

HISTORY
of the
SCHOOL OF LAW
of the
UNIVERSITY OF NEWARK

NOW IN THE second year of the existence of the Law School of the University of Newark let us for a moment review the events that have made possible our present position of respect and prominence. Our School of Law is the realization of the dreams that inspired a group of public-minded and learned citizens to blend their efforts and create a law school that would live up to and surpass the highest standards set forth by the Bar of the State. At the present time the School of Law is recognized as the outstanding law school in New Jersey and is rapidly developing a nation-wide recognition.

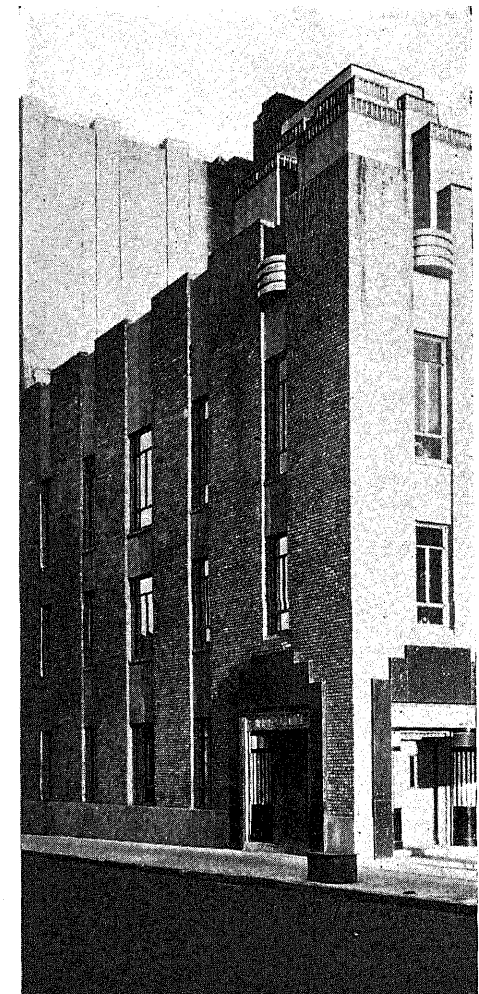
In January 1936, the merger of the five leading educational institutions of higher learning brought together New Jersey Law School, the oldest law school in the state, with the Mercer Beasley School of Law. The New Jersey Law School had been founded in 1908 by Richard D. Currier. It had been the first law school in the state and held classes in the Prudential Building with thirty students. A few months later, the classes moved to 33 East Park Street, into a building that had been erected in 1875 by Thomas Peddie, the Mayor of Newark of that year. Mr. Currier, Percival G. Barnard, and Charles M. Mason comprised the first faculty. In the first year of its existence New Jersey Law School was recognized by the State Board of Examiners. The enrollment of the institution grew steadily and reached its peak in 1927 when 2,335 students were in attendance. It was in 1927 that a pre-legal division was organized.

The Mercer Beasley School was founded in 1926, the name chosen being that of New Jersey's most distinguished jurist who served as Chief Justice from 1864 to 1897. The first classes of the school were held at 60 Park Place and a year later the school was moved to 1060 Broad Street. In 1934, the school merged with the Newark Institute of Arts and Sciences to form the University of Newark with its quarters at 17 Academy Street. Two years later, the groups joined with New Jersey Law School, Dana College and the Seth Boyden School of Business to form the present university.

The late Charles Mason guided the New Jersey Law School as Dean from 1910 until his death in 1927. George S. Harris was dean and served until 1936 when the Merger was completed. Spaulding Fraser, who was dean of Mercer Beasley, became dean of the Law School of the University of Newark.

Shortly after the inception of the Law School of the University of Newark, it became necessary to start anew with its own officers independent of the former units which were included in the merger. The Board of Trustees, comprising Franklin Conklin, Jr., President; Arthur F. Egner, Vice-president; Milton M. Unger, Vice-president; Aaron Lasser, Secretary, and Harrison P. Lindabury, Treasurer, is composed of forward-looking, unselfish men united to further one purpose—the formation of a grade A law school.

The officers of the Administration are Dr. Frank Kingdon, President; Dr. George H. Black, Provost; Spaulding Fraser, Dean of the Law School; and Miss Ruth Johnson, Executive Secretary and Registrar of the Law School.



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All student activities are controlled conscientiously and capably by the Student Council, comprised of representatives from each class in the Law School. Last year the Student Council reorganized the Seal and Scroll, honorary activities society and splendid work with this group has been done.

With the facilities of a fine law library under the supervision of Mrs. Nugent available to all the students, and with an untiring faculty group who are leaders in their fields, little is left to be desired by those who endeavor to establish their careers in the field of law.

This year the Debating Team, under the capable guidance of George J. Haney, a member of the Senior Class, engaged in many competitive matches. The McClelland Law Club again featured moot trials. The Wig and Mace Club, refreshed by the increase of new students to its membership, again took an active participation in legal problems. Legal fraternities still occupy a high place of honor among the students as evidenced by the numbers which pledged for them.

JEROME L. KESSLER.



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FACULTY of the LAW SCHOOOL

THE CLASS OF 1938 joins the Editors in briefly and perhaps ineffectively expressing their appreciation for the aid and consideration given them by an always thoughtful Faculty. One whose teachings we hope to use in the years to come.

Whatever success we may achieve in our pursuit in the field of Law is directly due to our legal training at this institution by the Faculty, who have already achieved respect and admiration in their chosen work.

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