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## Faculty and Students Mourn the Passing of Professors Block and Weyrauch

Within the short space of a month, Brooklyn Law School suffered the loss of two distinguished faculty members. On January 4, 1958, Professor Arthur Block succumbed to a heart attack, and on February 1, 1958, Professor Martin H. Weyrauch died after a brief illness.

Professor Block was a member of the teaching staff at the law school since his graduation in 1929. He was a recognized expert in the fields of property and pleading. Since 1942 the demands of private practice made it necessary for him to confine his teaching activities to the evening session. His classes in Future Interests and Equity were particularly popular with students.

Professor Block was a panel member of the American Arbitration Association, arbitrator for the New York State Mediation Board, and a special referee for the Municipal Court. He was an active member of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and practical politics took a considerable part of his time. His legal battles in a recent election campaign have paved the way for the mandatory installation of voting machines at party primaries.

The students and faculty of Brooklyn Law School extend to his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Block and his sons, Donald, Robert, and Herbert, their sincere sympathy.

Professor Martin H. Weyrauch had been with the law school since 1936. Prior to that time he had carved out an enviable career in the newspaper field, having been editor and publisher of the Evening Graphic, and editor of the Brooklyn Eagle. He initiated one of the first courses ever given in the field of Labor Law here at BLS. From 1917 to 1936 he was Counsel to the Village Board of Freeport, L. I., where he made his home.

Professor Weyrauch was the author of several books, his latest work being a revision of his Fundamentals of Labor Law, which has been well received nationally. He was a member of the American Society of International Law, a panel member of the American Arbitration Association, and a charter member of Everts Inn of Phi Delta Phi.

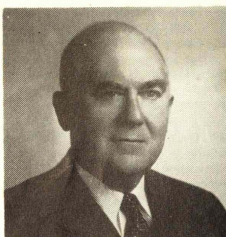
To his wife, Mrs. Bessie T. Weyrauch, we offer our esteem and sympathy.

## Professor Vosseler Conducts Course in Professional Ethics

Professor Gilbride, Assistant to the Dean, has announced that a new course in Legal Ethics has been added to the regular curriculum for all students. It will consist of six one-hour lectures. The first session was held on Wednesday, February 19 in Room 300. Second year day students attend at the third hour each Wednesday beginning at 11:40 A.M. Evening students in the third year attend on Wednesday evenings beginning at 8:10—also in Room 300.

The course is compulsory for all students and will be a regular feature of the course of study for all second-year day students and third-year evening students. Professor Edward A. Vosseler, who is a member of the Committee of Character and Fitness of the second and tenth judicial districts, will conduct the course. The purpose of the course is to acquaint the future lawyers with the standards of professional conduct that their vocation will require. Religious and moral training, no matter how excellent, is insufficient of itself to prepare future practitioners to cope with many of the situations they will be

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CHESTER A. ALLEN  
Recipient of Downtown Brooklyn Award

## Brooklyn Law School Trustee Receives Downtown B'klyn Assn. Award

Chester A. Allen, President, Kings County Trust Co., and Vice-President of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association, received the Downtown Brooklyn Association's gold medal for the most distinguished service for Brooklyn in 1957. Mr. Allen was presented with the organization's award at the annual luncheon meeting at the Hotel Towers on Monday, January 27. Many public officials and citizens active in the philanthropic, educational, civic and business life of Brooklyn attended. Mr. Allen is the 28th recipient of the annual award and he joins Brooklyn's "Legion of Honor."

The citation accompanying the medal points out that it is awarded to Mr. Allen in "recognition of his services to charitable, cultural and humanitarian causes, and his efforts in the civic and business life of the Borough of Brooklyn."

A native of Brooklyn and educated in its schools, Mr. Allen has been a leader in the borough's business and civic activities for more than thirty years. He is a lawyer and certified public accountant and has received an honorary Doctorate in Commercial Science from St. John's University and an honorary Doctorate in Civil Law from Pace College. Besides his bank duties, Mr. Allen is a director and vice-president of the Swedish Hospital in Brooklyn, trustee and treasurer of the House of St. Giles the Cripple, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and vice-president of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.

