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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S COLLEGE

The National College of District Attorneys, located at the University of Houston College of Law and which was established last year to train prosecuting attorneys, has announced its proposed schedule of courses for 1971 and 1972. Co-sponsored by the ABA, National District Attorneys Association, American College of Trial Lawyers and International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the first session of the career prosecutors course took place from May 31 through June 25; the second session was held from July 26 through August 20 of this year.

A seminar on federal habeas corpus, collateral attack and post conviction proceedings is scheduled for September 22-24, and a regional training seminar will be held in October. The November calendar calls for a seminar on management and administration, and a regional training seminar will be given in December. Programs have been planned for every month of 1972, starting with an environmental law seminar in January, followed by a regional training seminar in February and a consumer protection seminar in March. Regional training seminars are also scheduled for April, September and November, and special seminars with subjects yet to be announced will be held in October and November. The career prosecutors course (basic session) will be in June and the advanced course will span July and August. A seminar on juvenile justice is slated for May of 1972.

ECONOMICS INSTITUTE FOR LAW PROFESSORS

The University of Rochester conducted a Summer Economics Institute for Law Professors in summer 1971. The first of its kind in the United States, the Institute attracted eighteen professors from leading law schools in the country. The program, which offered the participants an introduction to analytic techniques and principles of economics, was founded on the premise that few law schools give adequate training in economic analysis of legal policies. Professor H. Manne, formerly of the law faculty of George Washington University, served as the Director of the Institute.

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Orientation of new judges is one essential phase of judicial education; a second is continued legal education for all judges. To meet that need, the New York Academy of the Judiciary came into being on February 1, 1968. The project was inspired by the annual Seminar for Trial Judges conducted by the State Judicial Conference at Crotonville, New York. A modest two-year grant from the Ford Foundation enabled the founders to pursue the idea of continuing programs of judicial education for judges of all the courts (except Surrogate) which function within the City of New York.

The Academy is continuing to provide orientation courses for the new judges and some seminars for all sitting judges, while developing a blueprint for permanent programs for all of the judges of all of the courts in the state. In addition, training courses for judicial personnel and for uniformed court officers have been established.

CLEPR

The Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility, Inc., has issued an invitation for applications for support of clinical legal education programs. Preference will be given to programs which involve students in a clinical experience exclusively for an entire semester and award a semester's credit. Deadline for receipt of applications at the CLEPR office is November 1, 1971.

CONSUMER JUSTICE INSTITUTE

The U.S. Government has provided funds to support a new Institute for Consumer Justice. Formed to study procedures for resolving consumer transaction disputes, it will be a Washington based, nonprofit organization working with the Office of Economic Legal Services at Boston College.

The Institute, to be headed by Robert Braucher, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, was formed at the request of President Nixon in a February 24, 1971 consumer message. The Institute will also explore means of handling small claims and making small claims courts more responsive to consumer needs.

BLACK LAWYERS' FIRM

A new law firm, breaking away from the traditional concept of black lawyers involved only in civil rights cases, has opened in New Orleans with an integrated team of lawyers. The goal of the firm is to show young

black lawyers how to represent the poor and the blacks and still make a living. Additional objectives which the firm has set for itself include training of young black lawyers and building a network of southern law firms that will combine routine civil practice with civil rights cases.

With the growing demand among black organizations and in black communities for the services of black professionals, the firm intends to provide the black community with legal services with the same degree of competence that is available to other segments of our society.

LEGAL STUDIES ABROAD

An increasing number of U.S. law schools are entering into cooperative agreements with foreign law schools to give law students the benefits of studying abroad during the summer months. Some of the U.S. schools conducting such programs are New York University, Notre Dame and the University of Florida. This development in legal education has been warmly received by law students and professors who, aside from welcoming the break in law school routine, are adding a foreign dimension to their individual legal educations.

The trend to study law abroad and to interchange with foreign law schools should strengthen in the future, and could well lead to new interest in the study of International and Comparative Law in the United States.

MIAMI'S FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

As a private, independent and international university, the University of Miami offers exceptional opportunities for study to foreign nationals. One such opportunity exists at the School of Law where qualified graduates of foreign law schools may stand for the degree of Master of Comparative (M.C.L.), and under special circumstances for the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.)

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Foreign law school graduates whose native tongue is English and whose legal degree is based on the study of the Common Law may apply for admission to the Master of Comparative Law Program, or to the Master of Laws Program. Under the latter, the student may apply for the LL.M. (General) or for the LL.M. with specialization in any of the following fields: Inter-American Law, International Law, Ocean Law and Taxation. Foreign students who believe they qualify for any of the LL.M. programs should request information relating to their specific interests.

