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DEAN'S LETTER

A LETTER TO THE LAW ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, INCLUDING OUR ADOPTED ALUMNI, THE BENCH AND BAR OF DADE COUNTY.

Dear Alumni:

Although our student body decreased a little over ten per cent from last year, we still have a large law school comprised mostly of mature, hard-working and earnest students.

The following full-time and part-time instructors have been added to the Faculty this year:

Armand J. Brissette, Jr.
Carroll Samuel Daniels
Alfredo DelValle
Arthur D. Frishman
Vincent C. Giblin
Charles L. Nelson
Ben J. Sheppard
Abe L. Shugerman

This makes a total of twenty-four full-time and nineteen part-time instructors.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

We began graduate work in the School of Law in September, but it is limited to work in taxation. Beginning in September, 1953, we expect to expand the graduate program materially. We are adding new courses this year and will add more courses next year, having in mind such expansion of the graduate program.

LAW LIBRARY

Our library is constantly growing. We have well over 60,000 volumes with approximately \$35,000 in books being added yearly. There has been a great response to the Photostatic Service offered by the library.

ACTIVITIES

All in all we had a very successful year with a great many activities undertaken by the Student Body such as the Freshman Clinic program, the second-handbook sale handled by one group, entertainment and Christmas and picnic parties for the Kendall Home children, the winning of the South-eastern Regional Moot Court Competition and participation in the National Competition, the preparation and distribution of the Law School Student Directory, the winning of the National Scholarship Award by one fraternity, as well as the preparation of our various law school publications.

Our Law School Breakfast was attended by more than 1,000 persons last year when the Honorable B. K. Roberts,, Justice of the Supreme Court

of the State of Florida, was the principal speaker. Incidentally, we had the Clerk and a quorum of the State Supreme Court present, as well as all of the members of the State Board of Law Examiners. This year we expect to have another very successful Breakfast when the Honorable John J. Tigert, past President of the University of Florida, will be the principal speaker.

We had numerous speakers present on the campus last year, including the Honorable Justice Hugo L. Black of the Supreme Court of the United States; the Honorable Howard L. Barkdull, President of the American Bar Association; Major General E. M. Brannon, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, the Honorable Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General of the State of Florida; and the Honorable J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of the United States. This year we expect to have many other prominent speakers, as well as the customary Junior Bar Day of the Dade County Junior Bar, who yearly put on a program for the benefit of the students.

The Sixth Annual University of Miami International Tax Conference was held at the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach, in which a large number of our faculty and students participated.

We are still having our Exchange Program of Visiting Professors with the Free School of Mexico in Mexico City. The program has been well received, and has proven beneficial and successful.

In addition to our regular academic programs, the student body enjoyed a highly successful social season with the Annual formal Law School Dance and the Annual Picnic besides the various and sundry dances and parties sponsored by the several fraternities and clubs.

Although we consider we had a very successful year, and we are satisfied with the classrooms and faculty offices, we are still very much in need of space to house our Law Library. In fact, we need a new law building very badly.

The entire law school greatly mourned the passing of James W. Hunt, Associate Professor of Law, on September 30th, 1952.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL A. RASCO

Dean of the School of Law