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THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor Wiley B. Rutledge of the School of Law has this year assumed the office of Acting Dean to take the place of Dean William G. Hale. Dean Hale, who came to the School as its head in the fall of 1927, resigned last spring and is now Dean of the School of Law of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Acting Dean Rutledge became Professor in the School of Law in the fall of 1926 and has continued in that capacity down to the present time. Prior to his coming he had been Professor of Law at the University of Colorado, from which he had previously received his LL.B. in 1922. He received his A.B. from the University of Wisconsin. Following his admission to the Colorado Bar and prior to his entering the teaching of law he practiced in Boulder, Colorado. At Washington University he has taught the subjects of Corporations, Partnership, Conflict of Laws, Negotiable Instruments, and Agency.

To fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Professor Philip Mechem to accept an appointment at the University of Iowa, Mr. Israel Treiman of the St. Louis Bar has been appointed Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Treiman is a graduate of the Washington University School of Law in the Class of 1924, holds the degree of Master of Arts from Washington University, and has been a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. At Oxford he specialized in Jurisprudence under Vinogradoff and Holdsworth. Following this work he entered the practice of law in St. Louis. His subjects in the School are Torts, Equity, and Trusts.

A new feature of the work of the School this year is a series of assemblies on Friday mornings for the entire student-body, to which others in the University community and members of the bar are invited. The lectures are designed, first, to institute and maintain some contact between the School and members of the profession and, second, to aid the students in correlating law and other subjects, especially other social sciences. The first series of assemblies extends to the Christmas holidays and includes the following subjects:

The Place of the Lawyer in Modern Life, by Hon. Charles Nagel of the St. Louis Bar.

Scientific Method: Its Scope and Limitations in Application to Problems of Social Order, by Prof. L. L. Bernard of the Dept. of Sociology, Washington University.

Law and Modern Political Thought, by Assoc. Prof. Ralph F. Fuchs of the School of Law, Washington University.

Law as an Agency of Social Control, by Prof. Frank J.

Bruno of the Dept. of Social Work, Washington University.

Law and Public Opinion, by Isaac H. Lionberger of the St. Louis Bar.

Humanizing Legal Thinking and Practice, by Hyman Meltzer of the St. Louis Psychiatric Child Guidance Clinic.

Law as a Growth: Its Evolution as Illustrated Particularly in the Development of Equity, by Hon. Charles P. Williams of the St. Louis Bar.

Problems in Penal Administration, by Hon. M. F. Amrine, Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary.

The Purpose and Work of the American Law Institute, by Hon. Fred L. Williams of the St. Louis Bar.

Enrollment in the School of Law shows a slight decrease from 1929, but there is a considerable increase in the number of entering students who have college degrees or have completed three years of college work. The first-year class contains 49 students.

A seminar, which is conducted by the Faculty Advisor in connection with the editing of the Law Review, has been instituted this year. The seminar will consider the functions of law reviews as well as give attention to the technical aspects of legal writing. It is planned also to make a concerted attack each year upon a single topic to which one of the issues of the Review will be devoted. This year members of the Law Review staff are, with a few exceptions, members of the seminar.

SAMUEL BRECKENRIDGE NOTE PRIZE AWARD

The committee of members of the bar which is judging the notes in Volume 15 of the ST. LOUIS LAW REVIEW has announced that the fifteen-dollar prize for the best note in the issue of April, 1930, has been awarded to Wallace V. Wilson, Jr., for his note entitled *Recent Developments in State Taxation of Intangibles*.

Notes

THE QUANTITY OF REGULATORY LEGISLATION

The statistics contained in this note are intended to present for whatever they may be worth the figures which have been gathered in an effort to correct current misapprehensions regarding the volume and character of American legislation. Popular discussion reveals a widespread belief that the American people are being engulfed in a constantly-issuing flood of regulatory laws. These laws, it is said, are being enacted at the rate of some 23,000 statutes each two years—a figure which