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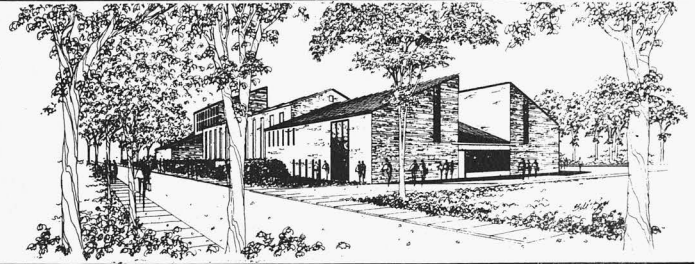
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# AMICUS



## Notes from the Dean

The Law School Resource Allocation Report, discussed at some length in the first issue of the AMICUS, has now been reviewed by the University committee responsible for reviewing this and similar documents prepared by the other schools and colleges and support units located on the Boulder Campus. The findings of the committee have now been reported to the chancellor, and those relevant to the Law School read as follows:

"The Law School appears to be well directed, purposeful, and aware of its place in the profession. Its enrollment is tailored to the number of faculty, rather than to any demands of the job market. The faculty is young, the fields appear to be reasonably well covered, and the teaching loads are comparable to the campus average.

"The Committee was impressed with the funding goal and critical needs enumerated systematically in the Law School's Program Review Report. It finds itself unable, however, to assess the priority of these needs as compared to those of other programs at this time."

These findings were unchanged from an earlier tentative report of the committee. In responding to the earlier document I expressed deep disappointment in the fact that the committee found the Law School's funding needs to be both critical and well documented, but at the same time found itself unable to recommend an appropriate response to those needs. The committee did not recommend that further study of the Law School be conducted, apparently having concluded that the school's report was a thorough evaluation.

The committee was asked by the chancellor to propose a priority for its various recommendations concerning reallocation and other actions in making its final report. The committee did so, but only in a general way, and assigned roughly middle priority to the

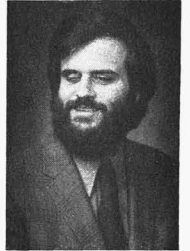
Law School. We will keep you advised as the process of implementation occurs.

One part of the committee's general findings, by the way, is not wholly accurate. Enrollment in the Law School is not "tailored to the number of faculty, rather than to any demands of the job market." In fact we are still receiving at least eight or nine applications for admission for each seat in our entering class, and since the building additions were completed, could in fact house a student body of about 550. In 1974 we made an agreement with the University administration to hold enrollment at about 450, in part because of the tightening of the job market and in part because we felt that additional faculty and other resources would be essential before any expansion could occur.

As we begin a new academic year, I do so with a strong sense of the history and continuity of the Law School. That mood is sharpened by the recent death of Robert L. Stearns, who served the school as dean for six years during the 1930s and went on to lead the University as its president until 1953. It is certainly heightened by the passing of Bertha Black, who served

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## Tom Spiliotis



Tom Spiliotis, a third-year law student graduating December 1977 from the University of Colorado Law School, is gaining some fame in "contract negotiations" outside the Law School. Tom, beyond his busy academic schedule and responsibilities as president of his second- and third-year classes, has found the time to become an accomplished musician-vocalist. In early August he recorded in New York a song to be released in January 1978 on a still to be determined label.

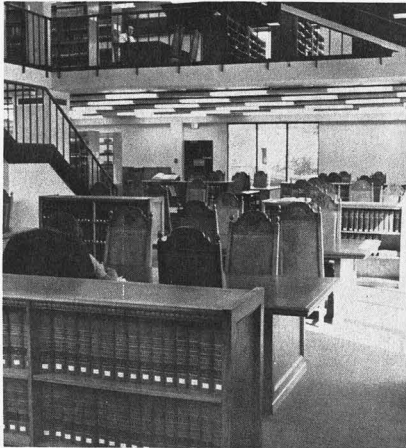
Tom plays keyboard instruments and composes his own music, which he labels "primarily mellow rock." His stage name is Tom Otis. What makes all of these accomplishments more impressive is that Tom has been blind from the age of five. Tom came to our law school from the Bronx, New York. Boulder is now home to Tom and his family.



