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—Jonathan C. Levy
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DEAN'S FORUM

Laurence M. Katz, *Dean*
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With this edition of the *Law Forum*, the dean's office will begin sharing more news items which we think will interest the readers of this publication. There is always a lot going on here at the corner of Mt. Royal and Maryland and we think this is a good way to let you in on some of these activities. My thanks to the students who publish the *Law Forum*, and especially to Jonathan Levy, the Editor-in-Chief, for providing me with a "Dean's Forum." We will use this forum to share information with you about faculty and staff accomplishments, program changes and other law school news we hope you find interesting.

I want to point out to you the news about Jessica Burns joining our faculty for a semester. Ms. Burns will be a visiting professor this fall, and we're pleased to welcome her from "our summer home" Aberdeen, Scotland. As you may know, the University sponsored its second successful summer abroad program at Aberdeen this year.

CUNNINGHAM, COOPER & DAVIDSON HONORED

Professor Harold D. Cunningham retired this past year and was honored by the Board of Trustees as a professor emeritus. Mr. Cunningham joined the law school faculty in 1970 and taught and published on legal history and trust and estate law. Prior to coming to University of Baltimore, he served as professor and dean of law at the University of North Dakota.

Also honored with the professor emeritus title were Eugene J. Davidson and Samuel Cooper; both retired in 1985. Mr. Davidson began teaching at the University in 1971 after 13 years with the Small Business Administration in Washington where he was assistant general counsel and chief

counsel for advocacy. Mr. Cooper joined the law school faculty in 1972 after teaching in the School of Business. He had extensive experience in business and government and practiced law for 12 years before joining academia.

UNIVERSITY NOW OFFERS FOUR CLINICS

With the addition of two new clinics, law students now have the opportunity to gain practical litigation experience in four clinics. Working under the direct supervision of one or more members of the Maryland Bar, students will represent actual clients (under the Court of Appeals rules governing such student practice) in any of these areas: criminal practice, general civil practice, family law, and housing law.

There are course prerequisites for all the clinics and students earn four credits per clinic.

BURNS VISITS FROM SCOTLAND

Jessica Burns, senior lecturer at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland since 1986, will serve as visiting professor in the law school at U of B for the fall semester. She received her LL.B from University of Edinburgh and was admitted as a solicitor in 1979. While working in private practice, she took two cases to the House of Lords and developed a special interest in juvenile justice issues. She has taught at Edinburgh University, Glasgow University, Erasmus University (Rotterdam, The Netherlands) as well as Aberdeen. She is a regular contributor to U.K. law journals on evidence, procedure and legal practice. She is currently working on a research project on lawyers' misconduct. She was the director of Aberdeen's international summer program in 1987. The University of Baltimore sponsored its first semester abroad program with Aberdeen that summer.

APPLICATIONS INCREASE 29%

The number of applications to the University of Baltimore Law School has increased 29 percent from last year, according to Beverly Falcon, dean of admissions. In 1987 there were 1,233 applications for 290 spots, while in 1988 there were 1,587.

A similar increase has been noted at other area and national schools sparking speculation on the reasons. A recent *Daily Record* (Baltimore) article credited in part the popularity of the "LA Law" television series to an interest in law as a career.

According to Law School Admissions Services, the regions with the highest increase in applications are mid-South (which includes Maryland) and the Great Lakes.

Ms. Falcon is reluctant to predict the future of applications, "because the enormous increase in applications for 1988 was completely unexpected, no one in the admission field feels confident in predicting the direction applications may take next year."

AN OVERVIEW OF THE LAW ACHIEVEMENT WORKSHOP:

A tutor/mentor program for first-year students

During the 1987-88 academic year the University of Baltimore School of Law conducted a tutor/mentor program called the Law Achievement Workshop (LAW). The workshop was funded by a grant awarded through the Graduate and Professional Minority Student Retention Grant Program administered by the State Board for Higher Education. This comprehensive workshop was designed to give academic support from orientation through the academic year utilizing a combination of law faculty, upperclass student tutors and alumni attorney mentors.

All entering minority students with a weak projected first year grade point average (GPA) and any upperclass student with a law school GPA of 2.20 or less were invited to participate in LAW. Majority students with a demonstrated need are also permitted to take part in the program. The program began with a general orientation session which provided an opportunity for the students to learn more about the program and to receive their mentor and tutor assignments. Intensive preparatory sessions were offered to students who did not participate in our Summer Institute. These students focused on case briefing and analysis, outlining, and the use of study groups. Faculty and upperclassmen conducted these sessions. Students who had successfully completed the Summer Institute had the option of participating in these sessions.

The Law Achievement Workshop was a tremendous success in its inaugural year. So much so that the Law School has decided to continue the program despite the fact that the grant has expired. Surveys were conducted at the completion of the first semester and the school year. The attorney mentors found the experience very rewarding. They enjoyed meeting with the young struggling law students and helping them to work through their problems. Most of them remember what it was like to be a law student. Law school for many is the most challenging educational experience they will ever have. The student tutors also enjoyed sharing their secrets for success with the new students. The performance of first year students was noticeably improved by the support the tutors and mentors provided. The statistics show that the students that took part in LAW maintained a significantly higher average GPA than those who did not participate.

