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## **DEAN SAMMIS TO ADDRESS ALUMNI LUNCHEON**

(For full details on the luncheon see page 2)

The luncheon speaker is the ninth man who has held the title of Dean of the Hastings College of the Law beginning with Serranus Clinton Hastings (1878-1887), California's first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The others are: Robert P. Hastings (1887-1890); C. F. Dio Hastings (1891-1894); Charles William Slack (1894-1899); Edward Robeson Taylor (1899-1919); Maurice E. Harrison, (1919-1925); William M. Simmons (1925-1940); David E. Snodgrass (1941-1963).

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# HASTINGS TO EXPAND TO 1,200

Plans are being made to expand Hastings' capacity to 1,200 students. The first step in this direction has already been made by the Regents of the University of California. In their 1965-66 budget the Regents allocated \$300,000 to Hastings for the acquisition of new land and \$37,100 for creating plans for an additional building.

The new building will probably be built as a northern extension of the present building on what now is the site of the Iris Hotel on Golden Gate Avenue.

It will add to Hastings eight new faculty offices, four seminar rooms, one more classroom, a new moot courtroom, a new student lounge eight times the size of the present lounge and additional student locker, administrative and library space.

If everything goes according to plan, predicts Dean Sammis, the new facilities should be completed in 1968.

# STUDENTS TASTE PRIVATE PRACTICE

As a part of his Legal Clinic class this semester Professor John S. Bradway will give twenty Hastings' students a taste of private practice. The students, in teams of two, will be assigned to the offices of practitioners for courtroom and office observation, research work, and a general orientation on the practical aspects of the legal profession.

Among the attorneys who are participating are: Ingemar E. Hoberg, '28; Henry L. Glasser, '59; Edward D. Bronson, Jr., '52; George W. Ball, '52; Nelson C. Barry, '52; George R. Moscone, '56; Robert Miller, '59; Lawrence Livingston, '15, and Jay Jackson, '51.

# ANDERSON IS NEW REGISTRAR

Coming to the Hastings this fall will be Marvin J. Anderson. As professor of law (he will teach administrative law) and acting registrar, he will be in charge of all fiscal work and alumni placement. Anderson, Ph.B., '39 and L.L.B., '42, University of Wisconsin, was awarded his L.L.M. degree at N.Y.U. this year. He has been a private practitioner, a Ford Fellow at N.Y.U. and more recently, assistant dean at California Western University.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next meeting of the Board of Governors of the Association will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and Luncheon during the State Bar Convention at Santa Monica on September 30th. The luncheon will be held at the Admiralty Ballroom of the Sheraton Marina Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey, Playa Del Rey, at 12:30, to be preceded by a cocktail party at 12:00 noon.

The General Chairman is Hon. Alfred P. Peracca, '35, Judge of the Superior Court at Los Angeles and Past President Max K. Jamison, '45, will act as ticket chairman.

This Bulletin contains a coupon which may be mailed to reserve your ticket for the luncheon. *The seating capacity is limited; only the first 200 reservations can be accepted.* If you plan to attend, and you are most cordially invited to do so, please make your reservation early!!

Only one regional meeting of the Board of Governors was held this year, at Fresno. Following the meeting, Hastings alumni from the entire central valley met for cocktails and dinner. Gerald W. Stutsman, '39, was general chairman, and was assisted by a committee composed of Vice President Orly O. Davis of Visalia, '34; Hon. Kenneth W. Andreen, '51; Robert E. Coyle, '56; Donald R. Fransen, '51; Daniel L. Jensen, '51; James W. Paige, '38, and Frank E. Wyland, '36. The din-

ner was well attended and Dean Arthur Sammis was our guest of honor.

We have now raised almost half of our goal of \$60,000 for the "Dean David E.

Snodgrass Scholarship Fund." If you have not yet sent your pledge, may I urge you do so now. See you at Santa Monica!

EDWARD N. JACKSON, '26

(Please detach here and mail with Check)

# ANNUAL LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Max K. Jamison, Ticket Chairman  
Hastings Alumni Annual Luncheon  
615 South Flower Street  
Los Angeles, California, 10017

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for me at \$5 each, total (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) for the Annual Alumni Luncheon, Sept. 30, 1964, to be held in Santa Monica in conjunction with the convention of the State Bar of California.

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NOTE: Please make check payable to "Hastings Alumni Association." Your tickets will be held for you at the door to the luncheon. Ladies are invited.

