National Moot-Court Competition

This year The Law School team won second-place honors in the third annual National Inter-Law School Moot-Court Competition. Sponsored by the Committee on Junior Bar Activities of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the competition was extended to sixty-two law schools, with fifteen schools participating in the final rounds and the winning place going to Georgetown University Law School.

The Chicago participants were Jean Allard of Trenton, Missouri; George B. Beall, of Dallas, Texas; and Paul N. Wenger, Jr., of West Hartford, Connecticut. The issue before the Moot Supreme Court was the validity of a state law prohibiting aliens ineligible to become citizens from owning land within the state. Chicago, defending the validity of the law, defeated Western Reserve in the preliminary round, the University of Arizona in the second round, and Vanderbilt in the semifinals.

Judges in the final round were: Mr. Justice Stanley F.

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Alumni News

JOHN A. JOHNSON, JD '40, is now general counsel to the Department of the Air Force. Mr. Johnson came to the Law School from De Pauw University, where he received his A.B. An Alpha Delt while at Chicago, he also was a member of the Law School Bar Association and the Barristers Club. Upon graduation he joined the legal department of the Burlington Railroad. He subsequently was in the Division of Internal Security Affairs of the Department of State. His wife, the former Harriet Nelson, received her A.B. from the University in 1939.

The West Publishing Company has recently issued Federal Administrative Law by Urban A. Lavery, '10. The former managing editor of the American Bar Association Journal has compiled a reference study covering the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946, an evaluation and appraisal of the major agencies in the federal government and a critique of administrative rule making.

Patrick Donovan, who was a Bigelow Fellow in 1949-50, has been appointed Professor of Commercial Law at Melbourne, Australia.

The Ekco Foundation, headed by Benjamin A. Ragir '36 of Ekco Products Company, has es
New Faces of 1953

Five new appointments of The University of Chicago Law School were announced in January by Dean Edward H. Levi.

Leading the list is Brainerd Currie, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh Law School. A visiting professor at The Law School during the past summer, Mr. Currie is an authority in the field of conflict of laws. He received his Bachelor's degree and Bachelor of Laws degree from Mercer University and a Master of Laws degree from Columbia in 1941. He was admitted to practice in Georgia in 1935 and practiced with the firm of Park and Strozier in Macon. From 1946 to 1949 he was Associate Professor of Law at Duke University and from 1949 to 1952 Professor of Law at the University of California at Los Angeles. A former editor of Law and Contemporary Problems and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Legal Education, Mr. Currie will join our faculty in the Summer Quarter, 1953.

Philip Kurland, who presently holds the rank of Associate Professor of Law at Northwestern University Law School, also will join the Chicago Faculty this summer. A law clerk to Judge Jerome Frank in 1944-45 and to Justice Felix Frankfurter in 1945-46, Kurland practiced in New York City from 1947 to 1950. An authority in the fields of procedure and federal jurisdiction, Kurland taught at the University of Indiana Law School before joining the Northwestern faculty.

Hans Zeisel, whose appointment as Professor of Law and Sociology became effective on January 1, was formerly director of research for the Tea Bureau, Inc. A co-founder of the Institute of Psychological Market Research at the University of Vienna, Zeisel received his law degree from the University of Vienna and practiced law in Vienna until 1937. Since coming to the United States he has taught economics and statistics at Rutgers University and Columbia University, served as a chief consultant to the United States War Department, and held the positions of chairman on the Committee on Research Techniques of the American Marketing Association and vice-president of the Market Research Council of New York.

Two assistant deans have been added to the Law School. Mr. Jo Desha Lucas came to the Law School this year as a Bigelow Teaching Fellow. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar last year after receiving his Master's degree in law at Columbia University Law School. A graduate of Syracuse University, he also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University. Mr. Lucas has been appointed Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean, replacing Mr. Sims Carter as Dean of Students.

Mr. James M. Ratcliffe, who is now Assistant Dean and Director of Placement, holds two degrees from the University of Chicago. He received his A.B. from the College in 1946 and his J.D. from the Law School in 1950, in which year he was admitted to the Illinois Bar. In addition to his responsibilities in the Placement Office, he will work with the Alumni Association in its programs.

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Reed; The Honorable John J. Parker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; The Honorable Leslie Knox Munro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for New Zealand; The Honorable Stanley H. Fulc, Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York; The Honorable David W. Peck, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, New York; and The Honorable Bethuel M. Webster, President, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

The Chicago contestants, as runners-up, were individually presented with copies of Restatement of the Law; and for presenting the best brief in the competition the Chicago team got a year's subscription to Shepards for Illinois. Jean Allard, for presenting the second-best oral argument, was presented with a copy of Uniform Laws Annotated.

The Chicago team was the guest at lunch at White and Case, and Sidney Davis '42 gave the near-winners a consolation luncheon on the day after.

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