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END OF AN ERA



After twenty-six years of distinguished service, James P.

White is passing the gavel to Dean John A. Sebert. On September 1, 2000, John A. Sebert assumed the role of Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association. Dean Sebert succeeds James P. White, the ABA's Consultant on Legal Education since 1974, who will continue to work with the Section as Advisor to the Consultant. This issue of *Syllabus* is dedicated to Jim for his many years of service to legal education. Without question, Jim White has had a profound and positive effect on legal education for the past quarter century.



CONSULTANT

Final Thoughts

By James P. White

As I write my final column for *Syllabus* as Consultant, I pause to reflect on the almost twenty-seven years during which I have served in this position.

In the summer of 1973 I received a telephone call from Dean Samuel Thurman of the University of Utah College of Law. Dean Thurman informed me that he was chairing a search committee for a successor to Professor Millard H. Ruud of the University of Texas for the position of Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association. Millard Ruud had been appointed executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, but was still serving as the ABA Consultant. Dean Thurman suggested that Millard Ruud and I meet in the next several weeks during the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

In early August, Millard Ruud and I met in Washington during the ABA annual meeting. We discussed what the position entailed and the time commitment involved. I had recently accepted a university position as dean for Academic Planning and Development at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and I intended to continue teaching in the law school. Yet, I was intrigued with the position as Millard described it.

Since 1927 there had been an advisor on legal education to the American Bar Association whose office was located at the law school of the Consultant. With Millard's appointment the title had been changed to Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association reflecting the fact that the

Consultant related not only to the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, but to the entire American Bar Association.

Nineteen seventy-three was a time when an explosion of law school applicants and the founding of new law schools was taking place. Clinical legal education was still in its infancy. The Ford Foundation funding administered by William Pincus was just beginning to bear fruit. The composition of the law school community and of the bar was beginning to change as more women and more persons of color were being admitted (even though they still only comprised 20% of total law school enrollment). New law buildings were being built and existing structures expanded; libraries were burgeoning and new technology was still in its early infancy. Law schools were beginning to broaden their curricular offerings reflecting new areas of legal practice. The civil rights movement was at its zenith, and American legal education was beginning to look at law throughout the world. Critical legal studies and feminist studies were part of the fervor of the legal education community. All of these facts made me consider the possibility of becoming the Consultant. It would be an exciting time to be in a key role in American legal education.

To my surprise, I was offered the position as Consultant, which I accepted, intending to stay three to five years. Now, over twenty-six years later, I am ending my duties as Consultant. I have been fortunate to have been in this role at a time of great change in legal education and in



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the legal profession.

When I began my duties it was not unusual for a law school to have a student/teacher ratio of 50 to 1. Clinical legal education was sparse. Technology was little more than a mag card typewriter. Libraries were expanding, but hardbound copies were still considered the measure of recognition. Women and persons of color were only a small part of law school enrollment and an even smaller portion of the faculty. Advanced degrees (LL.M) were offered by only a small handful of schools and were for the most part designed for legal educators. Internationalization of legal education was unheard of in most law schools. Staff support was minimal—one or two secretaries with the dean often directing admissions, placement, alumni relations, student counseling and what little student aid existed. Few seminars, legal writing courses and clinical experiences were unavailable to students.

Law school buildings had three or four classrooms, offices, a library and sometimes a student lounge. And, the resources for legal education were limited; yet, for some universities law schools were a source of financial support for other units. Legal education was far different than it is today.

As I reflect upon my years as Consultant, I look at the changes in law schools and American legal education that have occurred during this period. Smaller classes, new forms of instruction including increased interdisciplinary courses, growth of clinical education and legal writing and increased emphasis on ethics have occurred. The composition of the student body and the faculty has significantly changed and continues to change. Law schools and libraries make use of the latest technology. The curricular offerings of law schools have exploded including advanced degree programs which are now offered by over one-half of the ABA approved law schools on a wide range of subject matter and increas-

ingly for foreign trained lawyers. All of these factors have caused faculty growth and expansion. The internationalization of the curriculum and the ability of American students to study abroad is astounding. This past summer over one hundred fifty summer abroad programs were conducted by American law schools, and there are an increasing number of cooperative programs of foreign study, semes-

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ter abroad, advanced degree study abroad and individual student study abroad for American law students. The support staff for a law school now includes recruitment, financial aid, student counseling, placement, alumni relations, development, technology support and pro bono activities. All of these developments have made American legal education recognized as a model through the world.

