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Journal of Law and Commerce

The School of Law is pleased to announce the creation of a new law journal, the *Journal of Law and Commerce*. As the law school has grown, a larger number of students have become entitled to an opportunity to participate in the rich educational experience of law review work. The *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* has generously attempted to expand the number of such opportunities for our students. In recent years, it has become apparent that our *Law Review* could not realistically accommodate the additional number of students who attempted to participate much less the even larger number who deserved that opportunity. The cost of publishing a new journal could not be met by the University under the stringent budgetary standards currently imposed on it. Therefore, it was necessary to seek the support of parties outside the law school. The availability of such funds has also declined substantially in recent years. Under these circumstances, Dean Murray sought assistance from parties who would be aware of the significant educational experience which a law journal offers. Major Pittsburgh law firms have responded to our request. The new journal will be supported for the first three years of its publication by the following law firms:

Baskin & Sears; Berkman, Ruslander, Pohl, Lieber and Engel; Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott; Kirkpatrick, Lockhart, Johnson & Hutchison; Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay; Rose, Schmidt, Dixon, Hasley, Whyte & Hardesty.

The new journal will appear twice each year with a tentative publication date of the spring of 1981 for the first issue. The *Journal* is specialized and will deal with business and commercial law subjects, including Commercial Law, Corporations, Taxation, Antitrust, Business Torts and related areas. The first student staff will be chosen by a committee of faculty members who teach in these areas. Thereafter, the staff will be chosen by the student members of the *Journal* staff. Each issue of the *Journal* will be approximately 200 pages in length and will include articles by experts in the field as well as student notes and comments. It may also include specialized features beneficial to lawyers and judges concerned with legal problems within the scope of the new journal.

The generosity of the firms which have agreed to support this new journal cannot be gainsaid. We are certain that the new journal will become one of the leading publications of its kind in the United States.



Some of the first year students on Orientation Day, 1980

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Dean's Column

The new academic year has begun and the law school has registered the largest entering class in our history. Two hundred seventy first-year students registered for the class of 1983, enlarging the total law school population to well over 700 students. The size of the entering class is larger than intended. Though the law school experienced a twenty percent increase in applications for this academic year, the number of students accepted remained at previous levels. Our determination of the number of students accepted from the large number of applicants is designed to result in a first year class of no more than two hundred thirty-five students based upon past statistics. Our historical data base failed. Many more students from those accepted registered this year. It is not uncommon for applicants to seek admission to several law schools. If an applicant is admitted to more than one school, he or she will choose one of the schools as preferable. The larger number of registrants this year may indicate that a number of excellent applicants who could have attended several law schools prefer the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Though the first-year class is larger than expected, we are gratified to know that so many students who could have gone elsewhere chose this school. The problems created by the larger class size are not insurmountable by any means. However, we will not follow the past formula for admission next year since we could not continue to accept a substantial number of students beyond our optimal size.

Plans for Alumni Day (October 24) have been completed for some time. We are more than pleased that several of our distinguished alumni will be here on that day to provide our students with the benefit of their expertise in particular areas of practice. The Annual Alumni Dinner that evening promises to be the most memorable event in the history of the Dinner. We are more than pleased that it will be held at the law school and we look forward to seeing all alumni that evening.

Our Placement Office has a new director, Joann Gottlieb a 1978 graduate of the law school. Rita McElroy left that position to care for her beautiful infant daughter. However, Rita has returned on a part-time basis to assist us with placement and, particularly, Alumni activities. Our new Assistant Dean for Admissions, Sandra Desbrow, provides us with a representative to innumerable colleges and universities who should learn more about the law school. We can now compete with many other law schools whose staffs include such an assistant dean. Nicholas Cafardi continues as our Assistant Dean for administrative affairs.