Students and faculty alike struggle in July and August heat to complete flagstone "Western addition" to Law School. The patio is a gift from the 1977 graduating class to be used for Law School social gatherings.

# Feature: Law Library

The area's leading center for legal research is faced with a hard look at priorities because of a reduced budget for 1977-78. That's the picture of the University of Colorado Law Library presented by Oscar J. Miller, law librarian.



The Law Library provides vital research resources not only to students and faculty at the Law School, local attorneys, and the judiciary, but to others throughout the state and surrounding states. The library's holdings of approximately 143,000 volumes include all state codes, state and federal statutes, national encyclopedias, complete national reporter systems, and U.S. Supreme Court records and briefs on microfiche. The library faculty and staff is proud of its ability to serve the legal community as well as the Law School faculty and students. "Our primary mission is to provide support for the instructional program of the Law School . . . a working laboratory for legal research. Our secondary mission should be to serve the needs for legal research materials of the legal profession and the judiciary of the State of Colorado," Professor Miller says.

The library's services are housed in a beautiful physical setting, the result of an extensive renovation and expansion project completed in 1974. And up to now the library has been constantly upgrading its service by hiring additional people (two new full-time faculty members in the past year) and by its acquisitions program, adding 3,667 volumes during 1976-77.

The other side of this optimistic picture, however, is the cut by the legislature of the University Library System's basic state appropriation. For the fiscal year 1977-78 the net book budget for our Law Library will be \$97,000. Current upkeep costs alone

exceed that figure. According to Oscar Miller, "Our problem of sufficient financial support has been with us for several years; unfortunately we have now reached the point where corrective action is necessary." Professor Miller and his staff have begun a thorough study of expenses, and have recommended corrective methods, also requesting faculty input on the problem. Inflation has hit the book business too, so shifts in book and periodical purchases will probably be necessary next year.

There is a way that state appropriations to the library can be supplemented. A law passed in 1974 allows universities to augment their funds with private donations without having them deducted from the state appropriation. As Professor Miller says, "In view of the declining level of support received from the state . . . if the Law Library is to maintain its quality collections, a considerable increase in private donor funds will be required." In the annual giving campaign for alumni, a special option will permit you to designate your contribution for the Law Library.

"We would like to maintain a high resource center serving a broad and diverse clientele. . . . The favorable comments of many patrons attest to the quality of the book collections and the outstanding physical facilities. . . . Our goal is to provide the best possible service within our capabilities." These comments reflect Professor Miller's proud and optimistic outlook for the future. There is no doubt that the Law Library is an asset to the Law School and to the state. It is up to all of us, as potential private donors, to see that these goals are met. Oscar Miller invites your comments, suggestions, and constructive criticism.

## Have You Heard?

**Clement R. (Ron) Lucero** ('76) has been named to a three-year term on the Colorado State Electrical Board by Governor Richard Lamm.

**Guy Richard Martin** ('67) is now Assistant U.S. Secretary of the Interior for Land and Water Resources. He and his wife, the former Nancy Sand (one-time Legal Aid secretary), have moved to Washington, D.C., from their former home in Juneau, Alaska, where he had been serving that state as Natural Resources Commissioner. U.S. Senator Mike Gravel, in announcing the appointment, said Martin "has had more responsibility in oil and gas than anybody in the U.S. except Frank Zarb."

**Michael A. Obermeyer** ('72) will become Adams County's (Colorado) fifth county court judge when he assumes his duties in September. He formerly served as an assistant county attorney, and as city prosecutor for the city of Northglenn, where he lives with his wife, Judy, and their two children, Carrie (13) and Mark (9).