I have been privileged to be a participant in this exciting process for almost twenty-seven years. The leaders of American legal education and the profession, volunteers and leaders of the Section have all contributed to this exciting progress. I must pay particular tribute to those deceased leaders of the Section who have been such a part of this process and of my life: Millard H. Ruud, Gordon D. Schaber, Robert B. McKay, Samuel J. Roberts, Samuel D. Thurman, Erwin N. Griswold, Claude R. Soble and Joseph R. Julin. And, my debt is to many leaders who have done so

much for the cause of legal education and who have supported my efforts: Norman Redlich, Rosalie E. Wahl, Robert McCrate, Henry Ramsey, Jr., Jose Garcia Pedrosa, Erica Moeser, Beverly Tarpley, Willard L. Boyd, R.W. Nahstoll and many others who continue to unselfishly work for the betterment of legal education.

The highlights of this past year were the activities of the Section to honor me for my almost twenty-seven years as Consultant. I am indebted to Norman Redlich, Erica Moeser and Norman Lefstein for their efforts. There was a marvelous conference in Indianapolis in April on Law Schools and the Profession attended by over two hundred sixty leaders of the profession and legal educators. The climax of the event was a video produced by assistant consultant Kurt Snyder featuring, among others, Justices Kennedy and O'Connor, Detroit Mayor Archer and Indiana Governor

O'Bannon. I shall always remember that wonderful weekend and all the legal educators, lawyers, judges and friends from around the country who came to honor me. The papers will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Indiana Law Review*.

At the ABA annual meeting in New York a special luncheon was held in my honor. I received resolutions of appreciation from the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools and the Council of the Law School Admission Council and gifts from the Section. An oil portrait was commissioned which will hang in the new Indiana University Law School building in Indianapolis and a duplicate in the new Office of the Consultant in Chicago. The establishment of an annual lecture on legal education in my honor at the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, was also announced. I also received a Distinguished Alumni Recognition

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FROM THE CHAIR

Agenda for the Year

By Diane C. Yu

It's a humbling experience to follow Bob Walsh, Dean of Wake Forest University School of Law, as chair of this section. To cite just a few of his major achievements, Bob guided us with efficiency and grace through the first phase of the transition from Jim White's to John Sebert's tenure as Consultant on Legal Education to the ABA. He also helped plan and moderate a memorable celebration symposium on legal education in Jim White's honor at the Indiana University School of Law last April. Bob was an excellent presiding officer for

Admissions to the Bar with the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Conference of Bar Examiners and National Conference of Bar Foundations to discuss lawyer professionalism. That convocation was a huge success at the Dallas midyear meeting. On behalf of all of us in the Section, I want to thank and commend a truly outstanding leader: Dean Robert K. Walsh.

Our plans for the current year are equally ambitious. I'd like to focus on a few matters here that will be in the spotlight in the next few months, and will cover other issues in future columns.

Accreditation

No surprise: accreditation activities will continue to occupy center stage this year. The Accreditation Committee, chaired by Professor Michael Davis from the University of Kansas School of Law, will review and consider hundreds of matters, from site evaluation reports to LL.M. program concepts to proposals for new programs around the world. In December, the Department of Education will conduct a comprehensive public hearing as part of its ongoing oversight of the Council's role as the recognized accrediting body for U. S. schools granting the first degree in law.

Diversity

Last year, ABA President Bill Paul made initiatives to increase diversity in the legal profession his hallmark priority. President Martha Barnett will be continuing that focus in earnest for 2000-2001 and notes that ABA research indicates that our profession is lagging behind many other professions in this area. I've been active in expanding opportunities for women and persons of color since my law school days, and am honored to be the first Asian American and first woman of color to chair the Section. I feel it is imperative that the Section contributes its knowledge, expertise, and ideas to this effort, because legal education and admissions, after all, are our twin purposes. The practicing bar needs to hear from us on these critical issues.

