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MEMORANDUM

January 15, 1973

TO: Professors Amsterdam, Ares, Askin, Bell, Clark, Countryman, Cruz Reynosa, Dershowitz, Dorsen, Emerson, Freedman, Ginzburg, Reid, S. Rosen, Sax, Sedler, Sherman, Wasserstrom, Zimroth.

FROM: Professor Herman Schwartz

Tom Emerson and Norman Dorsen have been developing some ideas about a law teachers' association. They hope to have something available for distribution in a few weeks, at which time it will be circulated to the participants in our meeting and anyone else who might be usefully interested.

Would it be possible for some other members of the group to put down some ideas for circulation? There were some sharp, though not, I think, deep differences on some points and it might be well to try to develop those.

I am looking into the question of some initial funding for seed money. If some of you have some ideas or prospects, could you let me know.

With all best wishes for a good year.

H. Schwartz
January 29, 1973

Professor Herman Schwartz
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Dear Herman:

Enclosed is a memorandum from Tom Emerson and me to "independent law teachers" -- the individuals to whom you addressed the invitation to convene at the ACLU offices in December. We hope that our views will stimulate further thought on the possibility of an association, and that it will facilitate discussion at the next meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the memorandum.

Sincerely,

ND/pmv

cc: Professor Emerson
bcc: Mr. Neier

Norman Dorsen
February 6, 1973

Professor Norman Dorsen
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Dear Norman:

I have your memo which I think is very good. I talked with a foundation and I think there may be some interest.

The only thing that I would add -- and I am going to mention this in a covering letter -- is that I think one of the things a group like this ought to do is to consider how to make law school and legal education more responsive to the demands of freedom and justice. Those are fancy words, but I think that's what this business is all about to many of us and I would hope that that's one of the things that we could do.

Aryeh suggests that we hold a meeting on the evening of April 7, preferably at someone's house (yours?) around dinner time. That is the weekend of the National ACLU Board meeting and a lot of professor who might not otherwise get to New York would be available.

What do you think?

I am circulating copies of the memorandum.

Yours very truly,

Herman Schwartz

HS/j