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December, 1973

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW TEACHERS

We invite you to join in the formation of a new organization, the National Association of Law Teachers (NALT).

We also invite you to attend a meeting in New Orleans on Friday, December 28, at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel in the Meeting Room, Balcony I - J - K, and will give all law teachers an opportunity to discuss the new organization.

NALT is not intended to be a rival of the Association of American Law Schools, which is basically an association of law schools geared to other roles. We have been in friendly communication with the President and Director of the AALS during the formation of plans for the new group.

NALT would perform all or most of the following functions, in addition to providing open lines of communication on matters of interest to the membership.

1. Encourage developments in legal education that will make curriculum, programs and forms of instruction more responsive to social needs. This includes attention to legal ethics and the public responsibilities of the profession.

2. Make studies, issue public statements and give legislative testimony on matters of professional concern, such as capital punishment, the new federal penal code and proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

3. Evaluate and in proper cases express opinions on judicial appointments (at least to federal appellate courts) and appointments to other governmental positions bearing on the administration of justice.

4. Combat violations of academic freedom directed against law teachers.

5. Encourage fairer representation of minorities -- blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos and women -- on law faculties and student bodies.

6. Monitor, to the extent feasible, various institutions of the legal profession.

The above list is not meant to be fixed or to reflect priorities. Members will naturally have different views on which activities to engage in and which should take precedence. This is a matter for natural development over time.

We particularly want to avoid a doctrinaire approach. Our goal is to interest and involve a high percentage of law teachers, and the best way to do this is to make it clear that disparate views are welcome as well as inevitable.

Membership is open to all those who teach law students for credit. While the bulk of the membership will be fulltime law teachers, adjunct and parttime teachers are eligible to join.

Dues will be \$25 a year. Law teachers who earn \$15,000 a year or less will have dues of \$15.

We urge you to attend the organizational meeting in New Orleans on Friday, December 28, and to join us by completing the form below.

Anthony Amsterdam, Stanford	Tom Emerson, Yale
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I wish to join the National Association of Law Teachers. Enclosed is a check for \$25 ()... \$15 () (income under \$15,000).

Checks should be made out to "Sylvia Law, Treasurer," and sent to Prof. Law at N.Y.U. Law School, 40 Washington Square South, New York, N.Y. 10012.

Signed:

Name (print):

Law School:

Please check here if we can use your name in interesting new members ().