To that end, we co-sponsored with LSAC and AALS an invitational conference entitled, "Action and Accountability: Diversity Imperatives for a New Century" on October 6-7 in Denver. The four major themes were the legal framework for diversity, the law school environment, expanding the pipeline for persons of color and recommendations for future actions to achieve racial and ethnic diversity in the profession. We attempted to move beyond theoretical discussions and concentrate on specific actions and strategies that will produce a more diverse and representative profession. Council member Michael Olivias from the University of Houston Law Center was the conference's planning chair and chair of the Section's Diversity Committee.

We also plan to continue our cooperative work with the Commission on Women in the Profession in exploring ways to address previously identified

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the Council, and succeeded in being both inclusive and efficient.

In addition, he energetically promoted professionalism initiatives, including programs on teaching and learning professionalism in law school at the annual meeting and the first-ever joint meeting of the Section of Legal Education and

issues facing women in law schools. Great opportunities for progress exist with the naming of the Commission's new chair, Professor Deborah Rhode from Stanford Law School. Professor Katherine Vaughns from the University of Maryland School of Law, vice chair of the Diversity Committee, is spearheading this activity.

Professionalism

Fordham Law School Dean John Feerick takes the reins as the chair of the Professionalism Committee. He will lead the continuing collaboration of the Section with the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Conference of Bar Examiners and other groups in efforts to advance professionalism interests in the post-MacCrate Task Force era. At the San Diego midyear meeting, we'll co-host a session with these organizations in conjunction with the Deans' Meeting. The Committee will also aim to secure grants to fund six regional workshops in teaching and learning professionalism. John's extensive experience as a bar leader will be enormously valuable as we strive to enhance our relationships with the practicing bar and increase its understanding of how the legal academy has changed and what new challenges it faces.

Strategic Planning

As a corporate in-house attorney, I've come to see the value of engaging in a thoughtful strategic planning process. It's an essential component of success in an extraordinarily competitive, fast-changing business climate. In a similar vein, law schools prepare Self-Studies for their sabbatical vis-

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its by site teams, and often use that exercise to evaluate what they are doing, why and how they can do things better.

The Council last adopted its Long-Range Plan in 1995-96, which is a fair recitation of our activities and responsibilities. With the millennium turn, this is an ideal time to revisit the plan and, for the first time ever, incorporate elements of a Self-Study of the Section and Council in that process. Dean Tom Sullivan from Minnesota and immediate past chair Robert Walsh are heading our Long-Range Planning Committee. At its October retreat, the Council will devote time to this endeavor. I am very excited about the prospects of our creating a genuinely *strategic* plan for the Section that encompasses not only what we are doing, but also examines the *why* and the *how*.

Multidisciplinary and Multijurisdictional Practice

Both MDP and MJP are compelling issues confronting the legal profession. The July House of Delegates vote will clearly not end the MDP debate and anxiety about how to deal

with changing realities and powerful economic, market-driven forces that have thrust these initiatives before us. Prudence mandates that the academy understand fully the ramifications of Multidisciplinary Practice and how it may affect admissions, curriculum, placement and other issues in the law school universe. Similarly, the potential is there for the MJP notion to capture the attention of bar-admitting authorities and high courts. We expect our Bar Admissions Committee, co-chaired by bar examiners Margaret Fuller Corneille and Fred Parker, to take a proactive role in these issues.

Transition

In September, we moved the Section headquarters from the Indianapolis base of operations to our new digs in Chicago at ABA headquarters. John Sebert, late of the deanship at the law school at the University of Baltimore, assumes the daunting task of heading the Office of the Consultant in a new city, new office and with many new staff members. The services of the inestimable James Patrick White will be available to John and Council leaders to ensure an effective, low-stress transition. While the staff is getting its bearings, please be patient and understanding.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at diane.c.yu@monsanto.com, or send it to the Consultant's office in Chicago to my attention. See you in the next edition! □

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Award from my alma mater, the University of Iowa College of Law, a Special Recognition Award from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico and a special gift from the University of Hawaii College of Law. I am truly humbled by all of these expressions of appreciation from so many friends from throughout the country.