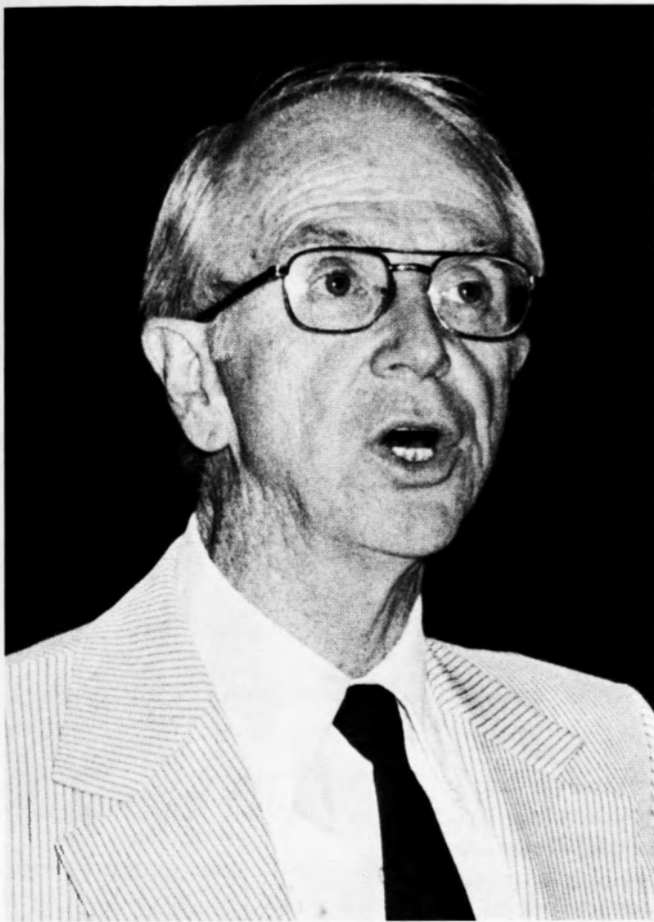
The establishment of the new Journal of Law & Commerce to supplement the educational experience which our students have always enjoyed as members of the Law Review is the fulfillment of one of the major goals which I announced at the inception of my deanship. We are

particularly indebted to the six Pittsburgh law firms which manifested their generosity and concern for the law school in subsidizing this new Journal.

We are particularly pleased with the reaction to our second and third year students who have interviewed for positions with law firms, corporate legal departments, clerkships and numerous other positions in the practice. Several years ago we began a placement effort in other major cities by establishing interviews in those cities with numerous firms. This year, we have already completed our Philadelphia and Washington D.C. placement efforts and the reaction is splendid. Though our graduates now commonly take positions in many cities throughout the country, we continue to regard this law school as a major supplier of excellent young lawyers for our Pittsburgh legal employers. I encourage you to continue your assistance with our extremely successful placement effort. We know that our graduates compete more than effectively with graduates from any other law school. We are, therefore, particularly eager to have Pittsburgh firms and other employers in this region enjoy the benefits of the work of these excellent graduates.

I take this opportunity to thank **Grace Harris** for her highly effective and totally enthusiastic work as President of the Alumni Association during this past year. Grace is concerned about the law school and she is constantly willing to do all that she can to assist us to move even further toward our goal of excellence in legal education. She has been an indefatigable worker. While we are sorry to see her presidency come to an end, we are comforted by the fact that we know she will continue to assist the Association and the law school. I also wish to thank all other members of the Board of Governors and Association committees who worked so hard this year.

While we have enjoyed considerable success during the past year, it is important to recognize that we must exert even greater efforts in the future. There may be a tendency to view the law school as so successful that it no longer requires your support. We have a beautiful physical facility and we appear to be succeeding in all areas. We have pursued and achieved goals which could hardly be imagined several years ago. But our success to this point would have been impossible absent the support of our Alumni in financial and many other ways. We are not satisfied. We are eager to react to new challenges and to reach other distant goals as a law school. We need your support to maintain the levels we have reached and we require even more support from you to pursue more difficult goals. We are now in a position to move to the highest plateau of legal education. We cannot relax and I remind you that we do need your support. Please do not forget us. I look forward to seeing you on October 24.



