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COLLEGE OF LAW  
DEAN'S ANNUAL REPORT — 1960-1961

## INTRODUCTION

Although the year 1960-1961 marked a number of changes in the College of Law, the school continued its main functions of training students for professional responsibility as attorneys and public servants, and of serving the state as the center of legal research and continuing legal education.

## FACULTY

Several shifts of personnel resulted from the retirement of Dean Robert R. Hamilton and the resignation of Assistant Professor Paul D. Carrington. Professor Frank J. Trelease moved into the position of Dean. Professor Harold S. Bloomenthal joined the faculty after five years of private practice in Denver, Colorado, where he specialized in the financial and regulatory problems of mineral development companies. Associate Professor Roy K. Stoddard, Jr. came to the University of Wyoming from the general practice of law in Iowa. The Honorable Glenn Parker, Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court, rejoined the staff as special lecturer.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum was reviewed and several significant alterations resulted. The professional law program was revised in several respects, in order to keep abreast of new developments in law and to take advantage of the special skills of faculty members. The pre-legal curriculum was also restudied, and the college withdrew from the field of directly administering pre-legal education. In the future no new candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Law will be accepted. The present three-year pre-legal study programs of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Commerce and Industry will thus become the principal routes to law school, unless the student has a college degree. By agreement with the College of Arts and Sciences, its degree requirements and the College of Law's pre-legal requirements were revised in a restatement of the combined program leading to the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. in six years. As an aid to consultation and as a measure of legal aptitude, the Law School Admission Test was adopted as a requirement for entrance into the College of Law.

## STUDENTS

Despite an unusually small senior class, the school remained at the same size it has been for the past several years. Ten students graduated with the degree of LL.B., and all of them were candidates for admission to the Wyoming Bar. Seven first year students received the pre-legal degree of Bachelor of Science in Law. A total of 65 persons received instruction in law classes.

Student activities, included the publication of Volume 15 of the Wyoming Law Journal, which contained numerous articles by professors,

members of the bar, and students, on topics of interest to the legal profession, and the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Bar. Justice John McIntyre of the Wyoming Supreme Court and Judge Ewing T. Kerr of the United States District Court presided at moot court appellate arguments between teams of senior students, and Judge Vernon Bentley conducted moot trials of jury cases.

#### RESEARCH SERVICES

The faculty continued its interest and activity in the field of legal research and writing. Professor E. George Rudolph published an article on the new Wyoming Business Corporation Act in the Wyoming Law Journal, and Professor Bloomenthal published one in the same journal on the Federal Securities Laws. Professor Joseph R. Geraud and Professor Bloomenthal both contributed substantial sections to the "American Law of Mining," a definitive, five-volume work on the subject. Professor John O. Rames and Professor Geraud finished detailed reports to the Legislative Research Committee, on "A Study of Wyoming Election Laws," and "Special Taxing Districts in Wyoming." Professor Geraud also wrote the 1960 Supplement to the Oil and Gas Title of "The American Law of Property," and continued as reporter of recent cases to the Oil and Gas Reporter. Dean Trelease completed his University of Wisconsin thesis on Water Rights in the Middle West, and published "Reclamation Water Rights" in the Rocky Mountain Law Review. He was invited as visiting professor to give the course in Natural Resources at the University of Colorado summer session.

The faculty participated in other professional activities. Dean Trelease attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, the Wyoming State Bar, and spoke at the Denver meeting of the Upper Missouri Basin Water Users Conference, and the Tucson meeting of the National Watersheds Congress. Professor Geraud attended the Southwest Institute on Oil and Gas Taxation at Dallas, the Boulder meeting of Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, the Conference on Western Law Schools in Palo Alto, the Conference on Mental Health Laws at Jackson, and served on the Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute. Professor Bloomenthal spoke to the Wyoming State Bar on federal securities laws, and appeared before a legislative committee studying state securities regulation. Professor Rudolph attended the National Conference of University Attorneys, and presented statements on corporation laws to the Wyoming State Bar and to the Legislature. Professor Stoddard attended the Wyoming State Bar meeting and the Conference of Western Law Schools, completed work on Children's Problems for the Iowa State Bar Association, submitted four bills on the subject to the Iowa General Assembly, and has taken an active part in the new movement of the Wyoming State Bar and Wyoming Judicial Conference for Uniform Jury Instructions. Professor Rames was appointed to the Wyoming Statute Revision Commission, which selected him as

chairman of its subcommittee on school laws, and attended and addressed several meetings of service clubs, professional fraternities and seminars on school law and juvenile counseling.

In addition to the services to the state and the legal profession reported by this individual activity of the faculty, the law school held two noteworthy institutes. Thirty-five Wyoming lawmakers attended the second biennial Legislators School, directed by Professor Rames, and over one hundred lawyers and bankers studied the new Uniform Commercial Code at the Fourth Annual Institute on Continuing Legal Education, at which speakers of national reputation explained this very important piece of legislation. Arrangements for these programs were made by Professors Rames and Rudolph, and each spoke on a principal topic of the meetings.

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### REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year six respected members of the Wyoming State Bar have passed on to a higher jurisdiction.

Jack F. Lewis, C. A. Zaring, D. P. B. Marshall, Don M. Ogilbee, Frank R. Schofield, and Charles R. Harkins cannot be present in person at this meeting, but they will be long remembered by those present there, either as close friends, respected acquaintances, or worthy opponents.

#### JACK F. LEWIS

Jack F. Lewis was born at Powell, Wyoming, on January 5, 1921. He saw extended service in World War II and married his wife, Evelyn, in the Philippine Islands on April 7, 1946. He attended the University of Wyoming and was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in September of 1949, and commenced the practice of law in Powell with his partner, Ross Copenhaver. Following further service for his country in the Korean War, he returned to the practice of law in Powell and was elected Park County Attorney in 1954 and again in 1958. He has served as president of the Park County Bar Association, and during eleven years as a member of the Bar has earned the lasting admiration and respect of his fellow lawyers. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and four children, Randolph Vance, Cynthia Lee, Timothy Ross and Rebecca Ann; by his parents, Ezra V. Lewis and Karen L. Lewis of Powell; and by his sister, Mrs. Ed Collins of Houston, Texas.

#### C. A. ZARING

Clarence Arthur Zaring was born in Little York, Indiana, on February 7, 1870, and received his law degree in 1896 from the University of Indiana. He practiced law at Bloomington, Indiana, before coming to Basin in April of 1901.

He incorporated the Towns of Basin, Worland and Greybull, and served as mayor of the Town of Basin from 1927 to 1931. He was County