**Joan Brett** ('75) has established her practice in Boulder. Lately Joan has been involved in two cases of note before the Colorado Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court involving attorney's fees in a security deposit-landlord/tenant case and equal protection issues related to girl's soccer in the high schools.

**John E. Clough** ('60) has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The college is a national association which seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, administration of justice, and the ethics of the trial branch of the profession. Membership is by invitation. John is a partner in the Denver firm, White and Steele.

**Charles L. Sisk** ('69) was recently appointed Boulder County's first public administrator. He is partner in the Boulder firm, Hurth, Yeager and Sisk.

### HELP! . . .

We have lost contact with a number of our Law School alumni and plan to list several of these in issues of AMICUS, hoping to update our records. We would appreciate any information regarding the following persons:

Name	Graduating Class
McCleary, Henry Gose	1971
Richards, William G.	1964
Olsen, Theodore Peter	1963
Simpson, Stephen Wm.	1962
Smith, Maurits Van	1959
LaPeire, Edwin A.	1953
Gatti, George Leonard	1953
Tally, Paul R.	1952
Mitchell, William	1952
Romanick, John	1951
Goggin, Joseph J.	1951
Cooper, William F.	1951

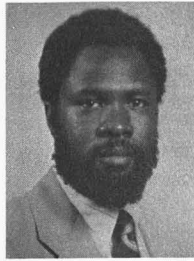
## Visitors Welcome

Law Alumni are welcome visitors to the Fleming Law Building. If you let us know you are coming we will arrange to have faculty, staff, or students to give you a tour through the Law School. Whenever possible, we would arrange to have current faculty members you wish to visit with available at the time of your visit. Call the assistant dean, (303) 492-8047, for arrangements.

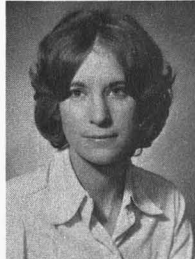
# New Faculty



Roxanne Bailin



Henry Ramsey



Kathryn Porter Reimer

Roxanne Bailin joined the staff of the Legal Aid and Defender Program on July 1, 1977, as a Staff Attorney/Visiting Lecturer in the civil program. She received a B.A. *cum laude* in anthropology from the University of Chicago and holds a Juris Doctor from New York University, where she was Book Review Editor of the *Review of Law and Social Change*.

Ms. Bailin brings to the clinic her experience and background gained in three years with Colorado Rural Legal Services in Trinidad, Colorado, where her special interests were in administrative law, real estate law, health law, and housing. She looks forward to the change and challenge of working in the Law School.

Henry Ramsey joins our faculty this fall as a visiting professor from the University of California School of Law, Berkeley. Mr. Ramsey received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Riverside and his LL.B. degree at Berkeley. He served as Deputy District Attorney, Contra Costa County, California, 1964-65, and has been teaching at Berkeley since 1971 after six years of private practice. He was a member of the Berkeley City Council and a Commissioner, Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission for the State of California. Henry has moved to Boulder with his family for the academic year.

Kathryn Porter Reimer joined our faculty as a visiting lecturer in the spring of 1976 and continues in this

capacity teaching Wills and Trusts, and Federal Estate and Gift Taxation. Kathy is a graduate of Stanford University, B.S. in chemistry. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver in 1974. While a student, she was a law clerk for and later an associate with the firm of Dawson, Nagel, Sherman and Howard, 1974-76. She served as editor of *The Denver Law Journal* in 1973. Kathy resides in Boulder with her husband, Drew, and her one-year-old daughter, Tara Ann.

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as secretary and later administrative assistant to a succession of deans and acting deans from 1959 until her death this past August.

Both of these people will long be remembered, and honored in the memory, but an interesting contrast in the life of the school is presented by the arrival this fall, as every year, of the entering class. These young people, at once eager, enthusiastic about studying law, and slightly terrified at the prospect, together with the young faculty members who join us from time to time, constitute that recurrent infusion of new ideas which help to keep the Law School growing, changing, and responsive to the society. In between these past contributions and new perspectives, of course, are the older faculty members whose experience, sometimes abetted and sometimes opposed by returning students, gives a measure of stability and constancy to the process of growth.