## Justice Wenzel To Be Honored

On Saturday, April 26, a luncheon in honor of Appellate Division Justice Henry G. Wenzel Jr., '11 of the Second Department will be given by the Alumni Association at the Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan. Justice Bernard Botwin '24, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, and Appellate Division Justice George J. Bel-dock '24, of the Second Department will be guests of honor. The Alumni Association Award for 1958 will be presented to Justice Wenzel at the luncheon.

## Third Annual Insurance Forum Announces Program

On Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21, Brooklyn Law School in cooperation with the Insurance industry will sponsor the Third Annual Insurance Forum. The sessions will run from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. each day, and will be held in the auditorium of the law school. Six talks will be delivered at each session.

Professor William S. Herrmann and Prof. Russell Perry, Vice-President of the Republic Insurance Co., are co-chairmen of the forum. Professor Meehan is assisting in the arrangements. The general purpose of the discussions is to air the current problems of the insurance industry, and to consider solutions most appropriate for execution. This year's forum will be dedicated to the memory of the late Prof. M. H. Weyrauch, founder and co-chairman of the forum series.

### The Program

#### Thursday, March 20th

##### "Reporting Form of Fire Insurance Policy"

BERT COTTON

of Rein, Mound & Cotton

##### "Insurance Frauds and Consumer Credit Transactions"

ROGER DOWNEY

Administrative Assistant to the N. Y. Supt. of Insurance

##### "Sickness and Accident Insurance Developments"

JOSEPH S. FOLLMAN, JR.

Director of Information and Research for the Health Ins. Assn. of America

##### "Inland Marine Insurance Adjustment"

ANTHONY C. GIBBS

President, William M. Martin, Inc.

##### "Recent Development in Life Insurance to Fund Stock Retirement Agreements"

JOHN F. GLEESON

Asst. General Counsel, New York Life Insurance Co.

##### "Admiralty Law in 1958"

RAYMOND T. GREENE

of Kirian, Campbell & Keating

#### Friday, March 21st

##### "Modern Trends of Business Insurance and Applications Thereof."

MICHAEL V. GRIFFITH

Executive Vice-President, New York Board of Trade

##### "The Practical Side of Motor Car Casualties"

PAUL KELLY

Police Justice of the Village of Freeport, New York

##### "Tax Considerations for Insurance Men in Pension Planning"

MORRIS ROTH

Group Supervisor of Pension Trusts and Exemption Organs, District Office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

##### "Youth and Its Place in the Insurance Business"

EDWARD A. SCHRAEDER

Vice-President, Allstate Insurance Co.

##### "Making Insurance Law Fit Present Needs"

CHARLES N. SEGAL

Member of the Connecticut Bar

##### "Liability of Unions For Negligence"

DONALD WALSH

Counsel to the New York Conference of Mayors

Students who anticipate making a career in the Insurance industry are urged to study this program, and to attend as many of the lectures as they possibly can.

Speakers in the prior forums included the then Presiding Justice David W. Peck, Appellate Division, First Department, Leffert Holtz, then Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, Miss Angela Parisi, Chairman, New York State Workmen's Compensation Board, Arthur F. Lamanda, Deputy Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, J. Noble Braden, Executive Vice-President, American Arbitration Association, and many others.

## Ireland Law Dean To Give Three Lectures

Professor James L. Montrose, Dean of the Law Faculty of the Queens University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, will give three lectures at the Law School, the first of which, on Friday, March 14 at 1:15 in Room 300, will be on a "Comparison of Legal Education in Great Britain and the United States." Dean Montrose is the immediate past-President of the Society of Public Teachers of Law, and previously was President of the Association of University Teachers in Great Britain. All are invited. Subsequent lecture dates will be announced.

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## EDITORIAL

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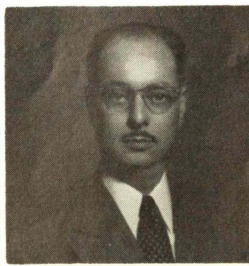
The Educational Committee headed by Sigmund Geronimo plans to have eminent members of the profession address the students during the present Spring semester on current legal problems. The student moot court group, led by Daniel Driesman, will shortly start presenting their arguments. Finally considerable labor has been done in the preparation of a handbook for Freshmen which is designed to answer the thousand and one questions that pop into the mind of any law school neophyte.

