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Bernstein Heads Student Council

On Tuesday, April 27th, 1954, after one of its most successful semesters, the Student Council elected a new slate of officers. The election was by far the most exciting in the Student Council's history. Interest was so high and the discussion on the candidates so furious that voting did not end until 12:10 Wednesday morning.

Bernard L. Bernstein of room 200 was elected the new Council President. "Bernie" went to Brooklyn College before entering Brooklyn Law School and while there was a member of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, a representative to the Student Senate, and a member of the Dean's Honor List. He is a member of Iota Theta Law Fraternity. When notified of his election, Mr. Bernstein said that, "Student Council through the past year has achieved more than any other student council of the past. My sincere wish is that I may not only help maintain this fine level of success but also try to contribute to the even greater success of our Student Council, and, thereby, Brooklyn Law School."

As is the custom, two Vice Presidents were also elected. In a very close race, Charles Weiner and Morton Certilman were chosen to these positions.

Charles Weiner (room 400) was Secretary of the Council for the past year. At City College, he was Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee and active in important student functions. After Brooklyn Law School, "Charley" looks forward to government work with the thought of some day becoming a statesman.

Morton Certilman, President of his class (room 300) entered last September from Hofstra College. While at Hofstra, Certilman was President of the Debating Society, President of the Radio Actors Guild, and on the Dean's List. "Morty" was on the Journal Committee for the last Spring Prom and it is acknowledged that his untiring efforts helped make the Prom one of the most successful in the school's history.



Bernard L. Bernstein

The new Secretary is Edward Buscemi (room 400). Ed was elected after being in the Council only one term, which is a tribute to the fine work and leadership ability he has shown in so short a time. He is a graduate of Siena College and was best known there as President of the Italian Club, and as a member of the Varsity Club. He makes Long Beach his home and is active in the Long Beach Democratic Club.

Larry Weinberger (room 300) is the new Treasurer. Larry, a graduate of Washington Square, New York University, was a member of the Boosters, the Government Club and the Economics Club. He is best known for the outstanding job he did as Chairman of the Faculty-Student Basketball Game last fall, and as Co-Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Spring Prom.

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Trial Club Program

The past semester was marked by the addition of a new feature to the regular senior Moot Court Trial Program. Prof. Mario Pittoni initiated a Trial Club to help seniors to apply in a practical manner the theory taught in the classroom, and to prepare in better fashion for their trials. Initiated many years ago by the late Prof. Edwin Walling Cady, the Trial Court program is an annual feature of the senior year. The activities of the new Trial Club culminated in two Trial Court sessions held in the law school trial rooms on April 10th and 24th. Although the causes of action varied, all the trials were equally exciting. As the aspiring attorneys presented their cases, classmates and friends, simulating parties and witnesses, were subjected to vigorous cross-examination in the presence of juries made up of freshmen. The cases included an embezzlement charge, a food poisoning, an annulment, two murders, a narcotics charge, and an automobile accident. Prominent members of the bench and bar served as judges. The jurists, whose generous participation was deeply appreciated by all, were:

Justice Charles Beckinella, Municipal Court

Justice James Feely, Municipal Court

Judge Lyman Hall, Nassau County District Court

Harry Spiegelman, trial attorney

William Kleinman, trial attorney

Justice Henry Martuscello, Supreme Court

Justice J. Vincent Keogh, Supreme Court

Hon. Frank A. Gulotta, District Attorney, Nassau County

Cornelius Wickersham, Jr., Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District.

The participating student attorneys devoted much time to their briefs and their trial preparations. Every one of the participants said that it was one of the finest and most stimulating experiences had at law school. As Ruth Lowe, last year's Law Review Editor-in-Chief said: "For the first time in our school career, we have a chance to try a case and apply what we have so diligently learned." In appreciation for Prof. Pittoni's services, the members of the Club presented the modest professor with a gold watch, which he promised never to pawn, no matter how dire his circumstances.

The first meeting of the present semester was held on Oct. 20th and was attended by members of the January '55 class. Volunteers are needed to serve as clerks and attaches. All undergraduates are eligible and are invited to contact Prof. Pittoni.

Associate Justice Burton Addresses Brooklyn Law School

Associate Justice Harold H. Burton of the United States Supreme Court visited the Law School and informally addressed the classes assembled in the Auditorium on September 23, at 11:30 A.M.

Mr. Justice Burton had been the guest of honor at the Annual Dinner of Iota Theta Law Fraternity held the evening before at the Hotel Plaza where before a gathering of over 300 members and guests, he spoke on the background of two leading post-Civil War decisions of the Court, Ex parte Milligan (4 Wall. 2) and Ex parte McCardle (7 Wall. 506). In his remarks, the Justice painted a picture of the personalities involved in the lawsuits, their counsel, and the members of the Supreme Court, and graphically described the contemporary Constitutional Law problems involved in each case. He closed with a plea for passage of a constitutional amendment which would take the appellate jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court out of the control of Congress.