Alumni have a special and highly important role to play in this process. We are always glad to hear from you individually and directly. If you prefer you may also speak or write to officers and directors of the Law Alumni Board, and their names are listed elsewhere in this issue of the AMICUS.

During the coming year the Committee on Legal Education and Admissions of the Colorado Bar will be conducting a sample survey of the opinions of Colorado lawyers about various aspects of legal education. Approximately 10 percent of Colorado lawyers will be asked to fill out a questionnaire for this purpose, and of course many of the six or seven hundred lawyers thus surveyed will be alumni of the Law School. This presents an excellent opportunity for us to hear your views in a fairly comprehensive way. Of course the validity of the survey will depend heavily on

the number of lawyers who respond, and I urge you, if you are one of the persons invited to participate, to take the modest amount of time which will be required to complete and return this questionnaire. Your views, in combination with the views of faculty and students, can help us to give the Law School a strength founded in diversity, responsive to new needs while preserving the time-tested values and methods of legal education.

I sometimes am able to thank individual alumni for their efforts. I welcome this opportunity to tell all of our graduates how much we appreciate your interest and support, and that we recognize the importance of the role you play.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Law Alumni Breakfast at the Broadmoor on October 15, and at Homecoming in Boulder on October 29. Please join us.

Courtland H. Peterson  
Dean

## Homecoming

Homecoming, 1977, promises to be an exciting weekend with unpredictable Missouri facing the tough Colorado Buffs. For the Law School Alumni, several events are planned. There will be an Open House at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday which will feature the presentation to the Law School of a portrait of P.I. Folsom, long-time teacher at the Law School and university football coach, which was commissioned by his son, Fred G. Folsom, Jr. ('38), and painted by his grandson, Fred G. Folsom, III. At 11:00 a.m. meet fellow alumni and present students at the SBA-sponsored Bratwurst Brunch, which will take place at the newly dedicated patio located at the west end of the Fleming Law Building. The football game at 1:30 will be followed by a reception at the Law School. We would be greatly pleased to have you join us.

## Enrollment Profile

The largest first-year class in three years, 154 students, was chosen from 1,333 applicants. In addition to considering the undergraduate grade-point average and the Law School Admission Test score, the Admissions Committee considered other factors such as trend in transcript, character and difficulty of applicant's academic program, letters of recommendation, and significant experiences of the applicant. Of the 154 first-year students, 103 are

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# Placement: Career Development

Some prospective employers of law graduates and law students ask the student to disclose his or her score on the entrance exam to law school (the Law School Admission Test, or LSAT), and this is a matter of increasing concern to placement offices.

Students who have achieved a good law school record are understandably reluctant to have a one-day test, designed principally to *predict* how they will perform in law school, play any significant role in their evaluation for a job.

As the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council, which administers the LSAT, points out, "A forecast, after the forecasted event has passed, should have little more than historical significance. . . . Law school grades reflect faculty assessment of a law student's relative skills, insights and abilities. These assessments are, by definition, more current than LSAT scores and are based upon a greater quantum of data."

The Placement Office hopes that alumni considering our graduates will understand that the Law School, unlike many institutions, has maintained traditional grading and class ranking systems. It would seem that students who have achieved good records here are entitled to be judged by these criteria.