I have been blessed with a wonderful staff. Marilyn Shannon and Cathy Schrage have faithfully served the Office since 1974. My Secretary, Mary Barron, has been with me for eighteen years. And the other staff, Claudia Fisher, Mary Kronoshek, Kim Massie, data specialist Rick Morgan, and assistant consultant Kurt Snyder have all given countless extra hours and effort to support the Office and the Section. Richard Hurt has followed in the footsteps of Frank T. Read and Arthur Gaudio and brought true professionalism to the office of the deputy consultant. Several studies have noted that the

office is understaffed; yet the devoted staff accomplishes much more than might be expected. I have been fortunate to be a member of the faculty of

location at a university and as a faculty member has given credibility in the academic world to the Office of the Consultant.

Finally, I must pay tribute to my wife Anna who has supported me for all these years and endured my countless absences from home and from activities of which she has been a major part. In calendar year 1999, I traveled forty-four weeks and was involved in meetings thirty-two weekends.

It has been a satisfying and exciting twenty-six years. While there have been tensions, law suits and a consent decree, I believe the process and the Section have survived, has matured, and the Section has improved its many activities for the betterment of legal education and bar admissions. My thanks to all who have supported me over this period.

I leave the office in the hands of a worthy successor, Dean John Sebert, and look forward to working with him as he assumes these responsibilities.



James P. White and Robert A. Stein

Indiana University, which has given significant fiscal support, office space and administrative support over the past twenty-six and a half years. My

Upcoming Section Events

JANUARY 2001

26-28 Accreditation Committee Meeting
Tempe, Arizona

FEBRUARY 2001

14-20 Midyear Meeting
San Diego, CA
15-17 Workshop for Deans of ABA-Approved Law Schools
San Diego, CA
17-18 Section Council Meeting
San Diego, CA

MARCH 2001

15-16 Conference on Foreign Legal Education
San Francisco, CA

APRIL 2001

27-29 Accreditation Committee
Chicago, IL

MAY 2001

29-June 1 Law School Development Conference
Jackson Hole, WY

JUNE 2001

2-3 Council Meeting
Napa, CA
6-10 Seminar for New Law School Deans
Winston-Salem, NC
12-14 Conference: Salzburg Revisited:
The Next Quarter Century in International Education
Istanbul, Turkey
29-July 1 Accreditation Committee Meeting
Jackson Hole, WY

AUGUST 2001

2-8 ABA Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
2-3 Section Council Meeting
Chicago, IL
3 Kutak Award Reception
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Whereas, James P. White has enriched the lives of his students at George Washington University, the University of North Dakota and the University of Indiana, Indianapolis through his constant attention to teaching throughout his career;

Whereas, James P. White has served with distinction as the Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association for more than twenty-five years, through which office he has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of the quality of legal education and the legal profession in the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas, James P. White is universally recognized for his commitment to advancing the quality of legal education through standards of law school accreditation;

Whereas, James P. White has worked cooperatively with his colleagues in the Association of American Law Schools;

Whereas, James P. White has assisted the Association of American Law Schools in achieving its mission of improving the legal profession through legal education;

And for all of these reasons, be it resolved;

That the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools expresses to James P. White its appreciation and thanks and best wishes for the future on the occasion of his retirement as Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association.

May 16, 2000

**LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Whereas, James P. White is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in law and legal education;

Whereas, James P. White has, for more than forty years, fulfilled with distinction the public and private roles of lawyer and counselor with intellect, civility and grace;

Whereas, James P. White has elevated the educational, ethical, and professional standards of American law and legal process through more than twenty-five years of service as the Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association;

Whereas, James P. White has dedicated his career to the betterment of the legal profession and society through the improvement of legal education;

Whereas, James P. White has recognized the significance of the role admissions plays in shaping the legal profession and in the creation of diversity within the law school and the legal profession;

Whereas, James P. White has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues in legal education and the Law School Admission Council for his principled support of the highest standards of law school accreditation; and

Whereas, James P. White has been a constant and steadfast friend to the Law School Admission Council,

For all of these reasons, be it resolved:

That the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council expresses to James P. White its sincere appreciation and admiration on the occasion of his retirement as Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association.