Judge David N. Edelstein, Justice Charles N. Cohen, Prof. Bernard J. Rubenstein, Mr. Justice Burton, Justice Milton M. Wecht, Judge Charles W. Froessel and Dean Jerome Prince during the Presentation of Awards at the Iota Theta Law Fraternity Dinner.

In his remarks to the student body at the Law School, Mr. Justice Burton pointed to a tangible illustration of the philosophy of democratic government—the statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the courthouse in Newark, N. J., which portrays Lincoln sitting on a bench. The inscription reads: "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master." He gave a homely illustration of the functioning of courts, which he said he uses in speaking to the groups of school children who visit the court. "Do you play baseball?" "Do you have an umpire? If you want to last a full nine inning game, you need an umpire."

He related that he often remarks to visitors on the uniqueness of the Supreme Court. "The continuity of the Court continues forever", he said, pointing out that the Court is never out of session. The remarks which drew laughter from the audience was his statement that the eighty-eight members in the history of the court are still members. "Nine of them hear the cases", he said, "then the nine go back into their chambers and consult the other seventy-nine!" As a demonstration of the slow turnover in personnel, he pointed out that there have been but fourteen Chief Justices, twelve Reporters, and eleven Clerks.

Mr. Justice Burton concluded his remarks in a serious vein of advice to prospective lawyers. "Integrity", he stated, "is the greatest asset of a lawyer, greater than brilliance or even ability to think."

The Justice indicated that it was his friendship with Prof. Rubenstein that had first called the Law School to his attention. He received a standing ovation both on entering and leaving the Auditorium.

In a letter written after his return to Washington, the Justice expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the Law School and speak to the student body.

Born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on June 22, 1888, Mr. Justice Burton attended local schools, was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1909, and received his degree of LL.B. from Harvard in 1912.

After a period of private practice in Cleveland, he moved to Utah, and, later Idaho, practicing law in both places. He was a Captain of Infantry in World War I, and earned several decorations for his service. He taught Private Corporations at Western Reserve Law School between 1923 and 1925. He became active in political affairs in the City of Cleveland, and served at various times as State Assembly member, Director of Law of the City of Cleveland, Mayor of Cleveland, and from 1941 to 1945, as United States Senator from Ohio. In 1945, he was appointed by President Truman to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice Roberts. It is claimed that he is the only Republican to be appointed to the Supreme Court by a Democratic President.

Students Elect Class Officers

The following is a list of newly elected class officers who will represent their Classes in the Student Council for the present school year:

MORNING	EVENING
Room 200 — President, Martin H. Katz; Vice-President, Bernard R. Kaufman; Secretary, Eleanor Ross; Treasurer, Harry Unger, Jr.	Room 200 — President, George C. Findlay; Vice-President, Jacob Sklover; Secretary, Eleanor Walden; Treasurer, Benjamin Bernstein.
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Room 400 — President, Jacob L. Molinas; Vice-President, Judd L. Fischler; Secretary, Melvin N. Feldman; Treasurer, James V. Vind.	Room 301 — President, Joseph Bifore, Jr.; Vice-President, Paul J. Rachbach; Secretary, Mrs. Inez M. Smith; Treasurer, Leonard Kinker.
Room 401 — President, Jerry Zohn; Vice-President, Donald Axelson; Secretary, Eugene J. Krinsky; Treasurer, Howard Smith.	Room 400 — President, William B. Sherman; Vice-President, Arthur C. Charles; Secretary, Sunny Cohen; Treasurer, Michael B. Spinelli.
	Room 401—President, Rhoda Greenwald; Vice-President, Harold I. Geringer; Secretary, Agatha Giorlando; Treas. John P. Chambers.
	Room 404—President, Morton Levy; Vice-President, Martin H. Rettinger; Secretary, Murray A. Weiss; Treasurer, Patrick P. Tetta.

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS—

Students oftentimes are heard to lament their own inability to keep up with the many important activities of their student governing bodies. This is truly unfortunate and generally cannot be helped, or some students exhibit an attitude of complete indifference to the very projects designed for their use and benefit which is plainly pathetic. In order to settle immediately the possible argument that not enough publicity is given to student activities, your newly elected class officers, who are directly responsible to you, will see to it that you are personally apprised of all the important news and student events promulgated by Student Council in close cooperation with our Dean and Faculty. It should be obvious that only through a well ordered and dynamic student government, aided by the close participation and critical interest of its student body, can we bring to our students some of the many experiences, opportunities and contacts which the young modern attorney is expected to have.

Here is an outline of some of the major activities planned by your Student Council for this year: Preparations are under way to exhibit at Brooklyn Law School a selection of fine motion picture films dealing with the various phases of the law; a speaker's program whereby our students will have an opportunity to hear some of the best known names of the legal profession discussing topics of special interest to law students; and a program of court tours through the various courts in our locale.

