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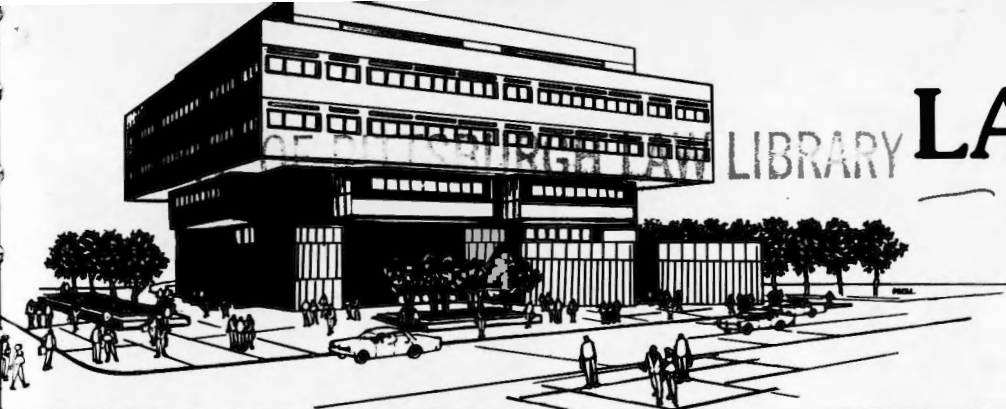
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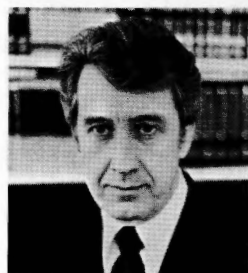


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Faculty Presents Dean

Dean John E. Murray, Jr.

On March 17, the Law School Faculty presented **Dean John E. Murray, Jr.** who delivered an address in which he outlined the goals of the law school. **Judge Ruggero Aldisert** who had served as Chairman of the Dean Search Committee introduced Dean Murray and **Provost Rhoten Smith** who explained the Dean search process. Provost Smith indicated that the search for a replacement for **W. Edward Sell** had been nationwide. While there were some who questioned the need for such an extensive search, Provost Smith confirmed the University policy of ascertaining that the most qualified person would be invited to assume the deanship. This process was desirable in that the result of inviting Dean Murray to become Dean was based upon competition among highly qualified candidates throughout the United States. Therefore, when the decision was made, it was based upon merit rather than familiarity with one of the candidates. Dean Murray assumed the deanship as of September 1, 1977. The official presentation had been scheduled for January but weather conditions caused it to be cancelled and rescheduled. Unfortunately, the weather on the new date, March 17, caused extremely hazardous driving conditions.

The Dean emphasized the need for more dialogue and cooperation between the law faculty and law students on the one hand, and the practicing bar and bench on the other. Specifically, he sought the cooperation of those members of the bar who could bring their expertise to the law school to participate in various forms of legal education. Dean Murray announced the first major effort by the Law School in Continuing Legal Education activities. **During the weeks of July 10 and July 17, the Law School and the Allegheny County Bar Association will sponsor a program in trial advocacy under the auspices of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.**

Dean Murray indicated that this would be the initial undertaking of the law school in Continuing Legal Education activities. He reported that plans are underway for a full panoply of CLE offerings which will be conducted not only by members of the faculty but by distinguished lawyers and judges in a cooperative effort to provide both theoretical and practical perspectives.

At the conclusion of the formal ceremonies in the Teplitz Courtroom, a reception was held in the foyer of the law building.