May 5, 2000

In Appreciation of Your Extraordinary Leadership and Collaboration with CEELI in Pursuit of Legal Reform in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union

Celebrating a Magnificent Career

By Lindsey Holloway

On April 7, 2000 the Section held a reception, in conjunction with a conference on Law Schools and the Legal Profession, in honor of James P. White, ABA Consultant on Legal Education for the past 25 years. Hundreds of members of the legal profession – from academia, the practicing bar, and the judiciary – attended this function, the highlight of which was a video that featured tributes by thirty-seven of Jim’s friends and colleagues, as well as statistics regarding the improvements in legal education since he became the Consultant in 1974. The video, which was well received, was divided into several different segments, which we highlighted for your convenience.

James P. White Tribute Video

During the past twenty-five years Jim worked with many wonderful volunteers from the academy, the judiciary and the profession. The tribute video was not only dedicated to Jim but also to the hard work of the thousands of volunteers that worked alongside Jim in his pursuit to improve legal education in America. In particular, the video highlighted all the Section Chairs who worked with Jim to make legal education what it is today.

Anthony Kennedy, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Jeffrey E. Lewis, dean of Saint Louis University School of Law, began the video vignettes with a discussion of Jim’s career in general. Dean Lewis stated that Jim has “done more to improve the quality of legal education than any other human being in the 20th century.” Justice Kennedy went on to say that Jim has helped preserve the “great American resource” that is

the “language of the law,” and that he has “made it clear that there is a very close link between the academy and the legal profession.”

Increase in Accredited Law Schools

Since Jim became Consultant in 1974, twenty-eight law schools have been added to the list of ABA-approved law schools. During that same time period many schools benefited from his counsel in informal discussions and in a formal way through the accreditation process. Dean

Howard Glickstein, Touro College School of Law, Dean Nina Appel, Loyola University School of Law – Chicago, and Dean John D. Feerick, Fordham University School of Law, each participated in the tribute to Jim. Dean Glickstein noted that when he is asked his advice on which law school to choose, he feels confident in saying, “choose any ABA Accredited Law School, and you will get a quality legal education.” Both Dean Appel and Feerick stated that they were honored to have worked with Jim and that legal education is better because of him.

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Randall T. Shepard and James P. White

Diversity

Jim White has played a pivotal role in the upsurge of diversity among the members of the legal profession, in academia and beyond. Over the last twenty-five years, we have all seen the “face” of legal education change dramatically. New ABA Standards on “Equality of Opportunity” and “Equal Opportunity Effort” were both drafted and adopted under Jim White’s administration and have helped to ensure a place in legal education for women and minorities. In 1975 minorities only represented 7.8% of J.D. enrollment; today they represent 20.2%. Similarly, in 1975 women only represented 23.4% of J.D. enrollment; today they represent 47.4%. And, for the first time, we expect the class entering law school in 2000 will have more women than men. While much work is required to maintain and expand this greater level of diversity, Jim’s work has been essential to the genesis of a legal education system that is more multifaceted and multicultural than ever before.

Diane C. Yu, Managing Counsel for Monsanto Company and Chair of the Section, and Dennis Archer, mayor of Detroit, both spoke of Jim’s role in the expansion of diversity among law students and legal education. Both noted that Jim has made extensive efforts to give minorities and women greater opportunities in the legal profession. Mayor Archer reflected back to his days on the Accreditation Committee by discussing Jim’s commitment to diversity and his work ethic.

Clinics

Beyond diversity, Jim White helped create greater opportunities for students to gain valuable, practical experience while in law school. Professor Roy T. Stuckey, University of South Carolina School of Law, discussed Jim’s activities in improving



Naomi Linnell, Anna and Jim White, Erica Moeser, and Norman Redlich

clinics and clinical education and his role as a mediator between clinicians who support clinical reform and law school deans who are afraid of it. Robert MacCrate, author of *Law Schools and the Legal Profession: An Educational Continuum* (the MacCrate Report), praised Jim for his vision of a highly clinical legal education system, stating that the “legal profession is profoundly indebted” to him.