Our social committee is already formulating plans for the forthcoming "Barrister's Ball" to be held in the early part of December. Our major social affair, the Spring semi-formal, which last year was very successfully held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Baltimore, will once again feature the Spring Term.

Also, so as not to neglect our civic commitments, our students and faculty will be asked to partake in the Blood Drive of the American Red Cross in the near future.

These are just some of the highlights of the ambitious program being planned by our Student Council for this year. Your ideas and suggestions through your class officers are always most welcome and encouraged.

From the Editor's Desk

This and the future editions of the Justinian, we hope, will be of great interest to the entire student body. Our staff this year has been slimmer down to a neat, compact group of members who are able to do efficient work without overlapping. Each staff member, as well as each editor, has one specific assignment per issue, thus making the time expended by any member less than was heretofore necessary to devote to this paper's publication.

One of the most sweeping changes of all is the acquisition of a "publisher." The "publisher," if you can call it such, is the Student Council. From now on, the Justinian will be a sub-committee of the Student Council, and will work in close cooperation with the school's student government group. This is the best way for a school paper to function. The paper is the "voice of the student body," so it is both fit and proper that the paper should be a sub-committee of the elected representatives of all the students of the school.

We will attempt to print the facts of the events that occur both in Brooklyn Law School as well as those facts that happen to our students and alumni outside of Brooklyn Law School that bear a direct relationship to the school or to the legal profession.

Let us take a look at the staff of the Justinian. The basic force of the Justinian is the Editorial Board. The board consists of six major departments. There is the Alumni Department, which gathers news concerning the alumni of the school. This affords us a closer contact with the graduates and gives the graduates a closer tie with their Alma Mater.

The next department is one concerning school affairs. This is the largest department of the Editorial Board. Its function is to handle biographies of our professors, news concerning school affairs, fraternity and club news, and information obtained from our students and alumni in the armed forces.

Another feature of the board deals with the American Law Students Association. We should like to say that the Student Council and the Justinian are very proud to list ourselves as a member of this group. We will have in each issue an article covering the ALSA, detailing its aims and the processes by which it plans to achieve those aims.

Continuing on with the Editorial Board, we have devoted one department to our Student Council. It is sufficient to say that the activities of the Student Council are important to all of us. We will try to bring to you all of the actions taken by the Student Council to enable you to know what your representatives are doing.

To find out what is going on in the field of law outside of Brooklyn Law School, there is a Decisions Department. Its function is to report these decisions of interest to the students, not only for legal value but also for human interest and possibly for humor.

Last, but far from the least, is the Women's Department. With more women entering the legal profession and Brooklyn Law School, we must attempt to present the distaff side of law and law school.

We should like to end this first report by wishing, on behalf of ourselves, the student body, faculty and alumni, a happy and healthful school year.

AN AMENDMENT

An amendment to the Student Council Constitution which will affect over 50% of the representatives of the student council was adopted by a vote of 27-8. This amendment is an attempt to obtain for the student body a more efficient government.

During the past school year, the Student Council has risen from a dormant body politic to a smoothly working representative organization. More has been done for B.L.S. and its students by the Student Council than has been done in the past. Now, in furtherance of this revival movement, this amendment has been adopted.

The amendment, in short, makes it necessary for a class representative to present valid reasons for absenteeism at council meetings to a Reinstatement Committee, if he has not attended two consecutive meetings or three meetings during the school term. If the delinquent representative does not present reasons which are acceptable to the Reinstatement Committee and the Student Council, he is permanently divested of his position and a new election is held for a representative in his stead.

The Student Council representative holds a position of trust to his class. He must, in order to represent it appropriately, be cognizant of all the affairs of Student Government. This cannot be accomplished by an indolent person. Meetings occur only once every two weeks. Surely a person whose duty it is to represent the students can find the time for these meetings. If not, you are the one who is being cheated both in class representation and by the loss of better student government.

Woman's World

By Jean Wittner

The Hitlerian concept of women belonging only in the grooves of "Kinder, kirche, kuche" is not limited to the schizophrenic personality. Much of the legal profession has been permeated with the same ante-diluvian thinking.

A day spent at Brooklyn Law School would attest to the truth of this assertion. Should a female member of the class be called on to recite, some would-be-wag in the group is sure to stage whisper: "Why don't you get married and get out of Law School", or, if she is married, "Why don't you stay home and learn to cook!"

Of course, these are meant to be "cute" little phrases. But often the ring of sincerity is there in the jest, and the underlying reality of this humor is far from funny.

There may conceivably be some excuse for the lay person to be victimized by this hypnotism of the intellect, but for lawyers there is no extenuation. Before completion of any law school's curriculum, one must acquire some acquaintance with the Constitution and legal history of the United States. Mr. Chief Justice Waite, writing in *Minor v. Happersett*, 21 Wall. 162, 22 L. Ed. 627 (1875), declared, "There is no doubt that women may be citizens. They are persons by the Fourteenth Amendment." However, His Honor wound up this charming acknowledgment that the fair sex are human entities, by denying them the right to vote. It was not until they diligently fought for the Nineteenth Amendment that women established their right to a voice in government. But they do have that right now, and it is a part of the Constitution. Since the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, presumably lawyers, in particular, should perceive and preach by practical precept its provisions.