If preparation is more than half the job, the SBA is well on its way to a very successful season. Experience would indicate that a program does not get into full swing until the year following its initiation. We think that an excellent beginning has been made in breathing life into those plans formulated earlier this year, and look forward with interest to their reception by the general body of students.

On the positive side of the ledger the SBA has been gratified by the student reaction to the Salk inoculation program. More than 600 students took advantage of the opportunity offered to obtain their "shots" at the school. It is hoped that the other attractions offered will be as enthusiastically accepted.

Six members of the SBA recently attended the New York State Convention of the American Law School Association. Albany Law School was host. The purpose of the meeting was primarily to provide a forum for an interchange of ideas concerning student activities, to compare programs, and to evaluate their worth. From such gatherings are born some of the new projects that the SBA presents to the students from time to time for their approval.

This brief review of what the SBA has been doing evokes our congratulations and respect. May it succeed in its future endeavors as well as it has in its past ones.



PROF. MILTON G. GERSHENSON

## Prof. Flouton Retires

By BARBARA IZETT

It was recently announced that Professor Allen Brown Flouton retired from the faculty of Brooklyn Law School at the end of January, 1958.

Prof. Flouton received his LL.B. from Columbia University Law School in 1912 and was admitted to practice in the State of New York in the same year. He practiced in Troy, New York until 1914, and in New York City from 1917 to 1922, when he joined the faculty of Brooklyn Law School. He has held a professorship here since 1924.

Among the subjects he has taught at BLS are Sales, Corporations, and Pleading and Practice. He has authored "Outline of the Law of Municipal Corporations in New York," "Outline of the Law of Pleading and Practice in New York," "Form Book in Pleading and Practice" and he is co-author, with Professor A. Rotwein, of "Casebook on the Law of Pleading and Practice."

One of Professor Flouton's most unique contributions to the law school's nation-wide reputation is his tireless devotion to the Moot Court competitions, conducted annually, in which our contestants have continuously demonstrated high levels of achievement. The professor has been engaged in the selection and training of student candidates, and his aid and advice have been of crucial significance to the ability they have displayed and the honors they have won.

On March 1, 1958, the Brooklyn Law School faculty tendered a dinner in his honor at the Columbia Club, at which he was presented with an engraved watch by the faculty and a special alumni award for his invaluable contributions to the profession and to the School.

Faculty and students join in expressing their affection and highest esteem for Professor Flouton, and in wishing him every happiness in his retirement.

## Faculty Sink Students In Basketball

By EDWARD FLEISCHER

On Saturday evening, December 14, the annual Student-Faculty basketball game and dance was held at the Brooklyn Central YMCA. A capacity crowd was on hand to witness the traditional clash between the professors and students on the hardwoods.

Experience was the difference in the basketball game, with the fearless faculty five emerging victorious by the score of 14-8. Despite the fact that the Faculty played without the services of Co-Captain Donald "Set Shot" Sealy, it showed enough savvy, poise and maneuverability to outlast the younger but more impulsive student team. The winners were paced once again by Morris "Facts" Forkosh, whose performance earned him the "Most Valuable Player" trophy for the second year in succession. "Facts" was ably supported by Co-Captain Jerome "Prancing" Prince, who probated the nets with a beautiful set shot in the first half, Gerard

## FACULTY PROFILE

### Prof. Milton G. Gershenson

Though the relation between music and law might seem attenuated, Prof. Milton G. Gershenson defied logic and used the former as a springboard to the study of the latter. It was while he was attending the world-renowned Juilliard School that the professor shifted over to the law. Changing professions raises no eyebrows when a student has been unsuccessful in the field of his first choice. Here it was otherwise, for the professor had not only taught piano while he was studying for the concert stage, but played professionally for various New York City radio stations as a piano soloist while still a college student. Upon reflection, perhaps the professor never changed professions at all—he merely changed subjects, teaching being the common denominator of his various professional activities.