Historically, minority students have not done as well as majority students on standardized tests like the LSAT. Neither have minority students performed as well as majority students in law school. The LAW program has provided that these trends can be reversed. The analytical skills that most minority students lack are being gained through the tutoring sessions and meetings with the attorney mentors.

The Law Achievement Workshop will continue this year fully funded by the University of Baltimore School of Law. This year an advisory committee comprised of distinguished members of the alumni will help to guide the growth of the program as it meets the everchanging needs of the minority students. The reception for Black Alumni in August of 1988 will once again be used to kick off the workshop. Last year the reception boasted one of the best turnouts for an alumni event in recent history. Along with the new advisory committee, the schedule of events for this year will include a party at the end of the year to thank the tutors and mentors. All in all, due to its first year success, the Law Achievement Workshop has secured itself a place among the many successful support programs of the University of Baltimore School of Law.

HYMAN & ISIDORE GINSBERG SERIES: a.m. law

In the Spring of 1987, the University of Baltimore Alumni Association initiated a series of breakfast seminars for practicing attorneys in Maryland. The lectures were planned by the Alumni Association's Law Liaison Committee for the third Tuesday of each month and held in Poe's Publick House conference center. Speakers for the series were drawn from both University of Baltimore alumni and faculty.

The alumni and community response to the series was overwhelmingly positive. The first series of lectures drew over 100 people to the University, and topics discussed included legal malpractice, structured settlements, changes in family law decisions and statutes, and recent DWI decisions.

The initial success of the series drew the attention of Mrs. Rhona Ginsberg Friedman, whose father, Hyman Ginsberg and uncle, Isidore Ginsberg, taught at the University for over six decades. Mrs. Friedman generously endowed the series in memory of her father and uncle, and, thus, the "Hyman and Isidore Ginsberg Series: a.m. law" was established. Mrs. Friedman felt the a.m. law series was fitting tribute to two men who had dedicated their lives to legal education.

This past fall and spring the "Hyman and Isidore Ginsberg Series: a.m. law" had over 250 alumni and friends participating in lectures ranging in scope from patent and trademark law to tax implications in domestic settlements. The Fall '88 series promises another outstanding array of topics and speakers including; *Recent Changes in Evidence Law: State and Federal* with Professor Lynn McLain; *Environmental Issues in Real Estate Transactions* with Richard Pecora '70; and *AIDS in the Workplace* with Peter Saucier '80. A schedule of the series' programs is published each academic semester and can be obtained by calling the Alumni Office at 333-2726.

WINTER BAR EXAM RESULTS

University of Baltimore graduates continue to illustrate the caliber of their professional preparation as evidenced by the most recent bar passage rate. Released in June, the 1988 Winter Bar Exam results show the University of Baltimore with an 86% pass rate among our first-time takers. The rate for *all* first time takers of this exam was 70%.

SCHOOL OF LAW 1988

ANNUAL GIVING: Results to-date

As of the end of June, 1971 School of Law alumni have contributed \$124,972.50 to the 1988 Annual giving campaign. If you have an outstanding pledge or have not as yet made your commitment to the School of Law for this year, please consider taking a moment to do so.

ON THE ROAD

Whether you are a partner in a large Baltimore firm or a solo practitioner in Hagerstown, you may receive an invitation this fall to have breakfast or lunch in your area with Dean Laurence Katz. In an effort to articulate more personally the role of the University of Baltimore School of Law and to keep both the alumni and

non-alumni legal communities aware of recent developments and goals for the future, Dean Katz will be meeting with groups over the next several months.

"In addition to sharing our vision of the law school," says Katz, "I am also hoping to provide a forum in which members of the legal community can, in a fairly informal fashion, share with us their perceptions and concerns regarding our role in the preparation of their future members." Dean Katz adds, "We are fortunate in enjoying an active and vocal alumni constituency. The purpose of these visits is to provide an additional avenue for interested but time-constrained professionals to become more aware of the current status and future needs of legal education and to provide us with informed feedback."

Dean Katz states that one of the greatest advantages of his role at the University of Baltimore School of Law is access to the resource of 7,500 alumni and their contacts. "I hope that this series of meetings will expand that access and its benefits even further, and I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces over the next several months."

BEGINNING A TRADITION

Law students have become increasingly aware of the importance of private financial support to a quality legal education. The graduating class of 1987 raised over \$2,300 from its members in an effort to re-establish a Senior Class gift program. These funds, which include a matching gift from the University of Baltimore Educational Foundation, will be used to purchase additional computer equipment for student use. Following suit, the Class of 1988 initiated its gift program in April of this year. Contributors are listed by class year in the Annual Report of the University of Baltimore Educational Foundation and gifts from the graduating classes support not only the Senior gift program but the alumni annual giving campaign as well.

In May of this year, the Student Bar Association voted to establish a trust fund with the University of Baltimore Educational Foundation in support of special projects of the SBA. With an initial deposit of \$5,000, the SBA hopes to see the fund develop into a resource to be used to supplement its regular budget. An advisory board, in conjunction with the SBA, will determine the appropriate uses for the expendable portion of the fund on an annual basis.

This commitment to assuring that the School of Law enjoys the resources necessary to support key programs and projects has been a hallmark of alumni loyalty. Students are proving that loyalty doesn't begin on graduation day.