# Law Alumni Board of Directors 77-78

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# Financially Speaking

## Did you know?

- That the Law School has awarded over 100 private scholarships in the amount of tuition and fees totaling more than \$65,000 over the last three years (July 1974-June 1977).
- That the average yearly income from endowment funds and private gifts for scholarships since 1974 is \$23,624.59.
- That over the same period more than 300 student loans (short-term and long-term) have been awarded from Law School private loan funds totaling \$78,912.98.
- That of \$11,874 in long-term loans (full payment due two years after graduation at 5 percent interest) awarded to law students since 1974, \$5,588 is in suspense or past due on payment. This means that almost 50 percent of long-term loan funds awarded are in default. We may have to discontinue our long-term student loan program temporarily until more principal payments are made.
- That state financial aid to Law School students has been progressively reduced from a total of \$157,000 in 1972-73 to approximately \$93,000 (including the minority allocation) for the upcoming academic year 1977-78. This direction toward eliminating state scholarship funds for professional schools (medicine, dentistry, law, etc.) is recommended by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. The reason given is that since the professional schools have greater numbers of applications for admission than they have openings, they have no need for state scholarship funds to attract highly qualified students. It is also assumed that professional school graduates will shortly begin to earn high salaries.
- That the result of the reduced state aid is that a greater burden for meeting the needs of students is placed on our limited private scholarship and loan funds. In light of this situation your contributions have greater significance and continue to be deeply appreciated.

# enrollment

men (67%) and 51 are women (33%), 108 residents (70%) and 46 nonresidents (30%). Averages for the new fall group were a GPA of 3.45 and an LSAT score of 648.

# In Memoriam

## BERTHA BLACK

The tragic and untimely death of Bertha Black on August 5, 1977, has diminished all of us at the Law School who have known and loved her for many years. Bertha began as a secretary in the Office of the Dean in February 1959, during the time Ed King was dean, then became secretary to former dean John W. Reed in 1966, and served as administrative assistant to Don Sears when he held the position of dean. She also served in that capacity with Acting Dean Arthur Travers and with Dean Courtland Peterson from 1974. Bertha received the Robert L. Stearns Award in 1974. She was long active in church and community work.

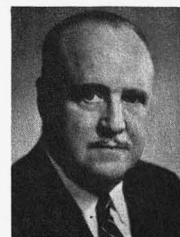
This brief biographical data does not begin to tell the kind of person Bertha was. A loving wife and mother, she was also loyal and dedicated to the Law School. We will not forget her genuine affection for students, faculty, and alumni, nor her deep feeling for the University and her unfailing good spirits under pressure and adversity. Her husband, Russell, her daughters, and her many friends can be comforted by the sure knowledge that Bertha made a difference. She was truly invaluable.

## ROBERT LAWRENCE STEARNS

Dr. Stearns died on July 31, 1977, at his home in Denver, at the age of 84, after a lengthy illness. He was acting dean of the School of Law from 1931 to 1933, dean from 1935 to 1939, and was also a former president of the University. Survivors include his wife, Amy, four daughters, a sister, and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Stearns lives at 918 Race Street, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the CU Foundation, Inc., or to St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver.



Bertha Black



Robert L. Stearns

# Awards

## Order of the Coif

The top 14 graduating seniors were chosen for membership in the Order of the Coif. They are Mary Leth White of Boulder; Marty Collins of Lincoln, Nebraska; Gary Peterson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Greg Signer of Granby; Dave Scott of Denver; Roger Cox of Hastings, Nebraska; John Steinkamp of Boulder; Alec Rolle of Los Angeles, California; Harvey Curtis of Hedrick, Iowa; Hal Morris of Boulder; Daphne Throne of Boulder; Donna Reed of Boulder; Nick Massaro of Glenwood Springs; and Roger Morris of Wheaton, Illinois.

## King Award

Curtis C. Ridling of Santa Barbara, California, has been chosen to receive the Edward C. King award for outstanding leadership and achievement.

## Storke Scholars

The following students, the top five students in the first-year class at the end of their first semester, have been named Storke scholars: Barbara Nay, Vicki Sharpe, Mary Ann Clark, Cynthia Cederberg, and Anne Lewis.

## Law Review

The following third-year students have been chosen as the officers of the *Law Review*: David Steefel, editor-in-chief; Dennett Hutchinson, Managing Editor; Jan Holladay, article editor; Andrea Bloom, comment editor; Bruce Downsborough, casenote editor; and Herrick Lidstone, business manager.