Prof. Gershenson attended Townsend Harris Hall, then the College of the City of New York, graduating in 1930 with a bachelor's degree in social science. It was during these years that he developed his artistic talent by pursuing music courses that paralleled his academic studies. Even after his entry into law school he continued to play professionally until the rigors of the study of the law asserted themselves and made a final, exclusive choice inevitable.

While working for his doctorate at BLS, the professor became editorial assistant to the late Prof. Edwin Welling Cady. He worked on the revision of *Cady on Insurance*, published by the Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing Co.

On graduation Prof. Gershenson entered into private practice which was shortlived. Less than two years after leaving BLS he responded to the late Dean William Payson Richardson's invitation to join the faculty as a quizmaster in various undergraduate subjects. Two years later outside interests in the law were abandoned completely upon his appointment as a full-time professor. Since that time Prof. Gershenson has taught approximately half the subjects in the law school curriculum.

His teaching career was interrupted in the Fall of 1942 when he enlisted in the Army, and obtained a commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Coast Artillery. Eligibility for the commission was a foregone conclusion at that time of the war in view of the fact that he had graduated from City College with a commission in the Infantry as the result of the R.O.T.C. program.

After occupying various staff assignments in anti-aircraft artillery battalions, the professor was transferred to the Civil Affairs branch of the Military Government. He went overseas in 1943, and after further training in England was sent to North Africa. Shortly thereafter he participated in the Southern landings at St. Tropez. The professor's competency in his assignments in AMG led to successively increasing responsibilities until he ultimately became Executive Officer for all of Southern France. His achievements were recognized by decorations tendered by the United States, France, Belgium, and Italy.

"The Great" Gilbride, who won the foot shooting contest held during the half-time intermission, Noel "Hurrying" Hauser, Samuel "Backboards" Bader, William "Hooks" Herrmann, and Irwin "Tap-in" Taylor. Professors Joseph Crea and John Meehan were on hand to cheer for their team.

Ingenious strategy was the keynote of the Faculty's success. It engineered a puzzling 05-0 zone defense which confused the student team so badly that by the second half it was taking shots at the wrong basket, guarding its own men, and passing the ball to

In returning to America and his teaching career in 1946 the professor not only brought memories from a wealth of wartime experiences, but also a bride, the former Miss Paula Dubson. In her native country she had been a former member of the house staff of the Paramount Theatre, Paris and later an active member of the French resistance movement.

On his release from the service the professor transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U. S. Army Reserve. Since its inception he has been Director of JAG training for the New York U. S. Army Reserve School at 30 West 44th Street. As a Lt. Col. in JAGC-USAR the professor is in charge of the winter-phase training of lawyer reservists in the metropolitan area, and for summer camp training for the entire First Army.

Professor Gershenson is a Special Hearing Officer for the U. S. Department of Justice, Conscientious Objector Branch. What time he has remaining after these activities the professor enjoys at Roslyn, L. I., where he makes his home with his wife and daughter, Ann Suzette, age nine. They provide an appreciative audience when the one-time professional indulges himself in his favorite hobby, tickling the keys of a baby-grand piano in his suburban living room.

The professor's varied contacts with students over the years convince him that the power of effective oral and written communication is rapidly becoming a lost art. While he does not go so far as to mirror the sentiments of Dean Warren of Columbia who shocked some educators not long ago by charging that many law school applicants were illiterate, Professor Gershenson decries the emphasis given to so-called basic English in some halls of learning. He believes, rather, that effort should be spent in increasing the number who can read, write, and speak the language of refinement and culture. The art of painting word pictures is basic to the advocate. If he does it ineffectively, he verges on incompetence. Few callings demand the precision and clarity in the use of language required by the law. Therefore the professor urges that any student who is considering a hobby could make no finer choice than the study of language itself.