The Master of Comparative Law Program is the indicated program for foreign nationals. However, in spite of acceptable TOEFL scores, it has become apparent that some foreign students do not have sufficient background in the English language to stand for the M.C.L. degree upon first reporting to the School of Law. Accordingly, the Certificate Program has been instituted to bridge the gap between the foreign law degree and the M.C.L. Thus, graduates of foreign law schools with apparent limited English language background or trained in a legal system other than the Anglo-American system are required to commence graduate legal studies in the Certificate Program which is designed to demonstrate if a student is capable of pursuing the studies required for the M.C.L. degree.

A student accepted in the Certificate Program is permitted to enroll in courses leading to the M.C.L., but during his stay at the School of Law he must demonstrate acceptable academic performance and proficiency in the English language to the Graduate Committee before he will be authorized to stand for the M.C.L. degree.

Candidates for the LL.M. and the M.C.L. are required to complete twenty credits in graduate studies. The appropriate degree will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the above credit requirement and the successful defense of a thesis. Required courses for the LL.M. (General) and in the areas of specialization are set forth in the pertinent brochures; required courses for the M.C.L. are:

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| Anglo-American Law | 2 credits |
| Thesis Research (I and II) | 1 credit each |

The remaining credits may be chosen from other courses offered at the School of Law, but in all cases individual plans of studies will be arranged in accordance with the student's general background, linguistic ability and special interest.

Students who complete their studies under the Certificate Program will not be granted a degree by the University but in lieu thereof will receive a certificate from the School of Law.

The tuition for the Master's Program, the Master of Comparative Law Program and the Certificate Program is presently \$73.00 per credit. Tuition plus living and other expenses (including a health and insurance fee of \$25 per semester) call for an average expenditure of \$4,200 per year.

TOEFL

Applicants whose native tongue is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL scores must be received at the School of Law and reviewed by the Graduate Committee before the final decision on admission is made by the Graduate Committee. Information concerning the TOEFL may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey U.S.A. 08540 and from United States embassies abroad.

FINANCIAL AID

Regretfully, no financial aid in the form of grants, tuition remissions, or assistantships is available for foreign students. Infrequent aid extended in the past has been limited to exceptionally qualified foreign nationals based on their potential contribution to the Graduate Program rather than on financial need.

EMPLOYMENT

Foreign nationals are advised that the Graduate Program calls for a deep commitment to the study of law and that ordinarily little time is available for outside employment. Further, that U.S. immigration regulations prohibit foreign students from working during their first year in the United States. Only in cases of financial necessity resulting from events which occur after arrival in the United States may there be a relaxation of the above governmental restriction.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The fall semester normally begins in mid-September and ends in late January of the following year. The spring semester normally begins in early February and ends in late May. The Summer Session normally begins in mid-June and lasts eight weeks. Graduate studies may begin in either semester and, under special circumstances, in the Summer Session.

A "credit" is the academic unit used by the School of Law and corresponds to one class per week during an academic semester. For example, a 2 credit course means that the student attends two classes per week during a semester in that particular course. The normal load for the M.C.L. is ten credits per semester, thus making it possible for the average student to complete the 20 credit requirement in two academic semesters. Classes are of 50 minutes duration.

Credits received at a foreign institution may not be counted towards a graduate degree.

Graduate law students are required to maintain an average of 80 (B) while in the Graduate School.

Candidates for graduate degrees will be assigned Faculty Advisors to assist in developing individual plans for study. Each plan of study will be arranged according to the applicant's background and is subject to the approval of the Graduate Committee.

Graduate work must be completed and the thesis submitted within four years from the date of admission to graduate studies. In exceptional cases this period may be extended upon timely application.

The U.S. I-20 form will be forwarded to the individual student with his letter of admission to the Graduate Program.

Information on registration dates and procedures will be sent prior to registration.

Requests for housing information should be addressed to the Director of Student Housing, University of Miami, P.O. Box 9151, Coral Gables, Florida 33124.

APPLICATION

Application for Degree and Non-Degree graduate studies should be made well in advance of the desired date of admission to allow for orderly processing of all administrative details. The application form, when submitted, should be carefully and completely filled out and all requirements strictly followed. Application forms and further information may be obtained from:

Chairman, Graduate Studies
University of Miami School of Law
Post Office Box 8087
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