The Honorable David W. Craig

Students Hear Judge Craig

On September 3, 1980, the Honorable David W. Craig, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, spoke to participants in this year's Appellate Moot Court Program. Good brief writing and effective oral presentation were outlined by Judge Craig.

New Faculty

The School of Law announces with pleasure the appointment of **Mary Jennifer Parrish** as Director of the Law Library. Formerly Associate Librarian at the University of Oklahoma Law Center, Dr. Parrish received J.D. and M.L.S. degrees from The University of Texas and is an M.B.A. candidate.

Dr. Parrish assumed her duties at the School of Law on October 1, 1980.



Mary Jennifer Parrish

New Director of Placement

The School of Law welcomes **Joann Gottlieb** as the new Director of Placement. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Ms. Gottlieb brings to this position the benefit of having practiced law as well as first-hand experience in the placement process.

Placement trips have been scheduled for Philadelphia, New York, Washington, DC, Cleveland, Harrisburg and Chicago during the fall and winter.

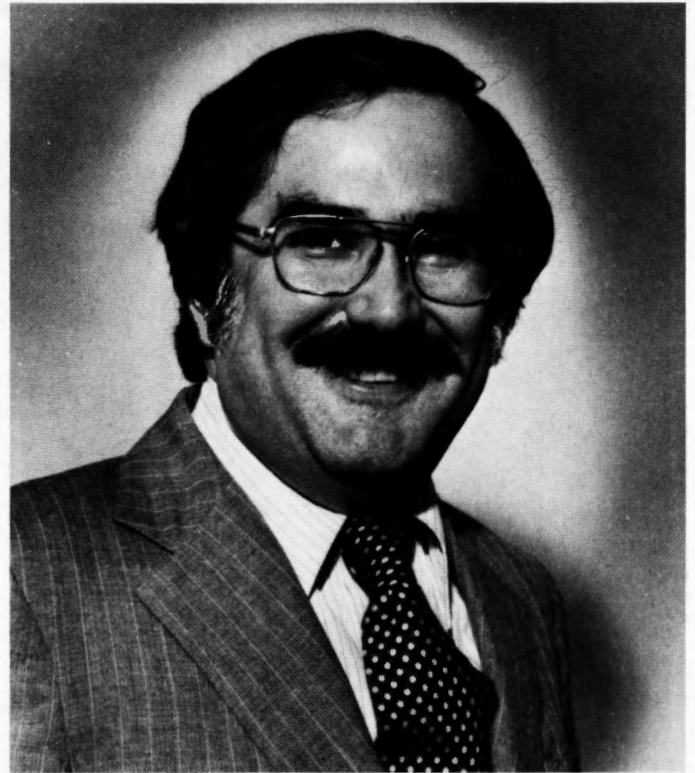
Alumni Activities

Howard A. Specter is the 1980-81 vice-president of the 40,000 member Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. Specter, a partner in the law firm of Litman, Litman, Harris & Specter, has previously held key offices in ATLA and in Pennsylvania bar organizations. He has served as president of the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, and is also active as an author and lecturer.

Samuel R. DiFrancesco, Jr. had been elected to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. A partner in the Johnstown firm of Gleason, DiFrancesco, Shahads and Markovitz, Mr. DiFrancesco is also active in the Cambria County Bar Association and civic organizations.

Class Agents Update

When the last issue of Law Notes went to press, several classes lacked agents for either AGF or Dinner Class Representatives, or both. **Jerome B. Lieber** will act as agent for the Class of 1944. **William Meyer** will represent the Class of 1935.



Howard A. Specter

Law Alumni Dinner

A reminder that the law alumni dinner will be held on October 24, 1980 at the School of Law. Included in the cost of \$20 per person is indoor parking in the Forbes Quadrangle, cocktails and dinner. The dinner speaker is the newest member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Associate Justice **Bruce R. Kaufmann**. Refreshments and music will follow dinner.

The Alumni Association is pleased at the large number of reservations. This year's dinner promises to be the largest turnout in the history of the Law School. Make your reservations early.



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