Professor Gershenson is a Special Advisor to the N. Y. State Legislative Committee on Matrimonial Procedure, which is headed by Assemblywoman Janet Hill Gordon (BLS '40). His post as Faculty Advisor to the student editors of the Brooklyn Law Review enables him the more easily to act as coordinator of special projects in which staff members of the Review assist the Matrimonial Procedure committee.

Besides being Faculty Advisor to the Law Review, the professor is also Faculty Advisor to the *Justinian*. He is a member of the Scholarship Committee, and is Chairman of the Faculty Moot Court Committee.

The opposition. The students were not without their stalwarts, however. Hank Roth, captain of the student five, was chosen its most valuable player.

The dance was held following the game, and fine music was supplied by Carl Boris and his band. The affair was a great success with the proceeds going to a very worthy cause, the Student Aid Fund. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. But to the members of the faculty team come these words from the students: "Wait 'til next year!"

## Certiorari Explained

The United States Supreme Court recently held a certiorari day at the opening of the 1957 term, at which time decisions were announced on petitions for certiorari.

The article below is reprinted from the October 14, 1957 edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES. The editorial staff of THE JUSTINIAN thanks the TIMES for permission to reprint in full this interesting and informative article.

### HIGH COURT READY TO SIFT PETITIONS

Will Grant or Deny Writs of Certiorari Today in Deciding What to Hear

By ANTHONY LEWIS

Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—If custom prevails, the United States Supreme Court tomorrow will grant or deny upward of 200 petitions for certiorari.

The action will symbolize one of the more remarkable aspects of a remarkable court—the almost complete discretion that the nine justices have over their own docket. Unlike many appellate courts that must decide every case brought before them, the Supreme Court itself selects the cases it will review.

The writ of certiorari is the chief device in this selection process. It is simply an order to a lower court to send up the record of a case for review. The word is pronounced sir-She-o-rare-eye, with the accent on the next to last syllable.

By law, the only way to obtain Supreme Court review in most cases is to petition the court to grant a writ of certiorari. Last term 1,490 petitions were filed. The court granted 177, just under 12 per cent.

The reason for making review by the Supreme Court discretionary is fairly evident. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes put it:

"No single court of last resort could dispose of all the cases which arise in this vast country and which litigants would seek to bring up if the right of appeal were unrestricted."

It was 1891 that Congress first gave the court some power to select its cases. At that time the court was buried in an avalanche of trivial suits, its docket growing larger and delays increasing every year.

In the so-called Judges' Bill of 1925, passed at the urging of Chief Justice William Howard Taft among others, Congress made the discretionary writ of certiorari almost the exclusive route to the Supreme Court. Other means of appeal are available in a limited class of cases, for example when a lower Federal court holds a Federal statute unconstitutional.

#### Grounds for Writ Varied

What are the grounds for granting certiorari in a case?

## Problems of Judicial Administration

Thomas F. McCoy, counsel to the State Administrator of the Judicial Conference of the State of New York, is conducting a course in problems of Judicial Administration. The course is tuition free, and is offered to the senior class. The lectures started on February 20th and will continue for eight weeks on Thursday afternoons. Outside experts will address the students from time to time as guests of Mr. McCoy.

This course was initiated at the suggestion of Chief Judge Albert Conway of the Court of Appeals, who felt that lawyers should be made more conversant with problems of judicial administration.

Chief Justice Hughes said that "if further review is to be had by the Supreme Court it must be because of the public interest in the questions involved" and "not the importance of the parties or the amount of money involved."

The late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson told a lawyers' meeting in 1949:

"The Supreme Court is not, and never has been, primarily concerned with the correction of errors in lower court decisions.

"To remain effective, the Supreme Court must continue to decide only those cases which present questions whose resolution will have immediate importance far beyond the particular facts and parties involved.

"Those of you whose petitions for certiorari are granted by the Supreme Court will know, therefore, that you represent not only your clients, but tremendously important principles, upon which are based the plans, hopes and aspirations of a great many people."

The Supreme Court rules say that review by certiorari "is not a matter of right, but of sound judicial discretion, and will be granted only where there are special and important reasons therefor."

Among examples given of such reasons is a conflict among decisions of lower Federal courts.

