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### Meeting to Discuss the Advisability and Likelihood of Creating an Independent Law Teachers' Association

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*New file*

FROM: Herman Schwartz

TO: Participants

RE: Meeting to Discuss the Advisability and Likelihood  
of Creating an Independent Law Teachers' Association

Date: December 11, 1972

*w/ Herman Schwartz*

The Nixon recapture of the Presidency and his consequent control of judicial appointments makes it clear that liberty in this country is in for a difficult four years. For some time now, it has seemed to some of us that the AALS has done little about these problems; because of its organizational structure, it probably cannot do much. The AALS does not represent individual law teachers; its membership is the law schools.

This may be the time for those law teachers who are interested in making legal education more responsive to the nation's problems to form an independent law teachers' association. To explore that possibility, we have agreed to get together on December 29, 1972 for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the ACLU national offices in New York, 22 East 40th Street, eleventh floor. The ACLU has been kind enough to provide hospitality to our ad hoc group.

We might discuss such questions as the purposes of such an organization, its membership, the specific subjects of its concern, e.g., legal education, involvement in specific problem areas, an organizational structure.

Tentatively, we might think about creating an organization that could lobby wherever appropriate concerning legal education, civil rights and civil liberties. Such an organization would not duplicate the structure or functions of the AALS. Unlike the AALS, which is composed of law schools and their representatives, it would

be a membership organization of law teachers. Its functions would differ accordingly.

The following are the expected participants:

To attend:

Leroy Clark .....	NYU
Barbara Babcock .....	Stanford
Norman Dorsen .....	NYU
Ruth Ginzburg .....	Columbia
Thomas Emerson .....	Yale
Frank Askin .....	Rutgers-Newark
Edward Sherman .....	Indiana-Bloomington
Robert Childress .....	N.W.
Robert Sedler .....	Kentucky
Lawrence Sager .....	NYU
Charles Ares .....	Arizona
Joseph Sax .....	Michigan
Herbert Reid .....	Howard
Alan Dershowitz .....	Harvard

Possibly will attend:

Derek Bell .....	Harvard
Monroe Freedman .....	G.W.
Vern Countryman .....	Harvard

Regrets but interested:

Richard Wasserstrom .....	UCLA
Cruz Reynosa .....	U.N.M.
Anthony Amsterdam .....	Stanford

I look forward to seeing you on December 29th at lunch.