The jibes of fellow students seem sometimes to be inspired by the attitude of their mentors. Some professors, meaning to be kind, refrain from calling on women for recitations, thus sparing them the terror of talking on their feet, which, though well-intentioned, is in itself discrimination. Others take a strange delight in little comments to the effect that, being women, their only purpose in law school is to enhance the scenery. Women are individuals and have aptitudes and capacities akin to other individuals, and resent these dagger compliments.

Our school administration is not free from onus for the perpetuation of the benighted "women ergo inferior" viewpoint. The facilities provided for women students are sadly inadequate. And our faculty of some 50 professors, instructors and associates does not have one woman member. Recognizing that there is a vast preponderance of men in the field, nevertheless a ratio of 50:0 can hardly be called reasonably representative.

Isn't it strange that women, in spite of the odds against them, have risen to top standing in the profession and fill judgeships competently and admirably; in the teaching of law, they are conspicuous by their absence. Women are acknowledged to be eminently qualified for teaching; as witness, it is always the school mistress of the little log-cabin schoolhouse, our history books are filled with and our scribes write of with nostalgia.

More than one woman has been elected to Law Review. Last semester, the Editor-in-Chief of Law Review was a woman. If women are capable of being the top students, and if the best students among the men are offered the chance to teach at the school, why, in the name of logic, should not women be accorded the same opportunities?

In the little things, like the dash to get into the elevators to reach our classrooms, and in the crush to get out the door for a smoke during intermissions, we are pushed, pummeled and pounded without the slightest tenderness for our sex. Is it reasonable to demand that instead of being burdened with theoretic equality we should have some of the benefits in the more important things?

Alumni Objectives

In his remarks at the Alumni Association Luncheon, Prof. Richard J. Maloney, the new President, discussed the objectives of the Association. We consider his statement of objectives worthy of repetition. He pointed out that the two primary functions of the Association are to render assistance to the Alumni, and to render assistance to the undergraduates.

The Alumni can be assisted, he pointed out, in four ways: First, by keeping them informed about new developments within the Law School. Second, by furthering the professional skill of the Alumni in selected areas of the law by sponsorship by the Alumni Association of a series of lectures delivered by Alumni-specialists for the Alumni as a service of the Association. The first of this series on some aspects of the new Internal Revenue Act is announced in this issue. Third, by developing placement-consciousness with regard to employment opportunities both for lawyer-graduates and undergraduates. Fourth, to strengthen and maintain the bonds of friendship among the graduates.

The undergraduates can be helped, he noted, by a continued drive for funds for the creation of law school scholarships to aid the needy and deserving applicants for admission; by a vigorous campaign to increase employment opportunities; and, finally, to provide a common meeting ground where the young graduate can develop a camaraderie and a feeling of belonging in the profession.

Substantial assistance can be given to the furtherance of these objectives if the undergraduate classes will form, prior to graduation, class units, and join the Alumni Association in a body upon graduation. It is a truism that the whole is no greater than the sum of its parts. The modest dues are such that each class can preserve its identity within the Association, and be a vigorous "part" of a greater "whole". The class officers within the school owe a duty to their classmates to organize class units and carry out their share of the objectives of the Alumni Association. We can do our part to make the Association a greater assembly of the great body of graduates of the Brooklyn Law School.

Word of Advice

A hearty welcome is extended to the Freshmen students, who have just commenced their study of law at Brooklyn Law School. Based on our own experience, we urge the Freshmen to follow closely the advice and suggestions given by Dean Prince in the Orientation Lectures. We are all proud of the past record of our students and our graduating classes, and expect the new class to carry on with honor. Never forget that your work just begins when the classroom ends, and that your formal education here is only one aspect of the law. Develop the habit of group study. Get interested in the background of the law. Get to know the great names, the great cases, and the great traditions of the profession.

We wish you every success.

Alumni Association Lecture

The first of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, November 4, 1954 at 8:15 P.M. in the Law School Auditorium, it was announced by Alumni Association President Richard J. Maloney. The topic will be: "Estate and Trust Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954". The lecturer is Maurice Austin, B.S. in S.S., B.S., B.B.A., M.B.A., and LL.B. '37. A prominent tax attorney, Mr. Austin was formerly Professor of Law in the Graduate Division of the Brooklyn Law School.

Other lectures in the series will be announced from time to time. The series is a service rendered gratuitously by the Alumni Association to the graduate of the Law School, and the talks will be given by Alumni who are authorities in their respective fields.

