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Notre Dame Law School

Report of the Dean

1980-81

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To The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The President, The Provost and The Associate Provost of The University of Notre Dame

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Law School.

The report is brief as requested but the message is clear. The Law School is inexorably progressing toward full achievement of its goal of playing an increasing leadership role in legal education and the legal profession. Significant forward steps were accomplished this year as reviewed in the report. Likewise some remaining obstacles come sharply into focus. These too are reviewed.

I am pleased with recent progress and optimistic about the future. For the faculty and the students I thank the University Administration for its continuing support.

Respectfully yours in Notre Dame,

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Introduction

The academic year 1979-80 was a year of stabilization. A number of aspects of the first phase of the Law School's Program of Excellence reached completion and at the end of the academic year the Law School found itself temporarily on a very comfortable plateau. Those who have been working on the planning phase for the Law School have a clear understanding of the school's potential. It is important to note that the Law School is now at its most critical stage. Potential for slippage is equal to potential for growth and the momentum of the past four years must be maintained if the Law School is to achieve the goal established four years ago. I am most pleased with recent progress and optimistic about the future. We can now operate from a position of strength but we must be prepared to keep up the present pace.

This year's report focuses on recent developments and a brief outline of current problems and opportunities.

Developments, Problems and Opportunities

Most aspects of the student development program are highly satisfactory. The Law School enrollment remained at the planned level of 465 students in academic year 1979-80. This number is only slightly higher than the standard agreed upon with the University administration as the desired number that will be maintained given existing physical facilities, faculty size, library holdings, and other related factors. Students are approximately equally divided among the three years with ten extra students from other law schools attending the second year abroad program in London. Women comprise 30%, and ethnic minorities about 9% of the enrollment. Each of these percentages is at least equal to the national average and should be considered good for a non-urban law school.

The University awarded 155 Juris Doctor degrees in academic year 1979-80. The excellence of this class is illustrated by the fact that 28 graduated with honors, 15 were appointed to post-graduate judicial clerkships (a nationally coveted assignment for the new lawyer), and many received multiple offers of employment from prestigious law offices. The graduates spread throughout the country and entered the full spectrum of specialties in the legal profession. Of the class of 1980, most are joining private law firms with significant numbers going to the government, corporations, accounting firms and, as indicated earlier, judicial clerkships. The second year class had comparable success in securing summer positions. If, as has been said, the best indication of a quality law program is the success of its graduates, placements over the past year provide strong evidence that the quality of Notre Dame's program is escalating rapidly.

From the standpoint of admissions, Notre Dame continues to be blessed with a strong applicant pool. We continue to pursue our highly personal selection process choosing those applicants with the highest leadership potential as opposed to concentrating on simple numerical indicators such as Law School Aptitude Tests and Grade Point Averages. The early evidence indicates that this process has again been successful in that the first year class is diversified both geographically and as to undergraduate training (95 different undergraduate institutions represented in the first year class) and has both high academic credentials and demonstrated potential for the legal profession.

Notre Dame's opportunities with regard to students are clear. Given an adequate financial aid package, we can compete for and attract the best potential law students in the country. We can select students who have high leadership potential and strong commitment to the moral and ethical aspects of the law
without any way sacrificing quality. The present student body has the highest average academic statistics in the school's history, yet it continues to be made up of the kind of people of whom we are proud to use the title "Notre Dame Lawman."

There is a singular major problem in the student area, i.e., financial assistance. There are still students who would enhance Notre Dame's reputation and who would choose to matriculate at this law school but are unable to do so because of financial considerations. While our student scholarship program continues to be strong and growing, inflation is running ahead of the revenue. The annual scholarship fund must be doubled as soon as possible if we expect to keep up the quality of the law student body.

The academic year 1979-80 was filled with major faculty developments including the installation of two endowed professorships in the Law School. Governor John J. Gilligan was installed as the Thomas and Alberta White Professor of Law and assumed the directorship of The Thomas and Alberta White Center for Law, Government and Human Rights. A former United States Congresswoman and former Administrator of the Agency for International Development, Professor Gilligan served as governor of the state of Ohio from 1971 until 1975. He has served as a Fellow at both the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. and the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard University. The faculty believes that Professor Gilligan's substantial government experience will enhance the public policy activities of the Thomas and Alberta White Center. President Edward J. Murphy, a member of the Law School faculty since 1957, was inaugurated into the John N. Matthey Professorship. One of the most highly respected teachers in the Law School's history, Professor Murphy has previously held the Thomas and Alberta White Professorship and in 1971 served as Acting Dean of the Law School. The installation of these two distinguished professors emphasizes the value of endowed professorships to a university, i.e., the enhancement of the academic enterprise by bringing in eminent outside scholars and the recognition of the highest level of scholarship among the university's own faculty.

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