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OF THE

SCHOOL OF LAW

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HISTORICAL STATEMENT.

St. John's College, Fordham, New York City, was formally opened June 24, 1841, and its administration was in the hands of secular priests until June, 1846. During this period the College had a brilliant faculty.

April 10, 1846, the New York Legislature granted St. John's College university faculties, empowering it to confer such honors, degrees, or diplomas, as are usually granted by any university in the United States.

In 1846 the College was purchased by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. Its first Jesuit President, Rev. Augustus Thebaud, and other members of the Faculty, came from old St. Mary's College, Marion County, Kentucky.

June 21, 1904, the President of the University stated that the Board of Trustees had authorized him to open Schools of Law and Medicine.

Therefore, the President announces the opening of the School of Law on Thursday, September 28, 1905, at

30 WEST SIXTEENTH STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.
FACULTY.

The following members of the Law Faculty have already been selected for the first year:

Paul Fuller, Dean of the School of Law.
Francis Pope, LL.M., Professor of Law.
Ralph H. Holland, A. B., LL.B., Professor of Law.
H. Gerald Chapin, LL.M., Professor of Law.

SPECIAL LECTURERS.

Hon. Alton B. Parker,
Late Chief Judge New York Court of Appeals.
Hon. Morgan J. O’Brien,
Presiding Justice New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department.

Francis R. Stark, Ph.D., LL.B.

QUIZ MASTER.

John Joseph Lilly, B. A.

REGISTRAR AND LIBRARIAN.

The Faculty will be increased for the second and additional years of the course of studies.
PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL.

It will be the aim of the School to make its students efficient and practical lawyers and also to qualify them for the conduct of public affairs, for the proper administration of which a knowledge of the law is essential. Therefore the historical and philosophical development, as well as the practical application of the subjects in the courses will be taught.

With these ends in view it is the design of the School to afford a practical and scientific education in the principles of


The English and American systems of Equity Jurisprudence.


The Civil Law and Roman Law.

PERIOD OF STUDY.

The Course of Studies leading to the degree of LL.B. will cover three years, and a fourth year's study will be required for the degree of LL.M.

Only students for the first year class will be admitted.
SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION.

The professors will assign readings from approved text books which the student will be expected to study thoroughly before the recitation hour. Leading cases will also be assigned to be read diligently in connection with the text.

The lecturers will review the matter embraced in the text books and cases, explaining the obscure points and pointing out the practical application of the principles treated, and will also question the students during the lecture. In addition, quiz classes will be held under an efficient quiz master, at which attendance will be required, and under his review the students will reproduce in their own language the doctrines learned in the text books and lectures, and especially in the leading cases.

Students will thus have three opportunities of familiarizing themselves with each topic treated in the course: first, by a careful study of the text books and leading cases; then by discussion of each subject in the lecture; and lastly by reproducing in their own words; and practically applying the principles acquired in answer to the “quiz.”

The text books and lectures will impart a thorough knowledge of the principles of the various branches of the law; the leading cases will exhibit the practical application of these principles, while requiring the student to state the substance of the text books and lectures and his understanding of the salient facts and principles involved in the leading cases will foster a habit of clear statement—a most valuable attainment and indispensable to merited success as a lawyer.

This is the system followed in the leading law schools, and is believed to be absolutely the best.

ACADEMIC YEAR.

The Academic Year 1905-1906 will commence Thursday, September 28, 1905, and end Wednesday, June 13, 1906. The exercises of the School will be suspended on Election Day; Thanks-
giving Day and the day following; on Lincoln’s Birthday; Wash-
ington’s Birthday; Memorial Day; from the Friday preceding
Christmas Day to the Tuesday following New Year’s Day; and
from the Thursday preceding Easter Sunday to the following
Monday, inclusive.

Academic standing will be forfeited by absence from more
than ten per cent. of the lectures.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission must be at least eighteen years of
age, present certificates of good moral character, and must be
(a) Graduates of a University or College approved by the
Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York; or
(b) be graduates of a high school maintaining a four years’
course or its equivalent approved by the above Regents.