Infants and Injunctions

Respondent's twelve year old son was afflicted with congenital harelip and cleft palate of a severe type. This unfortunate condition, in addition to handicapping the child and giving him a "hideous appearance", resulted in a marked speech defect and caused extreme emotional and psychological problems.

The father, in accordance with his personal philosophy, refused to allow corrective surgery on the child. His philosophy—not a religion—shared only by a small group of ten or fifteen friends, consists in the belief that certain "forces in the universe" can cure a "believer" of his diseases, even of a harelip.

The child was so inoculated by his father with his personal theories that he became conditioned against and feared any medicinal tempering with the body.

Petitioners sought an order of the Children's Court directing, against the wishes of the father, an operation to cure the defect.

The opinion, by Judge Wylegala of the Children's Court, Erie County, is interesting in two respects. It includes a comprehensive survey of the court's power in such cases, and solves the problem in a manner that satisfies both the legal and moral mind.

By virtue of Sec. 85 of the Domestic Relations Court Act, the Children's Court has discretion to order surgical or medical treatment of a child when "satisfactory proof of the need therefor" is shown. The court may order an operation not only when the child's life or health are in immediate danger (*In re Vasco*, 238 App. Div. 128) but also when physical welfare or psychological well-being of the child is at stake. Whether the court would have such power in the absence of statute is uncertain. (*Compare In re Rotkowitz*, 175 Misc. 948, with *In re Vasco*, supra.)

The case of *In re Rotkowitz* is very close to the present case. In that case, the court ordered an operation to correct a deformity of the right leg. The following language in the opinion is appropriate here: "It (the child) feels itself different from others. It suffers a severe rejection". The child cannot feel a sense of security in its present condition.

The principal case differs from former cases construing sec. 85 in that here the court is dealing with a child over twelve years of age, of normal intelligence, but who is steeped in fear of surgery. Judge Wylegala states that if the child were seven years old, he would have "unhesitatingly signed the order providing for surgery. And it appears that he would order the operation even at this date except that he is convinced that "to arbitrarily force this child to submit to surgery, which he has been 'conditioned' to fear might do more harm (mentally or psychologically) than good."

The result reached was a direction to have the child fully informed about medical and scientific facts and progress, to be made acquainted with the benefits of a prompt operation, and to ultimately allow him the opportunity to make his own decision without interference from his father. The court designated the persons to fulfill this task and restrained the father from interfering with the discussions.

Since the father's beliefs are not religious in origin and do not involve moral values, but deal solely with a personal philosophy about the healing of the human body, it is submitted that no issue of religious freedom is involved. Nor will the information given the child strain his moral conscience. *In re Seiferth*, 127 N. Y. S2d 63 (not officially reported)

Alumni Luncheon

The Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association held its Annual Luncheon on Saturday, October 9, at 1 P.M. at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, at which, in addition to a short business meeting, Alumni Association Award Certificates were presented to four former members of the faculty in recognition of their distinguished service as teachers of law. Those honored were Clarence Grover Bachrach, Leon Grant Godley, Jay Leo Rothschild, and John Henry Schmid, whose cumulative service on the faculty totals 85 years.

The new officers of the Alumni Association elected at the business meeting are:

President: Prof. Richard J. Maloney, '27; Vice-President: Chester Allen, '30; Vice-President: John J. McCloskey, '37; Vice-President: Philip Hoffer, '33; Treasurer: I. Theodore Leader, '31; Asst. Treasurer: Miriam Kamen, '37; Secretary: Michael Scanlon, '32; Asst. Secretary: Grace Bader, '39.

The new Board of Directors, also elected at the meeting, comprises: Ira M. Belfer, '33; Alexander Berley, '27; Murray H. Blumenfeld, '33; Albert F. Bower, '40; William E. Doherty, '48; John Galardi, Jr., '51; Edgar Hills, '31; Paul E. Kern, '35; P. Richard Megali, '38; Jacob Padawer, '30; Irving Rivkin, '33; Henry A. Robinson, '31; Henry J. Scroope, Jr., '52; Frank G. Sterritte, '41; Irving R. Sugarman, '27; Jane M. Sullivan, '36; Jere C. Sullivan, '47; Andrew R. Tyler, '45; Dean Jerome Prince.

A graduate of Erasmus Hall High School and Harvard College within six years, Clarence G. Bachrach received his law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1907. A specialist in Equity law, he served on the faculty, teaching that subject, from 1921 to 1946. He is the author of a Casebook on Equity.

A graduate of the 1908 Brooklyn Law School class, and an Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York in 1910, Leon G. Godley was appointed to the faculty in the latter year. Combining a career of public service and teaching, he was appointed a Deputy Police Commissioner in 1914, a City Magistrate in 1917, and served as a State Transit Commissioner from 1928 to 1937. He taught at Brooklyn Law School until 1942, giving courses in Equity, Guaranty and Suretyship, and Executors and Administrators. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the school from 1941 to 1943. He is the author of a short text on Equity.

