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# CAVEAT

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## DEAN ANNOUNCES NEW CURRICULUM

For the past year the Law Faculty has been reviewing the Law School Curriculum. Several changes have been approved and will become effective with the 1967-1968 academic year. Other changes will be made later. I am grateful to the Editors of the CAVEAT for giving us the space to tell you what we have done and what we are going to do.

First, let me warn you that some changes were made after the 1967-1968 Law School Bulletin went to press. Therefore, in case of a conflict between this letter and the Bulletin, this letter is to be followed.

Second, let me give you some background on what we are trying to do and why. It is our belief that a sound Law School curriculum should have these qualities:

- (1) A central core of basic subjects, all required, which constitute about one-half the units required for a degree.
- (2) An opportunity for reasonable diversification in the remaining courses with provision for study in different fields and some study in depth in one or more seminar type courses.

We were assisted in our plans by the decision of the Committee of Bar Examiners to reduce the list of required subjects on the California Bar Examination to ten, with four elective subjects; a list of which is appended to this letter.

We have decided to divide our course offerings into four groups or categories. The courses in Group A will be required. A minimum number of units will be required in each of the other groups.

Group B will include most of the standard courses not in Group A, such as Commercial Transactions, Corporations, Trusts and the like. Approximately thirty units must, and more may, be selected from this Group. Group C has two subdivisions. C-1 includes courses in government regulation such as Administrative Law and Trade Regulation. C-2 includes courses in Jurisprudence, Legal Process and Legal History. At least one course must be taken in each sub-group. Group D are specialty courses and seminars, such as Advanced Tax Courses, Criminal Due Process and Procedure, Advanced Writing, Trial Practice and the like. At least two courses will be required in this group for classes graduating after June, 1968. No group can be regarded

as a closed category for all time; we are still making some adjustments, but for the next year, at least, the schedules and discussion that follow will govern.

To provide better coverage in some areas and greater flexibility in others, we have also made several changes in course content and unit values.

Now for the specific changes:

### I. Changes in Course Name, Content or Unit Value.

1. Procedure I. This course supersedes Civil Procedure and is increased to four units, exclusive of the Orientation Program. Its coverage is substantially the same as Civil Procedure and is not open to students who have completed Civil Procedure.
2. Procedure II. This course supersedes Code Pleading. Its coverage is changed with less emphasis on Pleading as such and more on various aspects of Trial Practice, particularly Pre-Trial and Discovery. It is not open to students who have completed Code Pleading.
3. Remedies. This course supersedes Equity and is increased to six units. It will include all matters previously covered in Equity and, in addition, damages and other forms of relief in Civil Litigation. It is not open to students who have completed Equity. We will be using a new casebook by Professors Bauman and York of the U.C.L.A. Law School.
4. Corporations, four units, and Agency and Partnership, two units, will supersede the Business Associations course. Either or both courses may be taken; neither is open to students who have completed Business Associations.
5. Criminal Law has been increased to four units to permit fuller coverage of Criminal Procedure. It will be offered in the second year of the Evening Curriculum; it will not be given in 1967-1968 in the Evening Division.

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### Required Courses.

The following courses in Group I are required for the LL.B. Degree and must be taken in the year indicated.

	Units	Year Required	
		Day	Evening
Constitution I	4	1	1
Contracts	6	1	1
Criminal Law Procedure	4	1	2
Property	6	1	2
Remedies	6	2	2
Constitutional Law	6	2	3
Writing and Research	2	1	1 or 2 (SS)
Legal Profession	2	1	Before graduation (SS)

In 1967 - 1968;

- (i) All Students who have completed one year in either the Day or Evening Division and have not yet taken Equity must take Remedies.
- (ii) All Students who have completed one year in the Day Division or two years in the Evening Division and have not yet taken Constitutional Law must take that course.

### III. Other Courses.

As previously stated, the final allocation of courses to groups and the determination of minimum unit values for each group, have not been finally set but the following table lists the courses which will be offered in 1967 - 68, the semester in which they will be offered, their unit value and current group allocation.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Day Courses are open to students who have completed their first year in that Division and all Evening Courses are open to students who have completed their first two years in that Division.