# NOTES ABOUT YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI



**CAPTAIN NORSE N. BLAZARD**

*In Bremerhaven, Germany, the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Terminal Command is Norse N. Blazerd, '62, who was promoted to the rank of Captain this summer.*

## FRANCOIS A SUPERVISOR

JAMES K. BATCHELOR, '59, of Santa Ana is a member of the Executive Council of the Conference of Barristers of the State Bar of California. . . TERRY FRANCOIS, '49, has been appointed to the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco by Mayor John F. Shelley; Francois is a former president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. . . JOSEPH FARRY, '02, died recently; he had been a member of the first faculty of the old St. Ignatius Law School, now the University of San Francisco and for many years general counsel of that University.

## FERDON D.A.

JOHN J. FERDON, '40, has been appointed to be the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco, succeeding Thomas C. Lynch who has been appointed to be the Attorney General of California. Ferdon, who has been president of the Board of Supervisors, is a native San Franciscan, 45 years of age, who served during World War II in the Counter Intelligence Corps in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations.

## NEW OFFICES

MICHAEL H. CLEPPER, '60, is now associated with Reed, Babbage & Coil, 3800 Orange Street, Riverside.

## NEW JUDGES

A number of alumni have recently been appointed to the bench by Governor Brown: to the Los Angeles Municipal Court, Joseph P. Kelly, Jr., '37; to the San Francisco Municipal Court, U. S. Commissioner Donald B. Constine, '48; to the Superior Court in Santa Clara County, John T. Racanelli, '52; to the Superior Court in Calaveras County, District Atty. Joseph S. Huberty, '46; to the Superior Court in Sacramento County, Municipal Judge Robert W. Cole, '50 (Judge Cole was a successful election candidate for Judge Coughlin's office when the latter announced his retirement); to the Stanislaus Superior Court, Robert D. Carter, '49; to the Contra Costa Superior Court, El Cerrito City Attorney Robert J. Cooney, '49.

## ANTI-POVERTY AIDES

Two members of the class of 1952, HAROLD A. GALLOWAY, acting general counsel of the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. and MARTIN H. SEAVER, branch counsel, presided over the first instructional program under the newly enacted Poverty Bill which took place at Hastings before an audience consisting of city officials from selected California cities. . . R. JAMES WESTWICK, '59, and JACK L. COLLISON, '62, have formed a partnership entitled Westwick & Collison, Suite 239, La Arcada Bldg., 1114 State Street, Santa Barbara, California.

## ROCHE DIES

WILLIAM R. MACKEY, '59, has been named a director of the San Francisco Barristers Club. . . MICHAEL J. ROCHE, '09, who retired as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California after 23 years service in 1958, died in San Francisco on July 1, 1964, at the age of 86. . . PETER SCHWARTZ, '62, has opened his office at the Jack Tar Office Bldg., 1255 Post Street, San Francisco 9.

## COMMON MARKET

WILLIAM A. CALLEJO, '59, represented the Bar Association of San Francisco at the Bar Association and International House Mission to the Central American Common Market countries to study the legal problems between our country and the Central American countries; a series of conferences were held in July in Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. . . WALLACE G. QUINLISK, '49, and VIRGIL GERARD have moved their offices to Suite 1004 Guaranty Savings Building, 1171 Fulton Street, Fresno.

## ATTORNEYS WANTED

*For further information contact: Director of Placement, 198 McAllister Street, San Francisco.*

ATTORNEY as Senior Appeals Referee, conducts hearings, issues written decisions. LL.B. 3 years employment on professional level, 2 years in the practice of law. \$835-\$1170. Utah. #270.

POSITION in Yuba City as claims man—would like 2 or 3 years experience, not mandatory. \$700 plus car to start. #269.

POSITION as attorney, experience desired if possible. A.B. or above average in law school. Willing to work over 40 hours. Salary open #268.

ATTORNEY with 3 to 5 years experience. Background in engineering, construction or surety practice helpful. Upper age limit would be 31. Salary open. Resume to be submitted. San Francisco. #267.

OPENING for 1 or 2 attorneys, preferably graduates within the last 2 years. Phone in advance for definite appointment. Open. Fresno. #266.

ASSISTANT District Attorney. Pays \$6000 per year with allowance for any private practice providing there is no conflict of interest. N. Calif. #265.

OPENING for attorney interested in trial work, primarily in defense of personal injury cases. Salary open. Los Angeles. #264.

POSITION as House Counsel for S.F. Savings & Loan holding company. At least 3 years experience in real estate and finance, not beyond age of 35 and has been appointed to Law Review. Salary depends on applicant's background. San Francisco. #263.

DEPUTY City Attorney. Applications must be filed before September 8, 1964. Salary \$858-\$907-\$1,014-\$1,072. S.F. Peninsula. #262.