Jay Leo Rothschild took his academic training at Columbia College and Columbia Law School, joining the faculty of Brooklyn Law School in 1922. A distinguished trial and appellate lawyer, he taught New York Pleading and Practice until 1932. He is the author of a Casebook on New York Practice and the author of numerous legal articles.

A former Law Assistant to the Kings County Surrogate's Court, John H. Schmid took his law degree at New York Law School. He is the author of a Casebook on Wills.

Dean Jerome Prince spoke on the history of the law school since its founding by the late Dean William Payson Richardson in 1901. Prof. Robert R. Sugarman, a student of all of the four honored guests, introduced each of them. Prof. Richard J. Maloney outlined the plans of the Alumni Association for the coming year.

Graduates of 50 years of classes were present, including a table of alumni who are now judges.

Moot Court

The New York Regional Rounds of the 1954 National Moot Court Competition are scheduled to be held at the House of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on November 18 at 4:00 P.M. and on November 19 at 4:00 P.M. and at 8:00 P.M.

Teams from the following schools will participate: Brooklyn Law School, Columbia University School of Law, New York Law School, New York University School of Law and St. John's University School of Law. The winning team in the regional rounds will enter the final rounds of the competition. The final rounds will also be held at the House of the Association some time during December. Teams representing over eighty law schools are expected to participate in the national competition.

The transcript of record on which the briefs and oral arguments will be based deals with the alleged right of a vendor of television equipment to restrain a video and audio workers union from picketing his place of business. The Brooklyn Law School Team is one of three teams which have been designated to make an argument in the regional rounds on behalf of the vendor. The Brooklyn Law School team will have as its first opponent the Fordham Law School team.

The Brooklyn Law School team has been chosen in a competition which was open to all members of the second and third year classes. Over fifty students actually participated in the competition. The team finally chosen consists of Albert Kreindler, Morton Povman, Henry Sherman, and Arthur Penzel, alternate. Sherman was a member of last year's team when he was a second year student, and was selected as best speaker in the Metropolitan Area Round. Under the rules of the competition, he is still eligible during his senior year. Povman is Editor-in-Chief of the Brooklyn Law Review.

The Faculty Moot Court Committee which acted as judges consists of Profs. Flouman, Gershenson, Miller, and Hoffman.

Dean Prince sat in on the final elimination round. The runners up were Irving Bizar and Harvey Sklaver.

September Graduates

Brooklyn Law School conferred 92 Bachelor of Laws degrees at the Commencement Exercises held for the September, 1954, Graduating Class on October 5, 1954 in the Music Hall of the Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Lloyd Paul Stryker, well known trial attorney, delivered the principal Commencement Address. Rev. Benjamin C. Bentley, former pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, now with the American Cancer Society, Brooklyn office, offered the Invocation and the Benediction. Herman Badillo, honor graduate, spoke on behalf of the graduating class. The degrees were conferred by Justice Charles N. Cohen, Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Law School, and the candidates for degrees were presented by Dean Jerome Prince.

Herman Badillo received his degree cum laude, and was presented with a Certificate of Meritorious Service as a member of the Editorial Staff of the Brooklyn Law Review. Mr. Badillo was also a member of the 1953 Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Team which participated in the National Moot Court Competition last year.

The following prizes were awarded by Dean Prince:

First Scholarship Prize: Herman Badillo
Second Scholarship Prize: Charles Tomasello

Dean Carswell Prize for the highest grade in Pleading and Practice: Bernard Beitel

Dean's Evidence Prize: Herman Badillo and Phillip Sherman.

Student Council Prize for outstanding service: Mehran Walter Davidson

LIMELIGHT

ALSA In Action

By Daniel Still

The Annual Convention of the American Law Students Association, the student affiliate of the American Bar Association, was held in Chicago from August 14-18, 1954. Among those who attended were Mehran Davidian, outgoing Student Council Treasurer, Bernard L. Bernstein, incoming President, Morton Certilman, incoming Vice President, and Marvin Karp, an Editor of the Brooklyn Law Review. Mr. Certilman was appointed Chairman of the Moot Court Committee of the Association. It is the function of this committee to prepare and distribute an Appellate Moot Court Handbook to the various Law Schools for use in their Moot Court activities.

The history of ALSA dates back to September 5, 1949. It was organized for the purpose of aiding the student to prepare for the bar examination and for his entrance and assimilation into the legal profession. Under the capable direction of its executive groups and committees, ALSA prepares bulletins and pamphlets which are circulated among its student members through the member law schools.

Among the fields covered by this work are legal research, placement, ethics, and other relevant and informative topics that occupy students' and practicing lawyers' thoughts. These bulletins are available to you in the Law School Library and will be of aid to those interested in the topics covered.

Among the services offered by ALSA of interest to the student is the close liaison that is maintained with the United States Armed Forces in order to report on draft law and commission availability to graduating law students. Legal Aid Societies are another service in which ALSA has taken a deep interest. ALSA has founded Legal Aid Centers in several communities and has worked hard at furthering this project. It has put out a Handbook concerning the work of Legal Aid Societies and what they mean to the everyday citizen and to the student in school, and the lawyer in practice.

