

Basic Law for News Reporters

DECEMBER 4-8, 1967



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THE SOUTHWESTERN LEGAL FOUNDATION offers a noncredit Short Course on Basic Law for News Reporters designed to help them achieve more effective coverage of courts and other sources of legal news through better understanding of basic principles of law. Although the Foundation is aware of the widely discussed issue of Fair Trial and Free Press, the course will range far beyond this issue. Its purpose is to provide reporters as much insight and information as possible for dealing with legal principles and procedures. The course will be conducted at The Southwestern Legal Foundation on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.



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FACULTY

N. Alex Bickley. City Attorney, City of Dallas; LL.B. degree, the University of Texas; former City Attorney of Abilene, Texas; several times a lecturer and the Chairman of the Institute on Eminent Domain and of the Institute on Planning and Zoning, The Southwestern Legal Foundation; former President, Texas City Attorneys' Association; lecturer for various legal and other professional groups; extensively experienced in eminent domain, tort actions, trial and appellate procedures, and all phases of municipal planning and zoning.

Mr. Justice Tom C. Clark, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (Retired); B.A. and LL.B. degrees, the University of Texas. Named Attorney General by President Truman in 1945; nominated to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by President Truman in 1949; Honorary Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; lifetime member, National Conference of State Trial Judges; President, Institute of Judicial Administration; Chairman of the Board, American Judicature Society; former Chairman, Section of Judicial Administration, American Bar Association (1957-58); Chairman, Board of Directors, National College of State Trial Judges; Chairman of the newly created ABA Special Committee on the Evaluation of Disciplinary Enforcement (1967). Recipient of the American Bar Association's Gold Medal Award "for conspicuous service in the cause of American jurisprudence," 1962; the American Judicature Society award "for distinguished service as Chairman of the Joint Committee for the Effective Administration of Justice, 1962;" the Hatton W. Sumners Award from The Southwestern Legal Foundation (1967). Member, American, Texas, and Federal Bar Associations.

Abe Mitchell Herman. Attorney, senior member of the firm Brown, Herman, Scott, Young, and Dean at Fort Worth, specializing in radio and libel law, and representing numerous newspapers, radio and television stations; author, Freedom of the Press; LL.B. degree, the University of Texas; member of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Bar Association, Texas State Bar (Chairman, Committee on Administrative Law, 1958-1961); American Bar Association (member, Communications Committee, 1951-1954); admitted to the United States Supreme Court in 1948; member, Federal Communications Commission Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Executive Committee and Treasurer, Clear Channel Broadcasting Service of America, Washington, D. C.; an officer and director, Carter Publications, Inc.; a director, Association of Maximum Service Telecasters, Inc., Washington, D. C.

Robert G. Storey, President, The Southwestern Legal Foundation; Dean Emeritus, School of Law, Southern Methodist University; President, American Bar Association 1952-53; President, Inter-American Bar Association, 1954-56; Foreign Scholarships (International Fulbright Commission) 1958-62; honorary member, bar associations of Canada, Peru, Mexico, Japan, Korea, Australia, and several states; Executive Committee, World Peace Through Law Center, Honorary Doctor of Laws, Texas Christian University, Drake University and Laval University; Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws, Chungang University, Korea and Southern Methodist University; Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Rikkyo University, Japan; Second Order of the Sacred Treasure bestowed by the Japanese government for assisting in the interpretation of Anglo-American law to the judiciary and legal professions of Japan; by appointment of the President: Vice-Chairman, Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission: member, President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, and Chairman for the United States of World Peace Through Law Center.

Alfred T. Sulmonetti. Presiding Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Oregon, at Portland; Chairman of the National Conference of State Trial Judges; A.B. and LL.B. degrees, Drake University; member of the Executive Committee, Oregon Judicial Council; a director and Faculty member, National College of State Trial Judges; a director, American Judicature Society; a counselor, Drake University College of Law; a director, National Conference of Christians and Jews; author, various judicial articles in legal journals; past state chairman, Oregon State Bar Committee on World Peace Through Law.

William McLaughlin Taylor, Jr., U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas since 1966; B.A. and LL.B. degrees from Southern Methodist University; former Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County and Assistant City Attorney of Dallas; Captain, U. S. Marine Corps, World War II. Formerly with the law firms of Burford, Ryburn, Hincks & Charlton and Strasburger, Price, Holland, Kelton & Miller, Dallas; Judge of the 134th District Court at Dallas, 1949-1953; a member, American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas County Criminal Bar Association, American College of Trial Lawyers, International Association of Insurance Counsel, and Texas Association of Defense Counsel.

William B. West, III, Attorney, Clark, West, Keller, Clark & Ginsberg, Dallas; B.A. and LL.B., the University of Texas; I. A., Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration; LL.M., Columbia University; graduate Army Command and General Staff School; United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, 1958-61; executive assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Lands Division, Department of Justice, 1961-63; a member, American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, American Judicature Society, and Federal Bar Association (National Council); editor, Bulletin of the Section of Judicial Administration, American Bar Association; secretary of Executive Committee, Advisory Board, Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute; Chairman, Criminal Justice Administration Division, and Research Fellow, The Southwestern Legal Foundation.