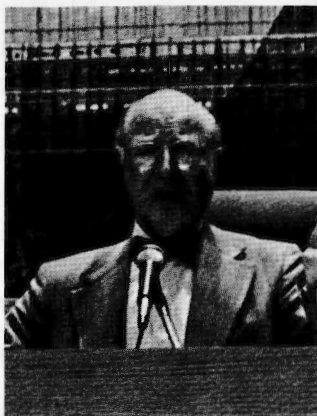


Dean Murray



The Honorable Ruggero J. Aldisert

Dean Sacks Gives 1978 Caplan Lecture



Dean Sacks



Louis Caplan

Albert Martin Sacks, Dean and Dane Professor of Law at the Harvard Law School, delivered the 1978 Louis Caplan Distinguished Lecture in Law on March 30 in the Teplitz Courtroom. The Caplan Lecture Series is designed to promote insight into the processes of law and the institutions of society through which law operates. Dean Sacks' address was entitled, **Constitutional Trends and Limitations**. It will be published in the University of Pittsburgh Law Review. Dean Sacks is a specialist in the legal process having co-authored materials, entitled *Legal Process*, with the late **Professor Henry Hart** of the Harvard Law School. These materials have been used in numerous law schools throughout the United States. Observers commented that the Sacks address was one of the most significant lectures in the history of the series in that it presented unique perspectives on the legal process in terms of judicial decision-making by the Supreme Court of the United States in difficult areas of constitutional law. Dean Sacks is highly qualified in this area because of his scholarship as well as his service as clerk to **Justice Felix Frankfurter** in 1949-1950. Dean Sacks was introduced by **Dean John E. Murray, Jr.** Prior to the lecture and thereafter, Deans Sacks and Murray discussed problems of legal education.

Blackmun Commencement Speaker

Harry A. Blackmun, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, will deliver the 1978 Law School Commencement Address on May 27 at the graduation ceremonies to be held in David Lawrence Hall, adjacent to the Law Building. Arrangements will be made to publish the address in the University of Pittsburgh Law Review.

Weis, Bundy, Caliguiri and Cohen Visit Law School



Professor Cooper
and Mayor Caliguiri

Recent visitors to the law school include **Judge Joseph Weis** of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals who spoke to approximately 200 law students on appellate advocacy. **William Bundy**, former Undersecretary of State during the Kennedy and early Johnson administrations, participated in **Professor John Burkoff's** seminar in advanced constitutional law. Mr. Bundy was at the University as a guest of the Political Science Department. **Mayor Richard Caliguiri** addressed students and responded to questions in **Professor Carl Cooper's** Local Government course. **Justice Haim Cohen**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, met with Dean Murray and members of the faculty to exchange views on the legal systems of the United States and Israel with particular emphasis on judicial interpretations of the written and unwritten constitutions of the two countries.

Faculty

Since the last issue of Law Notes, the following faculty additions for the next academic year have been announced. **William Luneburg**, who is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and currently a Bigelow fellow at the University of Chicago Law School, will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Law. He will teach in the Civil Procedure area. **Andrea Knapp**, a Harvard Law School graduate and teaching assistant at the Boston College Law School, will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Law teaching in the Labor Law area. Professor Knapp has co-authored two texts in Labor Law which have been published under American Bar Association auspices. **Josiah Blackmore** is an excellent teacher and scholar on the faculty of the Capital Law School. Professor Blackmore will be a Visiting Professor of Law teaching Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction and Evidence courses next year. Professor **Robert Sterling** of the Arkansas School of Law will also join us as a visitor next year. Professor Sterling is a graduate of the Columbia Law School. He has practiced in the antitrust area and he will teach in that area during his visit next year.

Professor **Welsh White** will visit the University of Pennsylvania School of Law next year where he will teach in the Criminal Law—Criminal Procedure area. Professor **Lawrence Frolik** will spend the first semester at the University of Illinois School of Law. He will return to Pittsburgh for the second semester.

Intra-School Appellate Court Competition

The Second Annual Intra-School Appellate Court Competition was held on April 12 in the Teplitz Memorial Courtroom. The problem involved an Indian claim that certain land in Homestead Borough was conveyed in violation of the Indian Nonintercourse Act of 1790. The court for this competition was composed of Judge **Joseph Weis** of the Third Circuit and Federal District Judges **Maurice Cohill** and **Daniel Snyder**. Student teams were composed of **Michael Marks** and **Roger Horgan** representing the Susquehannock Indian Tribe and **Daniel Mulholland**, **Daniel Gramc** and **James Schadel** who represented individual and corporate defendants. Approximately 150 people witnessed the argument, including Indians from the Three Rivers Council who were interested guests because of actual litigation involving the same problem in Maine, Massachusetts and several other states. The student teams had been selected as finalists through a series of elimination rounds which began last fall. Originally, twelve teams had entered the competition. The three-judge panel chose the team of Mulholland, Gramc and Schadel as the winners of the competition. The judges had high praise for the level of advocacy skills demonstrated by both teams. They indicated that it was reassuring to witness such desirable student effort in light of recent allegations of deficient levels of advocacy among practicing lawyers. The program is extremely promising for next year since more than 100 students have applied to enter the competition during the next academic year. The Faculty Advisor, Professor Lawrence Frolik is to be commended for his efforts in the rapid and effective development of this program.