The value of ALSA cannot be told in a few words. The service to the legal profession and to the law student has brought high praise to ALSA. The very purpose of ALSA shows its devotion to those things which benefit the law student and the young attorney about to embark on his career. ALSA is an organization that is here for you to participate in and benefit from. Why not look into your future and see what ALSA can do for you.

COUNCIL (con't. from page 1)

In what is considered one of the most important positions in the Council, Jean Wittner (room 301) was elected Chairman of the Student Aid Fund. Mrs. Wittner is a graduate of Brooklyn College, and while there was President of the German Club. On graduation, she received the German Prize and received her degree cum laude. At present, she is a member of the Justinian staff and is by far the prettiest Council executive elected. Since she will graduate in January, the Council also elected George Nager (room 202) evening) as Co-Chairman.

Margaret K. Udell Prizes (Membership in the New York County Lawyers Association): Herman Badillo, Charles Tomasello, Mehran Walter Davidian

Autographed copies of Mr. Stryker's book, "The Art of Advocacy", were presented to the finalists in the 1954 Brooklyn Law School Moot Court tryouts.

LEONARD FLEISCHER

While attending the College of the City of New York, Jerome Prince had not decided whether he would go on to study law or the natural sciences, biology in particular. He finally chose to enter Brooklyn Law School, a choice for which we are all pleased. Despite working days and attending evening sessions during high school, at college, and at the law school, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at City College, and at Brooklyn Law School achieved a brilliant, if not an almost incredible scholastic record which included not only being named the first Editor-in-Chief of the Brooklyn Law Review but also the maintenance of a straight A average in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of the law school and graduation summa cum laude from both divisions. After leaving the ranks of students some twenty years ago, he was appointed to the faculty. In the years immediately following his appointment, Professor Prince divided his time between teaching and practicing law. Thereafter, he became a full-time Professor and Assistant to the late Dean William Payson Richardson. Under the late Dean William B. Carswell, he was made Associate Dean, and following the death of Judge Carswell last year, he was selected by the Board of Trustees as Dean of the law school.

In relation to his plans for the continued furtherance of the law school program, Dean Prince spoke of the work of the committee headed by Prof. Peter W. Thornton which is now studying the present curriculum with a view toward eliminating overlaps and gaps in the course of study. Also, he indicated, the intramural trial moot court program will be extended to include both semesters of the senior year. The Dean is determined to continue a policy of rigid standards in evaluating the academic standing of the student body. "We will try to help the student all we can up until examination time. Then he is on his own. We will not tolerate work of an inferior quality", he said. After remarking that the attitude of the student today is more mature and more serious than that of the pre-World War II student, the Dean went on to say that a genuine thirst for knowledge in the study of law is perhaps the most vital ingredient in the aspiring lawyer's makeup.

In addition to writing and editing works on Evidence and Criminal Law, the Dean has found time to collaborate with his brother, Harold, in writing original detective stories, some of which were adapted for radio and television and shown on network programs. He commutes daily from his home in Roslyn, Long Island, where he lives with his wife and two children. In closing the interview, the Dean paid tribute to the memory of the two men to whom he feels a debt of gratitude—the late Deans Richardson and Carswell.

The mark that Jerome Prince has made both as student and teacher may never be equalled here again. However, his presence at Brooklyn Law School serves as a source of inspiration to all students of the law.

Frosh Reception

A Freshman Reception for the entering day and evening class was held in the Student Lounge on Friday, October 1, after classes, under the sponsorship of the Student Council. Dean Prince introduced members of the Faculty and the President and other officers of the Student Council. Mr. Bernstein, the President, addressed both gatherings. Members of the Office Staff assisted in serving refreshments.

ALUMNI IN CURRENT NEWS

1906

Hon. BENJAMIN F. SCHREIBER is a candidate (R.-D.-L.) for reelection to the Supreme Court, First District.

1914

Hon. LOUIS J. CASTELLANO has been reappointed Referee in Bankruptcy, Eastern District of New York.

1919

State Assemblyman JULIUS J. GANS is a candidate (D.) for election to the City Court, Bronx.

1921

ABRAHAM PINDEK is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 10th District, Brooklyn.

1922

CHARLES ABRAMS is presently on a UN Mission to Turkey.

State Senator HARRY GITTLESON is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to the New York State Senate from the 18th District, Brooklyn.

Rep. ABRAHAM J. MULTER is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to Congress from the 13th Congressional District, Brooklyn.

Hon. JACOB J. SCHWARTZWALD of the City Court is a candidate (D.-L.) for election to the Supreme Court, Second District.

1923

JOSEPH JOSEPHSON is a candidate (L.) for election to the Municipal Court, 1st District, Bronx.