# Faculty Notes

**Albert Alschuler** spoke to the Conference on Determinate Sentencing at the University of California Law School at Berkeley last June. His paper, "Sentencing Reform and Prosecutorial Power: A Critique of Recent Proposals for 'Fixed' and 'Presumptive' Sentencing," will be published in the January 1978 issue of the University of Pennsylvania *Law Review*.

**Clifford Calhoun** is a member of a subcommittee of the Colorado Bar Association investigating possible revision of the Colorado mechanics lien statute.

**Marianne Cantrick** delivered a talk on "Contracts and the Marital Relation" at a CLE conference on "Topics in Family Law" in June. Mimi is also a member of the boards of directors of

the Boulder Valley Clinic, a non-profit women's health organization, and the Colorado Bar Association's bar office for the mentally disabled.

**Don Carmichael** and **Skip Chase** will be visiting at the University of Puget Sound Law School during the 1977-78 academic year. Professor Carmichael's leave is for the full academic year; Professor Chase's for the fall semester.

**Homer Clark** published a supplement to the second edition of his *Cases on Domestic Relations* (West Publishing Co.) during the summer of 1977.

**David E. Engdahl**, formerly of our faculty, has received a visiting appointment to the faculty of the University of Denver College of Law to teach in its natural resources program. He will continue his work as an assistant attorney general of Colorado and chief legal counsel to Colorado's seventeen universities, colleges, and junior colleges.

**Ted Fiflis** published the second edition of his casebook, *Accounting for Business Lawyers* (West Publishing Co.), with Homer Kripke in July 1977. Professor Fiflis has also been named chairman of the section on business law of the Association of American Law Schools.

**Dennis Hynes** is preparing a chapter on Colorado real estate brokerage and agency law for the projected multi-volume treatise on Colorado real property law to be published by Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc.

**Zdenek Krystufek's** paper, "Socialism and Democracy," presented at the 1975 World Congress on Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, has been published in *Equality and Freedom*, Gray Dorsey ed., 1977.

**Oscar Miller** will be on sabbatical leave during the fall semester 1977.

**William Rentfro** was recently reappointed to the National Advisory Committee to the Labor Arbitration Services branch of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, D.C.

**Murray Richtel** has been appointed a district court judge for Boulder.

**Don Sears** is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, which sponsored a Conference on the Future and the Law at Keystone, September 22-25, 1977.

**Norton Steuben** met in Denver in July with Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal and others at the secretary's invitation to discuss the subject of income tax reform.

**Arthur Travers** spoke to the Wyoming Bar Association in September on the "Hearsay Provisions of the Federal Rules of Evidence."

**Michael Waggoner's** article, "Eliminating the Capital Gains Preference, Part I: The Problems of Inflation, Bunching, and Lock-In," was published in Vol. 48 of the *Colorado Law Review*.

**Stephen Williams's** article, "Subjectivity, Expression, and Privacy: Problems of Aesthetic Regulation," will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Minnesota Law Review*.

# Schedule of Events

## Fall/Winter 1977-78

October 7-8	Class of '52 Reunion
October 8	CLE: Colorado Practice Institute
October 15	Colorado Bar Breakfast
October 17	3:00 Rothgerber Competition Finals
October 22	CLE: Constitutional Law
October 29	10:00 Open House: Unveiling of P.I. Folsom Portrait 11:00 SBA Brunch 1:30 Homecoming (Colorado vs Missouri) Post-Game Reception at Law School
November 25, 26, 27	Thanksgiving Vacation
November 30 through December 3	Registration for Spring Semester
December 18	First Day of Winter Vacation
January 17	Spring Classes Begin
March 21-26	Spring Vacation

# Faculty Profile



Don Sears



Bill Rentfro

Don Sears has seen many changes during his years at the Law School—but the basic relationship between faculty and students has remained the same. “Teaching on a personal level,” is the way he describes it. Naturally, Professor Sears says, that becomes more difficult as class size grows. He remembers that the entire enrollment in 1959 was about the same size as the 1977-78 first-year class.