Chief Justice Vinson urged lawyers, in drafting their petitions for certiorari, "to spend a little less time discussing the merits of their cases and a little more time demonstrating why it is important that the court should hear them."

The petitions ordinarily are small printed pamphlets. But hundreds every year are in forma pauperis petitions—typewritten and even hand-written—from prisoners in jail. The court last year granted only about 6 per cent of these, as against 17 per cent of the regular petitions.

All the justices, in conference, decide whether to grant or deny each of the petitions. By a tradition of the court certiorari is granted if four justices so vote.

This "rule of four" has been a matter of controversy on the court. Some justices, strongly believing a case to be inappropriate for review, have voted to dismiss as "inprovidently granted" a writ of certiorari approved by at least four of their colleagues.

Denials of certiorari have been misconceived by the public from time to time as suggesting Supreme Court approval of the lower court decision. Actually the court may deny review of a case for many reasons aside from the merits—lack of importance, for example, or jurisdictional defects.

Justice Felix Frankfurter explained last year, when the court refused to review the murder conviction of Dr. Samuel Sheppard:

"Denial of his petition in no wise implies that this court approves the decision of the Supreme Court of for one reason or another this case did not commend itself to at least four members of the court."

#### PROM?

At latest reports the Spring Prom, scheduled for the St. George Roof on April 18, was to be cancelled because of lack of student interest.

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## Fraternity News

### DELTA THETA PHI

Highlighting the calendar of events this semester will be our annual spring dance to be held some time in April at one of the leading hotels in the city. We are looking forward to seeing as many of the alumni as possible at this affair.

Within the next few weeks alterations will be made in the chapter rooms. Several new pieces of furniture are being purchased and the chapter rooms are going to be painted by the brothers; the shelving in the library is being expanded to increase space requirements for reference works.

Very shortly our newest pledge class will be initiated into the chapter. Pledging for this semester has already begun. Plans are being formed to have several other social events this semester.

### IOTA THETA

This year Iota Theta's membership has reached a new high. The fraternity has listed on its rolls 100 active members. The fraternity held its annual induction Dinner, Dec. 17, and inducted as honorary members of the fraternity District Attorney Edward S. Silver and Professor William S. Herrmann. Professor Sugarman was master of ceremonies at the affair.

A recent Spring Smoker was held and many members of the fraternity

and school were present. A good time was had by all. On April 19, 1958 Iota Theta will hold its 44th Annual Spring Dinner-Dance. This affair will take place at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Iota Theta for the first time will sponsor an Evening Boat Ride, which will be held late in the semester. The Boat Ride will be open to all students who wish to attend. There will be a band and refreshments will be served. Among the students new to the traditions of Phi Delta Phi attending the Feb. 28 smoker were:

Jack Tatarsky	1961 Eve.
David Allen Bradley	1960 Day
John Reilly	1961 Eve.
Frederick T. Swanson	1959 Eve.
Walter D. Fiori	1961 Eve.
George Delegianis	1961 Eve.
James M. Quinn	1961 Eve.
Timothy McGuire	1961 Eve.
Robert W. Reinhold	1961 Eve.
Clifford A. Royael	1961 Eve.
Peter Augustine Jr.	1961 Eve.
John P. Erdely	1961 Eve.
Michael T. Broderick	1962 Eve.
William P. Horan Jr.	1962 Eve.
Francis E. O'Brien	1961 Eve.
Matthew J. Evans	1960 Day
Howard A. Mileaf	1961 Day
George Erdesz	1962 Eve.
Dominic M. Mezzapelle	1959 Eve.
Robert C. Anthony	1961 Eve.
George F. Coleman	1961 Eve.
George Martin Faber	1959 Day
Richard D. Maggi	1961 Eve.

Mike Mastrangelo	1960 Eve.
Nick Volpe	1960 Eve.
Fred Krantz	1960 Eve.

### PHI DELTA PHI

The following students were initiated into Phi Delta Phi fraternity at ceremonies held at Ewart's Inn on the evening of February 20th:

Patric J. Sweeney
Edward J. Murtaugh
James Falletta
John C. Glenn
John A. Fay
William Bowie

The initiating team, under the direction of Magister Tom Sylvester, consisted of John Hussa, Bob Moore, Tom Dwyer and Michael Yorke. After the initiation a reception was held in honor of the inductees.

