program, and five were in the CLEO program; six were girls. Five freshmen were suspended for academic reasons in June (5-1/2 per cent); and 13 were placed or continued on academic probation (14 per cent). Thirty-six graduated in February or June 1970 (41 in 1969; 45 in 1968; 36 in 1967; 23 in 1966; 17 in 1965; 11 in 1964).

Publications: Faculty research again was excellent, and publication was reasonably satisfactory; 10 of 13 regular faculty had publications, including one book and one chapter in a book; 12 articles in scholarly journals; two book reviews, and 14 written reports, studies, or court briefs. This is the fifth year in a row that the law faculty has excelled in research and publication. (A total list of all law faculty publications through December 1969 may be found in "The University of New Mexico School of Law Faculty Publications," a booklet published by the law school.)

The Natural Resources Journal, a faculty-student scholarly journal, had its regular four issues per year. It has subscribers in every state and 26 foreign countries.

The Indian Law Newsletter continued publication on a bi-weekly basis.

Other law school publications include: (1) "Good Books for Pre-Law and Law Students" (2nd ed.); (2) "Program for Pre-Law Students; The Pre-Law

Curriculum" (a leaflet) (this publication has received praise from law schools all over the country).

CLE: The program for Continuing Legal Education for the Bar included three seminars:

Albuquerque	Beginning October 15, 1969, one night a week for nine weeks	Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation
Clovis	November 25, 1969	Enforcement of Security Interests Under the Uniform Commercial Code
Albuquerque	Beginning March 4, 1970, one night a week for eight weeks	Fundamentals of Federal Estate and Gift Taxation

Institute of Public Law and Services: The Institute of Public Law and Services continued its service to the state and community. The Institute has one attorney and one secretary on its staff, and is assisted by law students and others. The Institute cooperated with the School of Medicine in conducting four seminars entitled "Human Relations Applicable to the Practice of Law;" one in Hobbs on October 23, 1969, one in Farmington on November 21, 1969, one in Clovis on March 13, 1970, and another in Farmington on April 24, 1970. The director served on the Bernalillo County Airport Commission and participated in the New Mexico Accident Investigation Program. The Institute also began acting as the staff for a Supreme Court Committee to re-write the Code of Criminal Procedure for New Mexico.

American Indian Law Center: The American Indian Law Center is beginning to blossom out into an effective service agency for Indians. In February, Mr. Robert L. Bennett, formerly Commissioner of Indian Affairs

with the B.I.A., assumed the directorship of the Center, and under his leadership the Center is expected to reach its real potential. During the 1969-70 year the Center continued to work with the judges of The Navajo Tribe in improving the Tribe's judicial system and laws; it administered a grant for the benefit of the Pueblos in New Mexico; and it continued the publication of the Indian Law Newsletter, a bi-weekly publication with a national circulation; the Indian library collection was expanded. The Center is strictly a non-university supported agency, and received its primary support from a grant from The Field Foundation.

For 1970-71 the Center is receiving grants of approximately \$200,000 (plus \$500,000 for the Indian law student training program), and is adding lawyers and other personnel as its services and opportunities expand. Serving tribes nationwide, the law school, via the Center, is the national leader in legal service to Indians.

The Center's special program to encourage Indians to study law, funded by O.E.O. and the B.I.A., held its fourth pre-law summer institute for prospective Indian law students during the summer of 1970. In the summer of 1969, the pre-law institute had 34 students, of which 28 attended some law school in the 1969-70 school year (four at UNM). Forty-two attended the summer 1970 institute, of which 28 are expected to attend some law school (five at UNM). In 1969-70, 41 students from one of the summer institutes were in law school attendance; schools included were: University of New Mexico, Arizona State University, UCLA, University of North Dakota, University of Tulsa, University of Washington, University of Iowa, University of California at Davis, Harvard, Yale, North Carolina Central University, Loyola of Los Angeles, University of Utah, McGeorge

College of Law, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Oklahoma, Notre Dame, University of Colorado, University of Denver, University of Montana, University of Tennessee, and the University of Arizona. In 1970-71 this program's budget is in excess of \$500,000. At UNM the scholarship in 1969-70 for the Indian student with a wife and two children was \$4,500 for twelve months.