Facilities

Jim White’s administration saw ABA-approved law schools become more physically and technologically equipped to support and educate the growing number of law students. Over the last decade, several Section-sponsored conferences focused on development and facilities. As a result of these efforts, many law schools embarked on substantial renovation projects to better serve their students, faculty and staff. Dean Carlos E. Ramos-Gonzalez, Inter-American University School of Law, lauded Jim for his help in improving the facilities of law schools in Puerto Rico, especially Inter-American.

Dean and President Steven R. Smith, California Western School of Law, discussed Jim’s vital role in improving facilities throughout the nation’s law schools. Professor and Library Director Laura N. Gasaway, University of North Carolina School



Norman Lefstein

of Law, also noted Jim's contribution to the improvement of law libraries and the ABA Standards concerning them. In addition, Professor Elliot Milstein, American University School of Law, believes that many of the improvements in law school facilities have been made as the direct result of the "intellectual and pedagogical revolutions that [Jim] helped shape," and that this was made possible by the site-evaluation and accreditation processes. Professor Milstein went on to say that it is unfortunate that law schools are named for the rich as opposed to the wise.

Student-Faculty Ratio

In contrast to the increase in the number of approved law schools and enrolled law students, the average

student-faculty ratio decreased over the last 25 years. In 1975, the median student faculty ratio was 27 to 1; whereas, today the median student faculty ratio is 17 to 1. This lower ratio not only allows law faculty time to cover a broader range of topics and to pursue scholarship more deeply, it also allows students to receive a more in-depth and intensive education and to interact more closely with faculty. Sandy D'Alemberte, President of Florida State University, emphasized Jim's work toward decreasing the overall student-faculty ratios of ABA-accredited law schools, thereby improving and intensifying the classroom experience. He said that this improvement would be one of Jim's greatest legacies.

Globalization

In addition to the changes Jim effected in American legal education, many nations around the world also benefited from his sage advice. Jim White was heavily involved in the Section's African Law Initiative, a program that exposed African legal educators to the American legal system. Jim also supported the efforts of the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative, or CEELI. Both initiatives brought American principles of legal education to law schools outside the U.S. and in turn brought many new ideas to the U.S. Jim has made great efforts in bringing the American law school accreditation system to nations beyond the U.S. through his involvement with both the African Law Initiative and the Central and Eastern

European Law Initiative (CEELI). In fact, CEELI brought Jim together with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who praised Jim for his efforts in the globalization of the American system of law. In addition, Mark Ellis, Executive Director of CEELI noted that "Jim was able to bring to CEELI the remarkable resources of U.S. law schools...the work that he has done will be remembered for years to come."

Consultant

As the Consultant, Jim has done a masterful job of advising the ABA on matters relating to legal education and stewarding its collaborative efforts with other organizations such as the Association of American Law Schools and the Law School Admission Council. ABA Executive Director Robert A. Stein stated, "Jim White is more responsible and deserves more credit than any other person for the high quality of legal education in the United States." Erica Moeser, President of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, discussed Jim's work beyond legal education and

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Norman Lefstein, Gerald Bepko, Robert A. Stein, James and Anna White, Randall T. Shepard, Philip S. Anderson, Rosalie E. Wahl, Robert K. Walsh, and Barbara Ruud.



Robert MacCrate, Mary Kay Kane, and Connie MacCrate

within the realm of accreditation. She remarked that the integrity of the accreditation system that Jim has spent twenty-five years improving is “one of the reasons that we have been able to sustain a state-by-state licensing process that serves the public as well as it does.” She added that the “skill, diplomacy and solid background” that Jim brings to the accreditation process “affects bar examination nationally.” In addition, Norman Redlich, dean emeritus of New York University School of Law, and Carl Monk, executive director of the American Association of Law Schools, each added their praise and comments to the tribute. Monk called Jim the “principal architect of many of the features that make U.S. legal education what it is today.”