Course	Units	Semester & Division	Group	Comments
Corporations	4	F/S	D/E	B
Taxation I	4	F/S	D/E	B Note 1
Taxation II	2	F	D	B Note 1
Taxation III	2	S	E	B Note 1
Evidence	3	S	E	D Note 2
Trusts & Estates	5	F/S	D/E	B
Procedure II	6	F/S	D/E	B
Trade Regulation	4	F/S	D/E	B
Trade Regulation	2	F	D	C-2 Note 3
Trade Regulation	2	S	E	C-2 Note 3
Administrative Law	2	S	D	C-2 Note 3
Administrative Law	2	F	E	C-2 Note 3

Course	Units	Semester & Division	Group	Comments
Agency & Partnership	2	S	D/E	B
Conflict of Laws	3	S	D/E	B Note 4
Commercial Transactions	4	F/S	D/E	B
Jurisprudence	2	F	D	C-1 Note 5
Family Law	2	F	D/E	B
Community Property	2	S	D/E	B
Legal History	2	F or S	D	C-1 Note 5
Writing & Research III-2				
Legal History	2	S	E	C-1 Note 5
Writing & Research II	1-2		D	Note 6
Trial Practice	2-3	S	E	D Note 7
To be Announced	2	SS		Note 8

Note 1 - One taxation course will be required for the degree.

Note 2 - Pre-requisite, Completion of or current enrollment in Taxation I or special waiver by Instructor. If Taxation I is waived, this course will satisfy the Taxation requirement. Open to students in both Day and Evening Divisions.

Note 3 - At least 2 units are required in the "C-2" sub-category.

Note 4 - Limited to students who are in the last year of Law study.

Note 5 - At least 2 units are required in the "C-1" sub-category.

Note 6 - A special program limited to selected students in either Division who have completed one year of Law study. No set class time.

Note 7 - Open to students in both divisions who are in the last year of Law study.

Note 8 - One other course will be given in the Summer Session.

-John A. Gorfinkel, Dean-

### LIST OF CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION SUBJECTS

Required: Pleading (According to California Law)  
 Contracts  
 Property Torts  
 Conflict of Laws Corporations  
 Equity Evidence  
 Criminal Law Constitutional Law

Optional: In four of the five sessions, there are five questions, and the candidate is required to answer four; four of the questions are on subjects in the required list and the fifth on one of the following:

Trusts  
 Community Property (According to California Law)  
 Wills  
 Taxation

## LAW PLACEMENT CENTER PROGRESSES

The S.B.A. has established a Placement Center Committee headed by Richard Marshall. Recently the Committee sent letters to all Law School alumni asking their opinions on the Placement Center and whether or not they would make use of it if ultimately established. The response has showed much interest. Many indicated that they had positions available and would be interested in interviewing graduates. These positions were both in private practice and corporate practice.

Plans for expanding the survey are now in process. It is projected that by the end of the summer all Bay Area law firms will be contacted together with corporations and other businesses making use of lawyers. By the end of next year the Placement Center should be operating on a regional basis. To facilitate this, a placement brochure is being designed with the intention that it will be distributed to all prospective employers. The brochure will contain pictures of each graduate together with a short biography on each graduate.

The success of the Center depends on the full cooperation of students, alumni and administration. Graduating students are urged to complete forms to be supplied in order to take advantage of interviews. For further information, contact Richard Marshall or John Schneider.

## S.B.A. TO STUDY ACADEMIC CALENDAR

At a recent meeting of the S.B.A. it was suggested that the 1967-1968 schedule be revised in order to include a dead week before each set of exams, an Easter recess, a semester break, and a break between the end of finals and the beginning of the Summer Session.

Concern was expressed that this would necessitate extending the length of the school year approximately twelve days, thus limiting from four weeks to two the time between the end of the Summer Session and the beginning of the Fall Semester.

Before a definite resolution is drawn by the S.B.A. it is requested that students -- especially night students and prospective fourth year students -- comment on the proposal. Reactions may be placed in the CAVEAT box on the second floor. It is requested that students sign their reactions, designating their class and division.

## Gadfly

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

The new Law School curriculum has the looks of promise. It provides the much needed flexibility heretofore lacking. However, if it is the result of changes in the California Bar Examination it is unfortunate; unfortunate because it implies that law schools should gauge their curriculums to conform to bar examinations. Although we may have a peculiar situation in California where the Bar Examination serves in part to sift out graduates from our many unaccredited law schools, this should not impede the other law schools from developing their academic programs with independence and imagination. Bar Examinations should reflect these changes in the law schools and not vice-versa.

Be that as it may, this does not make the curriculum changes less welcome. While the program, of course, will be no better than the people who carry it out, it does appear to be well thought out. The list of required courses is minimal, and, with the exception of the Legal Profession course, hardly questionable. The new Remedies course stands out as a particularly exciting new addition. The (advanced) Writing and Research II course will provide, for a few at least, some badly needed writing experience. The lack of such legal writing experience is perhaps the greatest weakness of our present program -- and certainly that of a great many law schools. Writing and Research I currently provides very little meaningful or directed writing or research topped off with what is reputed to be a moot court. Hopefully, the attention of the faculty will find a target here.

Our Law School has made important progress in the last few years. It has been properly conservative and well planned and we are confident that this will continue. In the main, the new curriculum justifies this confidence.

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