Community Service: The law school maintained its interest in community service. The bail bond program was carried on in Bernalillo County by first- and second-year students; seniors worked with the Magistrate Courts and on other legal matters in the community; a volunteer group of students provided a speaker's bureau, furnishing speakers on legal subjects for public schools, clubs, etc. Another volunteer student group, known as LSCRRG, provided information on the draft, keeping regular office hours for the convenience of those within draft age. The school sponsored an evening program on income tax on February 25, 1970, for the University community under the guidance of Mr. Raymond Sawyer; panelists were: Professor Robert J. Desiderio, Moderator; Professor Perry T. Mori; Mr. James A. Murray; and Mr. Frank O. Westerfield, Jr.

Faculty members were active in community services; for example, Professor Weihofen was especially active in projects dealing with mental health, alcoholism, and narcotics.

University Committees: Ten faculty members, other than the dean, served on regular or special University committees: Walter E. Barnett, Policy Committee (first semester); Robert J. Desiderio, Athletic Council, Intramural and Recreation Board, Office of Instructional Media Services Advisory Board, Director of Coronado Credit Union; Willis H. Ellis,

Retirement and Insurance Committee, Special Personnel Committee; Myron Fink, Library Committee; Frederick M. Hart, ISRAD, Committee on Minority Groups; Leo Kanowitz, Graduate Committee, Executive Committee of AAUP; Albert E. Utton, Policy Committee (second semester); Jerrold L. Walden, University Committee on Human Subjects, Graduate Committee; Robert W. Walker, Student Standards Committee, State Executive Committee on AAUP, Committee on University Governance; Henry Weihofen, Publications Committee, Rights and Responsibilities of Faculty and Students, Human Research, Professional Activities.

Professional Meetings and Associations: Various members of the faculty attended and took part in professional meetings, including Messrs. Utton, Christopher, Weihofen, Hart, Geer, Fink, Ellis, Kanowitz, Barnett, Hoffman, Walker, and Desiderio. The following members of the faculty are members of the New Mexico Bar Association: Geer, Weihofen, Christopher, Muir, Barnett, Hart, MacPherson, Utton, and Walden.

Curriculum and Academic Standards: Changes continue to be made in the curriculum as the faculty seeks to provide a current, strong course of study. New courses offered in 1969-70 were: Criminal Procedure, International Legal Problems, The Corporation and Society, Workshop in Real Estate Transactions, and Historical Introduction to the Legal System. New courses approved for 1970-71 are: Law as an Instrument of Social Change, Clinical Program, Legal Problems in Community Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Legal Education. On the planning board are courses on the computer, use of non-legal materials by lawyers, and environmental control.

Academic standards in the school are reasonably good, and admission standards are at an acceptable level. The mean LSAT and GPA rise each year;

for the fall 1970 entering class, the mean LSAT is approximately 590; for the fall of 1969, it was 554; for the fall of 1968, it was 529.

Grants: Grants from foundations and the government continue to be good. For 1969-70, grants about equaled the regular law school budget, and for 1970-71, grants will exceed the budget by more than \$200,000.

Practical Law Program: In May, with faculty approval, the students established a "Practical Law" Program, and students who desired to do so worked in this program for the remainder of the term in lieu of regular class work. Students in the program interviewed witnesses in connection with the May disturbance on the campus, acted as marshals, and engaged in other activities of a semi-legal nature. Students who wished to continue in classes were free to do so, and many did. The over-all atmosphere in the building during the May crisis was one of tolerance and of freedom for each person.

