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May 2, 1975

Professor David Chambers University of Michigan Law School

Professor Howard Lesnick Pennsylvania Law School

Gentlemen:

ST. H

Thanks for your letters of April 16 and 22 relating to the future of SAMF, in particular the committee structure. I have gone over them both and discussed them with Steve. I think the following people would be ideal to take on committee and other assignments, and I have asked Steve to call each of the individuals named to see if we can get going promptly.

Legal Education/Curriculum: Gozansky. This committee will, as Howie notes, have several subcommittees. Minority Admissions, Placement, etc. And any other curriculum issue that would call for a subcommittee, such as Bob Bard's idea on the relationship between law school curricula and major social issues.

Legal Services. Law for the Legal Services Corporation and related matters; Bamberger for group services, judicare, etc. (Clint is taking on an ABA Section next year in this area; if he thinks this is too much, Steve will get other possibilities from him.)

Law Reform. Chambers. (I am taking Dave at his word that his supervisory responsibilities are less important now than taking hold of a particular area.)

Current Public Issues. Dorsen, Emerson, Newman and Schwartz. This is an area where all of us centrally involved in the organization should be alert for possible subjects. We have been too random till now, although we have hit some good lodes.

Regulation of the Private Bar. Alexander.

Judicial and other Appointments. I am uncertain about how heavily we ought to get into this. At present I suggest we react ad hoc (on particular nominees we might wish to oppose). I have asked Steve to keep an eye out for cases that we might want to review. In terms of composition of the committees, I have asked Steve to send the Chairmen copies of the list of members that have indicated a willingness to help out. The chairmen should write these people to form the committees or at least ask for ideas.

Steve will hold his telephone calls to the chairmen until May 8th so that, if there are any problems with my suggestions, you can advise him about them.

On other matters things stand as follows:

Finances. This is now a serious problem that I am working on. Charlie Halpern is helping out with one foundation.

Awards Committee. This has been constituted withBrown as chairman. The committee will report at the September 27th meeting.

Conference on Legal Education. Steve is taking the lead on this and has already written to several board members and others to stimulate ideas and a first meeting.

First Year Book. The contract has been signed. Steve is gathering names from board members and the Committee will presumably decide fairly soon whom to invite to write. (Howie: I think Lou Schwartz would be terrific; is it possible to find out that subject he would prefer?)

I think I've covered all the points in your letters. If not, let me know. I'll be out of town May 5-8, but will be back here May 9th.

Sincerely,

Norman Dorsen

cc: Professor N. Gozansky Mr. Gillers