OPENING with trial firm primarily engaged in defense of personal injury actions. Recent graduates send resume. Los Angeles. #261.

POSITION in law firm of prestige. Necessary to have maintained good class standing. Salary open. L.A. area. #260.

OPENING in San Francisco law firm for graduate in upper 20% of class. Open. #259.

OPENING for attorney with 1 year of experience. \$710-\$862. Final date to file: September 18, 1964. Sierra country. #271.

POSITION as House Counsel in Sacramento. Large trade and industrial organization. Experience and maturity desirable. \$10,000 to \$12,000. #257.

OPENING for Research Assistant. Salary approximately \$561 to \$580. Los Angeles. #256.

DEPUTY County Counsel I—Resume and law college transcript is required before interview. Approximately \$663 to \$805 monthly. San Diego. #254.

OPENINGS for 2 attorneys on Metropolitan Water District legal staff. Los Angeles. #253.

RECENT Admittee. Preferably married. General practice. Considerable trial practice. Legal experience not essential. Salary open. Going rate. #252.

RECENT Admittee. General practice. Involves trial practice. Salary open. San Francisco. #246.

HOUSE Counsel. Submit resume. Salary open. Oakland. Contracts work. #245.

YOUNG Attorney. General practice work. Relatively short actual experience required. San Francisco. #243.

YOUNG Admittee for Sacramento, office of auto insurance company. #242.

ATTORNEY. 2 or 3 years experience. General practice. San Francisco. #241.

# AMERICAN LAWYER IN MEXICO

By Alvin P. Jackson, '33

My function is to act as consultant in American law to the largest law firm (more than 40 lawyers) in Mexico.

Among my most frequent duties are those of: (1) telling the Mexican lawyers in our firm just what in the laws of the United States, or other common law jurisdiction, has caused some of the questions posed by American, British or Canadian lawyers, relating to problems of their clients doing business directly or through subsidiaries in Mexico, to help in better understanding the nature of the matter which is of concern to the foreign lawyer; (2) explaining the answers of the Mexican lawyers, or actions taken in Mexico, in terms of Anglo-Saxon law; (3) rendering a great deal of assistance in the drafting of international contracts which are valid and can be enforced in Mexico and the other country; (4) giving information about customs, the economy, and financial and commercial practices of one country to interested parties from the other country; (5) involvement in testamentary and probate problems, mentioned below; (6) handling international tax questions, also referred to below; (7) generally acting as a trained, legal and business intermediary between different cultures and business communities.

There are many differences in concept between the Latin legal system and the common law, in addition to language barriers, which make it essential to have someone who is bilingual and with a thorough knowledge of the latter system and a working familiarity with the former who can facilitate communications. One of the basic differences is the lack of the doctrine of "stare decisis", as we know it, in Mexican law.

Decisions of the Mexican Supreme Court are only persuasive precedents, not binding, until five consecutive decisions rule the same way on the same point, after which they are obligatory on the inferior courts.

Interpretation from one language to the other, and from the concepts of one legal system to those of another, is constantly a stimulating challenge. This also makes the consultant something of a traffic director, routing legal problems to the experts in the firm in particular subjects, and getting the answers or results back to the interested officials of the corporate clients.

An important field for the consultant is the preparation of wills and assistance in probate of estates where the testator is domiciled in one country and the property is in another.

An example of these difficulties may be of interest. An American citizen, domiciled in Mexico, executed a will while temporarily in New York, leaving his estate to his wife, A, and his son, or the survivor of them. A died and the testator married B, an American citizen, in Mexico, then died in Mexico without changing his will, and leaving property in New York and Mexico. B had separated from the testator and acquired a new domicile in New Jersey before his death, but was still his wife. New York law, like California's, provides that a will is revoked as to a spouse married after its execution, in such cases, to the extent B would take as an heir at law. Mexican law would give B only a right to subsistence to the extent needed, raising a question of fact. What are B's rights in the New York and the Mexican property? The services of the consultant helped in compromising this one



ALVIN P. JACKSON, '33

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between the son and B, staying away from several lawsuits, but the problems could have been avoided if a consultant's services had been used by the testator while he lived.

Many other matters arise in our practice where it is essential to know U. S. law. I frequently compare the usual practice of law, which is like a juggler keeping 10 rings in the air at one time and twirling one on his foot, with the work of a consultant in American law in Mexico, which is the same juggler doing the same thing, but while balancing on a unicycle.

It is a real pleasure to work in Mexico, a fast developing nation, among wonderful people, and to help in a country on the way up.



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