The standard of admission will be raised as soon as prac-
ticable.

SPECIAL STUDENTS.

Students whose education does not satisfy the above require-
ments may be admitted to the entire course of studies, or such
portions as they may elect, but will not be eligible for a degree.

COURSE OF STUDIES.

FIRST YEAR.

Elementary Law..............................Professor Holland
Domestic Relations..............................Professor Holland
Torts..............................................Professor Chapin
Personal Property..............................Professor Holland
Contracts.............................Professors Holland and Chapin
Real Property.................................Professor Pope
Criminal Law and Procedure.............Professor to be selected
SECOND YEAR.

Bills and Notes
Corporations
Equity Jurisprudence
Evidence
Mortgages
Trusts

Pleading and Practice at Common Law
Pleading and Practice in Equity
Pleading and Practice under Codes of Civil Procedure
Practice Court

THIRD YEAR.

Admiralty
Bankruptcy
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law
Corporate Bonds and Mortgages
Insurance—Marine, Fire and Life
International Law

Legal Ethics and Natural Law
Medical Jurisprudence
Municipal Corporations
Negligence and Damages
Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks
Roman Law
Taxation

The FOURTH YEAR'S course will be outlined hereafter, and will be devoted to advanced courses in special legal subjects and to Civil Law, especially in relation to our Colonies, Roman Law and Comparative Jurisprudence.

The Faculty reserve the right to change the order of subjects taught in the second and third years of the course.

LECTURE HOURS.

The course lectures will be delivered from 4:15 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. daily, except Saturday.

The hours for the Special lectures and the quizzes will be announced hereafter.

LAW LIBRARY.

A well-equipped library of American and English reports and text-books is open at the school for the use of students from 9
A. M. to 10 P. M., and every facility has been provided for research. Liberal additions will be made to the library annually and as required.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Text-books will be announced for each course at the beginning of the year.

MOOT COURT.

A Moot Court will be established the second year of the course, concurrently with instruction in Pleading and Practice.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations will be held immediately upon the completion of the lectures upon each subject in the course. Students failing to pass satisfactorily, may, at the discretion of the Faculty, and if they have been regular in their attendance at lectures and quizzes, be given the opportunity of an additional examination at the close of the Academic Year, or they may be conditioned.

This system of examination promotes study and admits of a more thorough test than a general examination at the close of the entire course, but the Faculty may require a general examination at the end of each term, and for this purpose the first term will end January 31.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Two scholarships for the second year's tuition will be given to the members of the first year class maintaining the two highest averages in recitations and examinations during the year.

Other scholarships will be added as the courses advance.

ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

College graduates attending the lectures and exercises regularly for two years are entitled to apply for admission to the
New York Bar at the close of the second year. Those not College graduates must be in regular attendance for three years.

Students desiring to obtain a certificate of regular attendance which is accepted by the State Board of Law Examiners as equivalent to a year's study of law, must register not later than the first Monday of October, and maintain an average attendance equal to 92 per cent. An office clerkship is not required for admission to the New York Bar, if the candidate presents a certificate to the State Board of Law Examiners showing the completion of a three years' course in a recognized law school.

FEES.

The fee for instruction is One Hundred Dollars per annum, payable in advance; or Fifty Dollars on entrance and balance on January 2 following. A registration fee of Five Dollars and a fee of Ten Dollars on examination for a degree are also payable.

COST OF LIVING.

The school does not maintain a boarding department, but the Registrar will give the fullest information as to where board and rooms can be obtained, on such terms as each student desires to pay.

REGISTRATION.

The office of the Registrar at the School will be open for registration from Friday, September 1, to Wednesday, September 27, 1905, both inclusive.

Applicants for further information may address at any time

   JOHN J. LILLY, Registrar;
   Or,
   FRANCIS POPE,
   Secretary to the Faculty,

30 West Sixteenth Street,
New York City.