Staff

In addition to the many practitioners, legal academics, and judges that participated in the tribute video, the Consultant’s staff dedicated their personal and professional gratitude to Jim. When Jim began his career as the Consultant on 1 January 1974, he did so without a staff. As the responsibilities of the Consultant grew, so did the need for staff. One of Jim’s first employees, Executive Administrator Marilyn Shannon, joined the staff

about six months after Jim began. Barely a week later, Executive Assistant Cathy Schrage joined the small, but promising staff. And Senior Administrative Secretary Mary Barron joined Jim a few years later. So throughout most of his career, Jim has had the dedication and support of these incredibly talented, hard-working women, without whom the success of the Consultant’s Office wouldn’t be possible. Today, the Consultant’s Staff includes a deputy consultant, an assistant consultant, a data specialist, and four additional administrative secretaries, all of whom play vital roles in the Consultant’s activities and the accreditation process. Executive Assistant Cathy Schrage, Senior Administrative Secretary Mary Barron, and Data Specialist Rick L. Morgan offered their thanks for the opportunity to be part of the prestigious efforts of the Consultant’s Office and its network of volunteers. In fact, the entire staff of the Consultant’s

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Office thanked Jim for his leadership and expressed their congratulations on a remarkable career. J. Richard Hurt, Deputy Consultant on Legal Education and former Dean of Mississippi College School of Law, stated that Jim “has always been even-handed in the way he has dealt with the law schools, regardless of their size or stature.” Former Deputy



James P. White and Martha Barnett



Mark Ellis, Nancy Neuman, Gerald W. Vandewalle, Phil Shelton, Tom Reed, Fred Schlagel, Deborah Rhode, and Elliot Milstein.

Consultant (1996-1998) Arthur R. Gaudio remarked, “he took every step imaginable to assure that every school received a fair and unbiased assessment.” And Former Deputy Consultant (1994-1996) Tom Read discussed Jim’s astounding integrity in

the face of adversity and stated that he has “shown more steadfast commitment to high-quality legal education” than any other member of the profession.

Scholar

Before Jim became Consultant, he began a teaching position at the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis in 1966, and he remains a tenured professor there today. Norman Lefstein, Dean of the I.U. School of Law in Indianapolis, discussed the school’s pride in Jim’s work with the ABA and as a professor of law. In addition, two of Jim’s former students – Dean E. Thomas Sullivan, University of Minnesota School of Law, and John R. Hargrove, Esq., Heinrich, Gordan, Hargrove, Weihe & James, – joined in the tribute to discuss his



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work from a different perspective. Hargrove stated that Jim taught his students “how to dream of a better community.”

Before concluding, the video featured tributes to Jim’s supportive wife, Anna, and his beloved cat, Francesca di Rimini. Indiana University – Purdue University – Indianapolis Chancellor Gerald Bepko commented about Anna’s cultural presence in Indianapolis and Jim’s and Anna’s ability to support each other’s careers. Jim could not have done all of this without the love and support of Anna and the friendly welcome home after many long trips of Francesca di Rimini

Ambassador of Indiana

Because the Consultant has worked out of Indianapolis for the last twenty-five years, legal education and the state of Indiana have become associated with one another among members of the profession. Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana State Supreme Court, noted that Jim has brought Indiana into the spotlight where legal education is concerned, and that he has created many opportunities for Hoosier lawyers and judges to become more involved in the accreditation and other processes of legal education. He also commented that in searching for Jim’s successor, they found they had mighty big shoes to fill. Concluding the tribute was Indiana Governor Frank O’Bannon, who praised Jim’s “style, grace, experience, knowledge, and ability to bring people together.” Because of Jim’s efforts in legal education and accreditation, and the credit these have brought to Indiana, Governor O’Bannon awarded Jim the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the state can give.

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard presented the Sagamore award to Jim. Notably, the first comment Jim made was that his wife Anna had received the same award ten years earlier. Jim showed the same, if not a greater

amount of gratitude – toward his guests at the reception and all members of the legal profession – that they showed him in their applause, their tributes, and their involvement in his life’s work.

