

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW, founded in 1933 and published by the School, is written and managed by students. Students who submit promising drafts of comments in an annual writing competition, as well as students who rank highest in scholarship upon completion of their first year, are invited to become candidates for election to the *Review* staff. In recent years, over 20 per cent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to participate on the *Review*. From these groups, the managing board and associate editors are chosen. Students who are not invited at the end of the first year but who later write comments that are accepted for publication in the *Review* may be asked to join the staff.

THE HINTON MOOT-COURT COMMITTEE conducts a two-year program in appellate advocacy. The program, open to all second- and third-year students, uses actual cases to provide students with instruction and experience in the arts of brief writing and oral argument. Hinton Competition judges are chosen from the faculty of the Law School, practicing attorneys, and judges in state and federal courts. Student counsel and Hinton judges discuss the case and counsel's performance at informal receptions following each argument. Judges for the final argument of the third-year Hinton Competition in 1973 were Mr. Justice Harry Blackmun, Supreme Court of the United States; The Honorable Harold Leventhal, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit; and The Honorable Wade H. McCree, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.

THE MANDEL LEGAL AID ASSOCIATION is the organization through which students participate in the work of the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, a branch office of the Legal Aid Bureau of Chicago located in the Law School. The Clinic renders legal assistance to indigent persons in the community adjacent to the University and handles approximately 4,000 cases per year. Seventy students selected for membership in the Association conduct weekly office hours in the Clinic and, under the guidance of the director and staff of six full-time attorneys, assume responsibility for the cases of the clients who are interviewed. Under Illinois law third-year students in the Clinic are authorized to appear on behalf of clients in the state courts. The program is intended to complement the academic study of law with experience in interviewing clients, investigating facts, dealing with adverse parties, and participating in court proceedings. In addition it seeks to acquaint students with the legal problems encountered by individuals and groups in an inner-city community; part of the program of the Association is directed toward identify-

ing and pursuing generally applicable remedies, such as test cases on recurrent problems that may alleviate the conditions giving rise to individual legal difficulties. The Clinic operates on a year-round basis, and ten second-year students are hired each summer to carry on the case load. During 1973-74, it is expected that an additional 40 students from the Law School will become involved in the Woodlawn Criminal Defense Service Project which is affiliated with the Clinic. The law students will join ten students from the University's School of Social Service Administration in providing legal representation and social services to indigent criminal defendants and their families under the direction of four attorneys and four social workers. The Director of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic is Gary H. Palm, Assistant Professor of Law.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY provides interested students with an opportunity to explore the developing legal areas of pollution abatement, land-use management, and population growth control. During the last four years the Society has published a monthly newsletter, *Illinois Environmental Law*, which has had broad circulation both in and outside the state. In 1972-73 the Society organized a series of environmental seminars titled the Compleat Environmental Lawyer. Attendance ranged between 50 and 70 students, and nearly the entire Law School faculty participated. Each professor varied the theme of his or her seminar to emphasize the environmental concerns in a particular area of the law. The Society has also been active in developing summer and permanent job opportunities in the environmental law field.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL STUDENT ASSOCIATION is composed of the entire student body and is affiliated with the American Law Student Association, a national organization sponsored by the American Bar Association. The Student Association sponsors a variety of social and extracurricular programs throughout the year, including weekly faculty-student luncheons, coffee hours, speaker programs, and athletic events. Other student activities at the Law School include the Douglas Inn of Phi Delta Phi, a national legal fraternity, which maintains a program of professional and social activities for its student membership; the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, which provides field and research assistance in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and poverty law for community organizations and members of the bar and assists in a summer program in which students are placed in positions with private attorneys, legal aid groups, or community organizations in both the North and the South; the Black American Law Student Association, a local chapter of a national organization designed to promote the interests of black students in law schools; and the Law Women's Caucus, which was created to explore the role of women in law.