

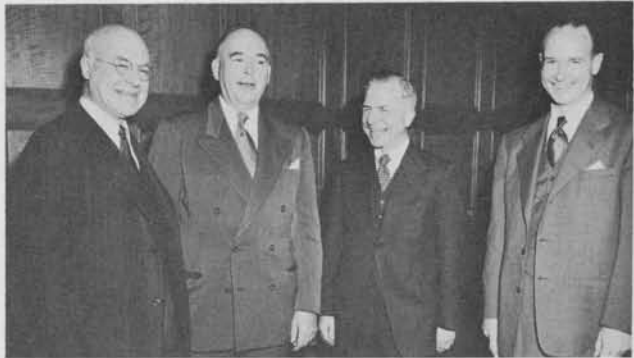
Law and Legal Education

Appropriately, the first of three conferences to honor the Fiftieth Anniversary of the University of Chicago Law School was on the subject "The Profession of Law and Legal Education." Held on December 4, 1952, the conference provided discussions of the numerous changes which have taken place in the organization of the Bar and legal education since the day when the first class entered The Law School.

The morning session, presided over by Law School Alumni Association President Glen A. Lloyd '23, dealt with three types of legal practice under the general heading "A Forward and Backward Glance at the Legal Profession." Charles P. Curtis, of Choate, Hall and Stewart of Boston, spoke on "The General Practitioner and the Specialist." The Assistant General Counsel of the Hercules Powder Company, Charles S. Maddock, reviewed "Present and Future Role of House Counsel," and J. Carlisle Pryor '10, of Clark, Pryor, Hale, Plock and Riley, Burlington, Iowa, discussed "The Small Law Firm."

The University's Chancellor, Dr. Lawrence A. Kimpton, presided at the luncheon session which was on the topic "The Lawyer as a Community Leader." Robert E. Mathews '20, Professor of Law, Ohio State University, and president of the Association of American Law Schools, spoke on "Legal Ethics and Responsible Leadership." Mr. Mathews in his introductory remarks struck an apt nostalgic note by claiming (and we are sure his claim is just) that he was the only man present who attended the cornerstone-laying ceremonies in 1902. As a boy Professor Shailer Mathews' son watched the workmen erect on the University quadrangles The Law School he was graduated from eighteen years later. The greetings of the American Bar Association were brought to the conference by its president, R. B. Storey of Dallas, Texas, who in a reversal of Professor Mathews' topic

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Left to right: Charles P. Curtis, J. Carlisle Pryor, Glen A. Lloyd '23, and Charles S. Maddock.



Robert McDougal '29 with a group of students at the dinner session of the conference on "The Profession of Law and Legal Education."



Robert E. Mathews '20, Chancellor Kimpton, R. B. Storey, and Laird Bell '08



Dean Erwin N. Griswold, Sheldon Tefft, and J. Carlisle Pryor



Left to right: Soia Mentschikoff, Aaron Director, and Talcott Parsons

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spoke on "Responsible Leadership and Legal Skills."

Soia Mentschikoff, Chicago's first distaff side law professor, presided at the afternoon session on "How Others See the Profession." Talcott Parsons, Professor of Sociology at Harvard University, spoke on "A Sociologist Views the Legal Profession." The bench was represented with "A Trial Judge Views the Profession" with the remarks of The Honorable John P. Barnes, District Judge, United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois. This multifaceted view of the legal profession was concluded with the paper "A Legal Historian Views the Growth of the Profession in the United States" by Professor James W. Hurst of the University of Wisconsin.

Dean Edward H. Levi presided at the after-dinner and concluding session of the all-day conference. It was a dean's evening. F. Champion Ward, Dean of the College of The University of Chicago discussed "The Liberal Arts and Legal Education," and Brainerd Currie, Dean of the School of Law, University of Pittsburgh (who joins our faculty next fall), spoke on "The Place of Law in the Liberal Arts College." The final speaker of the day was Erwin N. Griswold, Dean of the Law School of Harvard University, who presented a summation and forecast on "The Future of Legal Education."

The proceedings of the first Fiftieth Anniversary conference will be published shortly by The Law School.