Don Sears’s career at the University of Colorado Law School began in 1950. He had received his J.D. with honors from Ohio State University after serving with the 8th Armored Division under General Patton during World War II. He was in private practice with a Toledo, Ohio, law firm for two years prior to joining our faculty. Professor Sears is now the senior member of the Law School faculty. He says he has had five or six students in class whose fathers he also taught, and he has “mixed feelings” about that.

Sears was dean of the Law School from 1968 to 1973, when he was instrumental in getting funds from the legislature to complete renovation and new construction on the Law School building, finally finished in 1974. For his work in the planning of this project, and other service, he received the University Recognition Medal from the Regents at commencement exercises in 1975. He also received the Associated Alumni Robert L. Stearns Award in 1967.

Don Sears has chaired almost every committee within the Law School, many on the University campus, and in state and federal government. He served for several years on the Colorado Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, but resigned when he saw the draft of their report, which he says “criticized unfairly the policies of minority faculty recruitment and curricular offerings of our Law School.”

Sears has been very active in labor arbitration work, and was the first member of the Rocky Mountain area to be elected to the National Academy of Arbitrators. He has edited and co-authored several labor law books. His other committee work includes mem-

bership on the Colorado Supreme Court Grievance Committee. He has been a member of the Colorado Bar Ethics Committee since its beginning about 20 years ago, and is a past president of the Boulder County Bar Association.

Professor Sears and his wife have five children, including twins, and are grandparents. Four of the children are teachers, and one is a lawyer.

Don Sears’s running abilities are well known at the Law School. He is an avid jogger, now running about 20-25 miles a week, and his personal goal is a 1,000-mile year. He’s been running for about 20 years, but insists, modestly, that “Frank Shorter isn’t losing any sleep over my competition!”

Sears’s message to alumni is that they have reason to be proud of their school. He says the “tremendous reservoir of good will between faculty and students here” was particularly evident during the tumultuous 1960s. The faculty have given many outside hours to supervise the writing of office memoranda and appellate briefs and arguments, which are so important in preparing for a career in law. “I’m very proud of the emphasis we put on personal attention to students and the importance we have given over the years to classroom teaching.”

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Bill Rentfro, who began working with minority youth as a law student in East Denver years ago, has continued to champion the cause of minorities—in labor and industrial relations and at the Law School.

Named the director of our Special Academic Assistance Program in 1970, he has guided over 80 minority lawyers to graduation and success in their careers. “This could not have been achieved without substantial

support, financial and otherwise, from many law firms and alumni,” says Rentfro. He also mentioned the “invaluable assistance” of Millie Danielson, of the Law School Admissions and Placement Office. But it is Professor Rentfro who is responsible for putting the SAAP on a sound basis, according to Assistant Dean Tom Trujillo.

Professor Rentfro was also a member of the University Minority Affairs Committee for four years during the turbulent days when CU was setting minority admissions policy and acquiring financial aid.

Terming himself a “near native” Coloradoan, Bill Rentfro was raised in California and Nebraska, but came to Colorado to get his B.A., Master in Theology, and law degrees, and to work. He specialized in labor law in practice in Denver, and was responsible for significant labor law and employment discrimination cases which reached the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1960s. More recently, he has been special consultant to Governor Lamm and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment on labor law matters.

Professor Rentfro left Colorado for two years to work at the Institute of Industrial Relations and to teach at the University of California at Berkeley. He now has a joint appointment here at CU—on the Law School faculty and as director of the Center for Labor Education and Research.

Professor Rentfro and his wife have one daughter, a sophomore at Colorado State University.

As an active participant himself in continuing education, Professor Rentfro says, “I would like to see greater emphasis on continuing legal education activities and greater interchange between alumni and the faculty.” His message to alumni includes warm thanks for their continued support and participation in Law School activities.

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