Judges Snyder, Cohill and Weis



Law School Team Wins Client Counsel Regional Competition

For the first time in the history of the law school, a client counselling team entered the regional competition. The competing schools typically had formal programs in client counselling and had entered the competition for many years. In this first attempt, a team composed of **Charles R. Conway** and **James R. Fiorentino** won the competition. **Professor Mark Nordenberg** was the creator and guiding light in this effort. The Law School congratulates the students and Professor Nordenberg, and we look forward to the continuation of this vital program in the law school.

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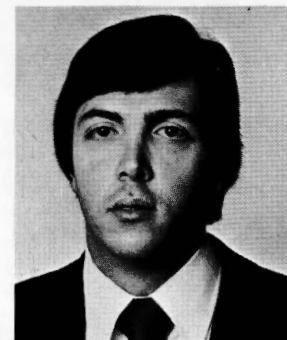
New Disability and Law Program

We enthusiastically welcome to the law school the Developmental Disabilities Law Project. The project, a clinical law program located within the law school, advocates for the legal rights of persons disabled by mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and similar disabilities. Law students under the supervision of **Ilene W. Shane**, the project director, provide legal representation to developmentally disabled individuals, their families, and to community groups which seek to promote the rights of the disabled. The services provided may include individual case representation, submission of briefs **amicus curiae**, legislative advocacy, community education and information and referral.

The clinic students are simultaneously enrolled in a course entitled "The Legal Rights of the Handicapped," which provides substantive knowledge in areas of the law relevant to their clinical experience. The major areas of involvement in both the course and the clinical program include the rights of the handicapped to equal educational opportunities, to treatment in the community, to equal access to buildings, transportation, and medical services and to due process safeguards in sterilization and guardianship proceedings. The clinic provides an excellent opportunity for the students to broaden their legal education through a closely supervised clinical program and at the same time provide legal advocacy to an historically under-represented segment of society.

Ms. Shane, a law school alumna, has spent the last several years representing mentally disabled individuals on behalf of Neighborhood Legal Services. She is available to the law school by virtue of a 19-month grant from H.E.W.

The School of Law does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion or creed in the educational programs or activities which it operates.



Assistant Dean Cafardi

Placement

One of the duties Dean Murray asked me to assume as Assistant Dean this year was the creation of an effective Placement Office for the Law School. As with all beginnings, this one was a bit difficult, but the year did see some major accomplishments. Over 8,000 practitioners, judges and corporations were contacted by mail or by telephone in an effort to secure job listings. Placement trips were made to Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Washington, D.C. A new placement library was started at the School as a resource for our job-hunting students.

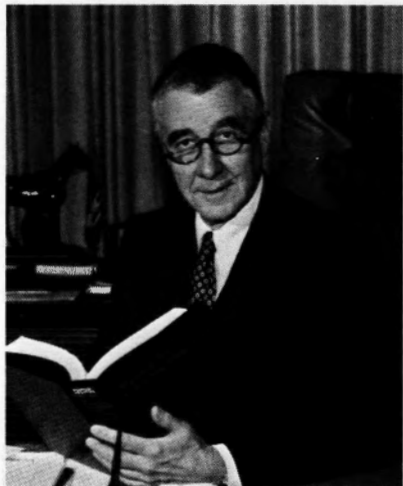
Despite these efforts, the Placement picture is not bright as the school year ends and another class prepares to enter the world of practicing attorneys. At graduation time, less than half of the third year class has secured permanent employment. This is an unfortunate statistic, one that necessarily takes the glow from what would otherwise be a time of unmitigated celebration.

The statistic is doubly unfortunate because our jobless graduates are talented people who have been rigorously trained. Admission to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law has never been easy. For the past few years the admission averages have been an LSAT of at or near 650 and a QPA in the 3.40 range, placing our students well within the top 20% of all law students in the nation. The program at the School, once a student secures admission, is very demanding. Our scholarship rules call for an increasingly higher grade average every year for a student to remain in good standing. No one completes this program who is not well-qualified.