A Smoker was held on February 28 to acquaint a large group of pledges with the purposes and personnel of the fraternity. It is proposed to have an initiation of these pledges next month at which time Professors Hauser and Meehan will be tendered honorary memberships in the Inn. At that time there will be a dinner given in honor of all the members who were received in 1958. Arrangements as to time and place of this function are presently being made. Alumni and student members will be notified by mail when the details are decided upon. It is expected that the Dean will be the guest of honor.

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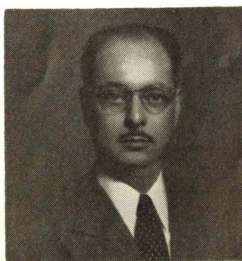
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### Prof. Flouton Retires By BARBARA IZETT

It was recently announced that Professor Allen Brown Flouton retired from the faculty of Brooklyn Law School at the end of January, 1958.

Prof. Flouton received his LL.B. from Columbia University Law School in 1912 and was admitted to practice in the State of New York in the same year. He practiced in Troy, New York until 1914, and in New York City from 1914 to 1922, when he joined the faculty of Brooklyn Law School. He has held a professorship here since 1924.

Among the subjects he has taught at BLS are Sales, Corporations, and Pleading and Practice. He has authored "Outline of the Law of Municipal Corporations in New York," "Outline of the Law of Pleading and Practice in New York," "Form Book in Pleading and Practice" and he is co-author, with Professor A. Rotwein, of "Casebook on the Law of Pleading and Practice."

One of Professor Flouton's most unique contributions to the law school's nation-wide reputation is his tireless devotion to the Moot Court competitions, conducted annually, in which our contestants have continuously demonstrated high levels of achievement. The professor has been engaged in the selection and training of student candidates, and his aid and advice have been of crucial significance to the ability they have displayed and the honors they have won.

On March 1, 1958, the Brooklyn Law School faculty tendered a dinner in his honor at the Columbia Club, at which he was presented with an engraved watch by the faculty and a special alumni award for his invaluable contributions to the profession.

### Samuel Marks County Law Clerk

Services for Samuel Marks, 72, Kings County law clerk and an employee of the county clerk's office for 50 years were held at the Boulevard Kasdan chapel, Coney Island Avenue and Park Circle on January 31st.

Memorial services were held in Room 207 of the Supreme Court Building the following day. Supreme Court Justice John E. Cone presided. Eulogies were delivered by County Clerk Joseph B. Whitty and James A. Kelly, deputy county clerk.

Mr. Marks was the friend of hundreds of lawyers and many judges who sought his counsel through the years. He was graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1906. A year later he was appointed a messenger in the county clerk's office. He became law clerk in 1940 and later was given the additional title of equity clerk.

He lived at 1058 E. 12th St. He leaves his wife, Yvette; two sons, Richard and Lewis, and three grandchildren. Burial was in Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn.

### Moot Court Trials Begin

The Faculty Moot Court Committee initiated its program for the present year during the week of February 17 by inviting interested undergraduates to participate in the intra-school arguments on questions of law based on problems on file in the Law School library. The problems chosen by the committee are identical with those which have been the subject of recent national competitions.

Considerable interest was shown by students in the preliminary hearings held during the month of February. The series of arguments to be scheduled for March and April will afford undergraduates the opportunity to supplement their work in Legal Research and Brief Writing by practical experience in argumentation. In addition, from the successful contenders, there will ultimately be selected the 1958 Moot Court Team which will participate in the National Inter-Law School Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Presentation of arguments will be scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays during the balance of the Spring semester. The exact schedule will be posted from time to time on the bulletin board.

Dean Jerome Prince has announced that the Moot Court Committee is composed of Profs. Milton G. Gershenson, Chairman, Clark Miller, Peter Thornton, Samuel Hoffman, I. Leo Glasser and Noel Hauser, Secretary.

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