Neal Appointed Dean

On January 8, 1963, George Wells Beadle, President of the University, announced the appointment of Phil C. Neal as sixth Dean of the Law School.

Dean Neal was born in Chicago, in 1919, and grew up in the western suburb of Oak Park. In 1940, he received the Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, from Harvard University, and in 1943, the LL.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School. While in college he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to the Presidency of the Student Council. In Law School he became President of the *Harvard Law Review*, an unusually happy association, since Miss Mary Cassidy, then secretary to the *Review*, subsequently became Mrs. Neal.

A Glimpse of the Supreme Court at Work

*The Seventh Ernst Freund Lecture*

*By the Honorable John M. Harlan*

Associate Justice, The Supreme Court of the United States

Apart from the honor of being asked to deliver a paper under a lectureship bearing the revered name of Ernst Freund, there are two other reasons why I was especially pleased to accept the invitation of the former Dean of this Law School to address you. One is that this School numbers among its faculty or alumni not a few of our Court’s most distinguished Law Clerks of the past, and that the School’s annual *Supreme Court Review*, edited by Professor Kurland, ranks high among the annual critiques of our Court’s work. The other, and more personal, reason is that your invitation brings me back to the city of my

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Dean Neal greets Ward J. Farnsworth, JD’58, as Walter T. Fisher, ’17, Assistant Dean James M. Ratcliffe, JD’50, look on.

At the dinner which preceded his Freund Lecture, Mr. Justice Harlan talks with Professor Kenneth Davis, the Honorable Walter V. Schaefer, JD’28, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and Chairman of the Law School Visiting Committee, and Mrs. George W. Beadle, wife of the President of the University.
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Upon graduation from Law School, Dean Neal served for two years as law clerk to Mr. Justice Jackson, of the United States Supreme Court. He then entered private practice in San Francisco, and was associated with the firm of Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro when, in 1948, he became Associate Professor of Law at Stanford University. He became a full professor in 1954, and continued to teach at Stanford until his appointment as Professor of Law at The University of Chicago Law School beginning with the academic year 1961-62.

Dean Neal’s principal fields of interest are Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Anti-Trust Law.

In 1945, he served briefly with the State Department as a member of the Secretariat which, under the auspices of the International Conference of Jurists, drafted a proposed plan for a new International Court of Justice. He was also...
a member of the International Secretariat at the conference in San Francisco, in 1945, at which the United Nations was established.

Currently, he is serving as executive secretary for the Co-ordinating Committee for Multiple Litigation of the United States District Courts. This Committee is concerned with the co-ordination of 1,962 civil actions pending before thirty-three U.S. District Courts and arising out of the electrical equipment price-fixing cases.

Mr. Neal was also selected to write the fifth volume of the History of the United States Supreme Court; the Congress has commissioned the History utilizing funds from the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise.

The Dean and Mrs. Neal have four sons: Richard C., 15; Stephen C., 13; Timothy B., 9; and Andrew G., 6. They live in the University community, at 4825 Woodlawn.

His distinguished predecessors were Joseph H. Beale, who was Dean from 1902 until 1904; James Parker Hall, 1905-1922; Harry A. Bigelow, 1930-1940; Wilber G. Katz, 1940-1950; and Edward H. Levi, 1950-1963.

In announcing the appointment of the new Dean, President Beadle said: “Since its beginnings sixty years ago, the Law School has brought together a rigorous professional education with the most thoughtful scholarly inquiry and the most imaginative research. Under Dean Levi, this tradition has been greatly enriched. The Faculty has been enlarged, diversified, and strengthened, and its research contributions widened. The student body has grown within the limitations necessary for the University’s standards of excellence. A magnificent law center has been erected for the School. Closer relationships have been established with the Bar and the Bench, which have brought the American Bar Association headquarters to the Midway, and actual courtroom deliberations to the School.

Professor Neal takes over one of the nation’s top-ranking law schools. He has the wide-ranging intellectual qualities, the credentials of scholarly and professional excellence and the capacity for leadership that will create a record of new achievement for the Law School.”

The Rieser Society

The Record is pleased to announce the formation of the Rieser Society of The University of Chicago Law School. The purpose of the Society is to encourage and facilitate the exchange of views among those associated with the Law School, members of other Faculties of the University, and their students, on a wide variety of topics that have a bearing on law or that impinge on the learning or work of lawyers.

To this end, the Society at various times throughout the year will meet to be addressed informally by and engage in discussion with a member of some other department of the University.

The membership of the Society consists of all members of the Law School Faculty, students of the Law School who will be selected by the Faculty and invited to attend particular sessions thought to be of special interest to them, and guests invited to participate in the sessions.

The Society has been named after the late Leonard Rieser, a prominent Chicago attorney, who took a personal interest in the affairs of the Law School, and in the education of law students. The formation and continued operation of the Society was made possible through a fund endowed by Mr. Rieser’s family and friends.

At the first meeting of the society, in February, Arnold Harberger, Professor of Economics at The University of Chicago, discussed the tax cut and tax reform proposals of the Administration. John P. Roche, Professor of Politics at Brandeis University, and Visiting Professor of Political Science at The University of Chicago, discussed civil liberties in modern America at the Society’s second meeting, in April.