Yet quite a few of our 1978 graduates have not secured permanent employment as attorneys. This, we know, is more a function of the tight legal marketplace than it is a reflection on their abilities or those of the School. The Placement Office has on file the resumes of these graduates. Many of our alumni are in a position to hire or influence the hiring of new attorneys. We ask that, when news of an open position comes your way or when you yourself may be in a position to hire, you call myself (624-6202) or our Placement Officer, **Mrs. Rita McElroy** (624-6207). We will be happy to assist you in reviewing and contacting the Pitt graduates who are available for employment. For those of you who only have part-time work available, the Placement Office also has listings of second year students who are interested in clerking work.

Nicholas P. Cafardi
Assistant Dean

Harold R. Schmidt — 1978 Annual Fund Chairman



Harold R. Schmidt

Law Notes salutes a distinguished alumnus, **Harold R. Schmidt**, who has served the law school and the University in myriad ways over many years. This year, Harold is the 1978 Annual Fund Chairman for the Law school. He is a 1937 graduate of the law school having received his A.B. from the University of Michigan in 1934. He is a senior partner in charge of litigation for the firm of Rose, Schmidt, Dixon, Hasley and Whyte. Harold is one of the premier trial lawyers in this region. He was General Counsel to the Joy Manufacturing Co. from 1974 through 1978 and continues to serve as Associate General Counsel to that Corporation. His many honors and associations include Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and was a director of that body from 1970 through 1976. He is a founder and life member of the World Association of Lawyers and continues as a member of the Society of Barristers after serving as a member of its Board of Governors. He is also a member of the American Law Institute, the Defense Research Institute, Pennsylvania Defense Institute and the World Peace Through Law Center. He served as Co-Chairman of the Lawyers Non-Partisan Committee to Secure Judges in Allegheny County, and as Chairman of the Committee to Revise the Second Class Jury Selection Statute in the County. His many other services to the law and society are simply too numerous to mention. He has also served as a Teaching Fellow at the Law School, a lecturer at the London Medical College, and he was a lecturer for the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Seminar, in cooperation with the Hastings Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy at the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco (1978). He was Editor-in-Chief of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review and has authored several articles. He has also written the Hand-

book and Guide to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 and Related State Statutes (1970).

He is well-known among members of the bar for his painstaking care and analysis in the preparation of cases and his indefatigability is legendary. Harold Schmidt is truly a lawyer in the grand tradition and the Law School is happy to join the Law Alumni in saluting him as he continues to work for legal education and for society.

Law Review

The Law Review has recently initiated a major subscription drive. In an effort to further expand our readership, we invite all alumni to become subscribers.

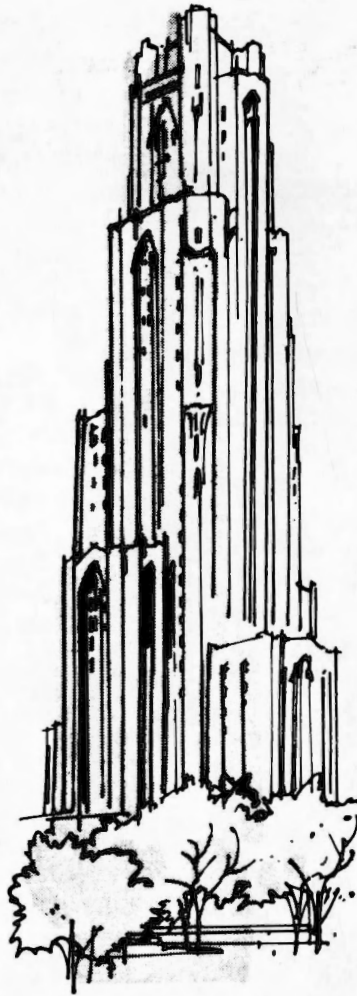
Recent issues of the Review have featured pieces by such authors as **Jay Katz** of the Yale Law School and **The Honorable Ruggero J. Aldisert** of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Topics range from the "Role of Courts in Contemporary Society" to the "Sale of a Controlling Corporate Interest." Symposia have discussed antitrust developments and electronic funds transfer systems. Upcoming issues will include an article on trends in Constitutional Law by **Dean Albert Sacks** of the Harvard Law School, a piece of **Justice Harry A. Blackmun**, and contributions from our own faculty and student body.

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