Jim thanked the Symposium Committee, the Indiana Law Review, the Symposium speakers and Kurt Snyder (the producer of the video). He had his staff stand and thanked them for their support. He stated, “the past twenty-five plus years have been years of a wonderful rewarding and exciting experience, years of learning for me at a time of dramatic change and growth in American legal education. I have been privileged indeed, “lucky” to have been the Consultant, to have worked with leading academic lawyers, practicing lawyers and judges, both in the United States and abroad, and to have occupied a unique position in the world of legal education.

“For me, the never ceasing telephone calls, the familiarity with all major and many local American airports, and many foreign airports, being a defendant in law suits, and also the demand for more statistics and more service and more studies that are more sophisticated and more complete, all become possible and doable both because of my wonderful staff and because of the remarkable volunteers from law schools, the practicing profession, the judiciary and the public who give so much of themselves to the improvement of American legal Education which is truly the best in the world.” □

Lindsey Holloway, a Journalism/ English undergraduate student at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, was a student helper the past two years for Kurt Snyder the Editor of Syllabus.

The Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar wishes to thank everyone who participated in the creation of this tribute video, which proved to be a great success and a timeless honor to Jim’s career.

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African Law Initiative Children's Rights Project

The Section received a grant from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for the African Law Initiative Children's Rights Project. The purpose of this project is to enhance the quality of juvenile justice and to assist in building the human and institutional capacities for protecting children's rights in four African countries: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi. This project continues the Section's work over more than five years with the Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, now part of the Department of State, formerly USIA.

There is a growing written legal framework in place in many African countries for protecting children's rights, and all except Somalia have ratified the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. With these laws increasingly in place, the focus now must turn to their implementation. That will be the focus of this project, which comes at a time of peril for many children in Africa due to AIDS, urbanization, and armed conflicts.

In addition to continuing our work with law schools, this project will also include legal aid and human rights organizations and the courts. This project will allow us to

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continue our support to the Law Development Center Legal Aid Clinic in Kampala, Uganda. This clinic is in part a juvenile justice clinic, with students working with youth being held in pre-trial detention homes.

The Section worked closely with the ABA Center on Children and the Law to create this project and the Center will be closely involved in its implementation. The other partners in this project are the ABA Juvenile Justice Center, the Northwestern University School of Law, and the Loyola University (Chicago) School of Law. □

Ghana School of Law - North Carolina Central University School of Law sister school link

Philip Bondzi-Simpson and Margaret Insaideo from the Ghana School of Law in Accra, Ghana visited their sister school, the North Carolina Central University School of Law, in October and November 1999. The purpose of the visit was to develop new curriculum in two areas. Margaret Insaideo focused on ADR in Family Law and Philip Bondzi-Simpson focused on Bankruptcy and Insolvency. They each have now proposed a new course for the Ghana School of Law in these areas. Their main host at NCCU, Professor Grady Jessup,

organized a diverse program for them, which included continuing legal education programs with the NC bar, visits to court, and a wide variety of classes at NCCU. Professor Jessup has previously visited Ghana to work on the development of clinical legal education at the Ghana School of Law. The NCCU-Ghana School of Law sister school linkage was established at the beginning of the African Law Initiative in 1994 and has firmly taken root, with a number of exchanges, involving professors, students, and administrators since then. □



Editor's Note:

It is hard to believe that this will be my last issue of Syllabus. Although I am looking forward to my new position with the Indiana Supreme Court, I will miss my work with the ABA. Over the past four years, I've had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people from the academy, the practicing bar, and the judiciary. Although I don't have the time or space to thank everyone who has helped me over the years, I would like to point out the following people for their wisdom, leadership, trust, and collegiality: James P. White, Arthur R. Gaudio, J. Richard Hurt, Peter A. Winograd, Steven R. Smith, Erica Moeser, Rudy Hasl, Beverly Tarpley, Randall T. Shepard, Robert K. Walsh, and Diane C. Yu. Whatever success I have in the future will be due in part to these individuals. Thanks.

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