1926

Municipal Court Justice CHAS. J. BECKINELLA (R.-D.-L.) is a candidate for reelection to the Municipal Court, 1st District, Brooklyn.

MAX MARKOWITZ is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 4th District, Brooklyn.

LEWIS W. OLLIFFE was appointed to the Supreme Court, Second District, until January 1 by Governor Dewey, and is a candidate (R.) to succeed himself.

MELVIN H. OSTERMAN, LL.M., was appointed to the Supreme Court, First District, until January 1 by Governor Dewey, and is a candidate (R.) to succeed himself.

State Senator BERNARD TOMPkins is a candidate (R.) for reelection to the New York State Senate from the 8th District, Queens.

1927

Former Rep. VICTOR L. ANFUSO is a candidate (D.-L.) for election to Congress from the 8th District, Brooklyn.

Assemblyman J. SIDNEY LEVINE is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to the New York State Assembly from the 2nd District, Brooklyn.

State Senator FRED G. MORRITT is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to the New York State Senate from the 12th District, Brooklyn.

BENJAMIN A. WILDER is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 3rd District, Bronx.

1928

J. WOLFE CHASSEN, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Queens County, is a candidate (D.-L.) for election to the Municipal Court, 3rd District, Queens.

1929

LOUIS BLAU is a candidate (L.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 19th District, Brooklyn.

1930

State Assemblyman J. LEWIS FOX is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to the New York State Assembly from the 12th District, Queens.

State Assemblyman MORRIS MOHR is a candidate (D.) for re-

election to the New York State Assembly from the 3rd District, Bronx.

1931

HENRY D. DORFMAN is a candidate (R.) for election as a Representative in Congress for the 11th District, Brooklyn.

Rep. HENRY J. LATHAM is a candidate (R.) for reelection as Representative in Congress from the 4th District, Queens.

Assemblyman MARTIN J. KNORR is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Senate from the 7th District, Queens.

State Senator MILTON KOERNER is a candidate for reelection to the New York State Senate from the 6th District, Queens.

JAN MENDELSON is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 10th District, Queens.

LOUIS SCHIFRIN is a candidate (L.) for election as Representative in Congress from the 22nd Congressional District, Bronx.

Former Surrogate DAVID M. POTTS is a candidate (R.) for election to the Supreme Court, First District.

1934

Former State Senator FRANK D. O'CONNOR is a candidate (D.-L.) for election to the New York State Senate from the 8th District, Queens.

1935

SIDNEY BURSTEIN is a candidate (L.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 1st District, Bronx.

HOWARD T. HOGAN is a candidate (R.) for Justice of the Supreme Court, 10th District, comprising Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties.

DAVID GRAND is a candidate (L.) for election to the New York

State Assembly from the 11th District, Bronx.

1936

State Assemblyman GEORGE W. HARRINGTON is a candidate (R.) for reelection to the New York State Assembly from the 10th District, Bronx.

1939

ALBERT H. BUSCHMANN, Chief of the Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, was elected First Vice President of the Federal Bar Association, Empire State Chapter. MURRAY KOENIG is a candidate (L.) for election to the City Court, Bronx.

MICHAEL WOLLIN is a candidate (A.L.P.) for election to the New York State Senate from the 16th District, Brooklyn.

1947

BERNARD SOMMER is a candidate (D.) for election to the New York State Senate from the 2nd Senatorial District, Nassau County.

1948

THOMAS A. DENT is a candidate (D.-L.) for election as Representative in Congress from the 4th District, Queens.

HENRY BRAMWELL was appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Miss MARGARET E. MILLUS has been appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

1949

IRVING E. DICKMAN is a candidate (D.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 2nd Assembly District, Nassau County.

JOEL L. LEEF is a candidate (D.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 6th Assembly District, Nassau County.

BERTRAM L. PODELL is a candidate (D.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 21st District, Brooklyn.

1950

ROBERT S. KREINDLER is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Senate from the 15th District, Brooklyn.

1951

ALEX A. BOHM is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 2nd District, Bronx.

ALBUM C. MARTIN is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 11th District, Manhattan.

JAMES L. WATSON is a candidate (D.-L.) for the New York State Senate from the 21st Senatorial District, Manhattan.

1953

State Assemblyman DANIEL M. KELLY, J.S.D., is a candidate (D.-L.) for reelection to the New York State Assembly from the 7th District, Manhattan.

JACK RABINOWITZ, former Editor-in-Chief of the Brooklyn Law Review is now a First Lieutenant, JAGC, U.S. Army, and is attending the Judge Advocate Generals' School at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. The class of 47 officers also includes First Lieutenants RICHARD RAGAZZO and SHELDON COHEN, also of the '53 class.

1954

BRYANT FISCHLER is a candidate (R.) for election to the New York State Assembly from the 2nd District, Brooklyn.

State Assemblyman JOHN T. SATRIALE is a candidate (D.) for reelection to the New York State Assembly from the 7th District, Bronx.

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