Communications: Efforts were continued to improve communication between the faculty and administration, and the students. (1) The dean's office initiated publication of a mimeographed newsletter, titled "Las Noticias," issued irregularly but frequently, aimed at keeping students and faculty informed about happenings; the newsletter serves as a bulletin board, a "Federal Register" for official announcements and rulings, and a news carrier. (2) The faculty initiated the practice of having joint meetings of faculty and students to discuss matters of mutual interest, including curriculum. (3) Students were placed on several faculty committees. (4) The practice was continued of placing tentative course offerings and course and exam schedules on the bulletin boards in advance for student comment, and lines of communication to receive suggestions on the schedule

were improved. (5) The dean continued his practice of frequent meetings with classes and with smaller groups to discuss law school matters, and also continued his practice of regular consultation with the Student Bar Association President; the assistant dean also had frequent meetings with students and student groups. (6) Students who seek conferences with the dean or assistant dean are seen promptly.

## II. Faculty

The faculty situation was stable with no resignations during the school year.

### Regular Faculty

Walter E. Barnett, Professor; Thomas W. Christopher, Dean and Professor; Robert J. Desiderio, Assistant Professor; Willis H. Ellis, Professor; Myron Fink, Associate Professor and Librarian; Hunter L. Geer, Assistant Dean (July 1, 1969); Frederick M. Hart, Professor; Jerome A. Hoffman, Assistant Professor; Leo Kanowitz, Professor\*; Hugh B. Muir, Professor; Theodore Parnall, Assistant Professor (joined faculty on July 1, 1970); Malcolm P. Sharp, Visiting Professor (retired June 30, 1970); Albert E. Utton, Professor and Editor of Natural Resources Journal; Jerrold L. Walden, Professor; Robert W. Walker, Assistant Professor; Henry Weihofen, Professor\*\*.

### Part-Time Faculty

Jack Love, Lecturer	Semester II	Criminal Procedure
Richard Ransom, Lecturer	Semester II	Trial Practice

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\*Mr. Kanowitz was on leave second semester -- in Europe.

\*\*Mr. Weihofen gave five-twelfths of his time to the Medical School and seven-twelfths to the law school.

Raymond Sanchez,                      Semester II                      Law of the Poor  
Lecturer

William Weismantel,  
Associate Professor  
in the Department  
of Architecture and  
Lecturer in Law

Semester II                      Control of Urban  
Environment

Department Heads

Raymond Sawyer\*                      Institute of Public Law and Services

Robert L. Bennett                      Director of American Indian Law Center  
(February 1, 1970)

William MacPherson                      Director of Clinical Program (July 1, 1970)

Professor Malcolm Sharp, a visiting professor since September 1965 and formerly on the faculty at the University of Chicago, retired on June 30, 1970.

Professor Hugh B. Muir and Professor Jerrold L. Walden received notice of tenure this year.

A word may be added on the stability of the faculty. Omitting Verle Seed, who died in 1966, and Malcolm Sharp, who retired due to age, only three teachers have left the faculty in five years -- one tax professor left in 1966 to enter private practice, one tax man left in 1967 to join the faculty of the University of Utah, and one teacher left in 1968 to become dean of a college. Considering the quality of the faculty and of the opportunities open to them, this stability is a real tribute to the University of New Mexico.

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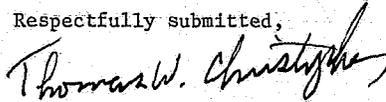
\*Resigned July 31, 1970, to accept a position in Washington, D.C.

III. General Support

The Bar of the state has been staunch in the support of the law school over the past year. Among the lawyers who have served the school well, the following deserve special mention: Robert W. Botts, Wesley Quinn, George T. Harris, Jr., William A. Sloan, Robert D. Taichert, Judge Howard Bratton, James Sidwell (President of the New Mexico Bar), Judge Irwin Moise, John Ramming, Frank O. Westerfield, Jr., Joe Diaz, Kendall Schlenker, and many more.

The University Administration and the Regents also were most helpful. The school has had understanding administrative support over the past five years, and this accounts in no small measure for the progress of the school.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas W. Christopher, Dean

August 15, 1970