Jerre S. Williams, Rex G. and Edna Heflin Baker Professor of Constitutional Law, the University of Texas; B.A. degree, the University of Denver and LL.B. degree, Columbia University; Professor of Law at the University of Texas since 1946; labor arbitrator for many years; member of the bars of Texas, Colorado, and the United States Supreme Court; author, The Supreme Court Speaks, 1956; Editor-in-Chief Labor Relations and the Law, 1966; author of numerous articles on constitutional law and labor law in legal periodicals; winner of the 1963 much-coveted Ross Essay Prize of the American Bar Association.

PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

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Classes will meet daily from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 1:30 to 4:30.

Monday Morning December 4

Opening Remarks Andrew R. Cecil, Executive Vice President and Director, The Southwestern Legal Foundation

Welcome Mark Martin, President, Dallas Bar Association

J. B. Krueger, President, Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association

Morning
Lecturer Mr. Williams

THE NATURE OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

An analysis of Constitutional Law followed by a detailed consideration of the First Amendment; the many facets of speech and press freedoms, including subversive speech, picketing, public demonstrations, pamphleteering, obscenity, and invasions of privacy; evaluations of freedom of religion and separation of state and church.

Monday Afternoon December 4

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES AND FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONSHIPS

A study of equal protection of the laws, involving the limitations upon discrimination in racial matters and redistricting, self-incrimination, the protection of property; an analysis of the distribution of powers between state and federal governments; what—if any—powers are left to the states.

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CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE

The rules of procedure and evidence in civil and criminal proceedings, including a review of recent decisions in the fields of search and seizure, confessions, police interrogation and the rights of accused persons; pretrial, trial, and appellate procedures and post-conviction review; court structure; the relationship of the federal and state judicial systems; jurisdiction and venue.

Tuesday Afternoon December 5

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Powers, rights, restrictions, and methods of operation of the Municipal Government; distinction between City and County Governmental Units; Municipal authorities of the State other than cities; the interrelation of local Governmental units.

Wednesday Morning December 6

December 6 Mr. Bickley

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The election of officials and financing of local Government; licensing and ordinances affecting the press; municipal services and the boards that render them; powers and restrictions upon municipal Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

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Wednesday
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December 6 Dean Storey

ADVERSARY SYSTEM; ORGANIZED BAR OF THE UNITED STATES

The adversary principle in the truth-finding process by advocacy of opposing counsel; comparison with foreign systems of justice; role of the judge and the advocate; legal and ethical requirements for lawyer's devotion to his client, and as an officer of the court; relations with news media.

Background and evolution of organized bar associations; integrated versus voluntary bar associations; history, organization, and role of the local, state, and American Bar Associations; public service of lawyers, including judicial selection and legislation; the American Bar Center; international bar associations; World Peace Through Law Center.

Thursday Morning December 7

December 7 Judge Sulmonetti

VOLUNTARY CODES GOVERNING LEGAL NEWS COVERAGE

Preservation by the news media and the legal profession of the great constitutional principles of free press and fair trial; nature and scope of the judicial process; the need for new lines of communication and areas of agreement, to be established by the adoption of voluntary codes and joint statement of principles.

Thursday Afternoon December 7 Mr. Herman GUIDELINES TO AVOID PITFALLS OF LIBEL AND THE INVASION OF PRIVACY Condensed presentation of the law of libel, with emphasis on the problems of avoiding legal liability in reporting and publishing the news by mass communication personnel, such as editors, reporters, feature writers, broadcasters, and telecasters. Friday Morning December 8Judge Taylor THE REPORTER IN THE COURTROOM: TRIAL: REPORTING PROBLEMS Parties, jury selection, pleadings, evidence rulings, burden of proof, directed verdicts, jury argument, court's charge, judgments, non-jury trials, civil and criminal. Legal terminology; pretrial publicity; reporting pretrial conferences and hearings; courtroom decorum; contacts with lawyers, litigants, and witnesses; role of judge; role of attorneys; contempt proceedings; out-of-court settlements.

Friday

Afternoon

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE PRESS

Opinions of the Supreme Court affecting the press, insofar as criminal prosecutions are concerned; other problems of interest to the press not covered by the opinions and suggested solutions.

December 8 Mr. Justice Clark

GENERAL INFORMATION

TUITION: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is charged nonmembers of The Southwestern Legal Foundation; one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), Foundation members. A deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must accompany the registration; the balance is payable on or before November 25. If registration is submitted after November 10, the entire tuition must accompany it.

The deposit or full tuition will be refunded upon cancellation of registration not later than November 25. Make checks or money orders payable to **The Southwestern Legal Foundation**, and mail with the registration to: The Southwestern Legal Foundation, 3315 Daniels, P. O. Box 8017, Dallas, Texas 75205.

HOUSING: Accommodations for a limited number of men (two per room) are available in Lawyers Inn and other campus dormitories on a "first come, first served" basis. The rate per man in a double room is \$27.50, December 3-8 (bed linens and towels included), payable when the registrant reports to attend the Short Course. Registrants preferring hotel or motel accommodations may obtain reservation and rate information upon written request to the Registrar.

MEALS: Meals (all prices plus tax) are available in the Lawyers Inn Cafeteria. Charges for individual meals are: breakfast, \$0.90; lunch, \$1.25; dinner, \$1.35. For the period December 4-8, meals are available at "package rates" at a 10 percent discount for breakfast and lunch, totaling \$9.75; for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, totaling \$14.50. The amount is payable when the registrant reports to attend the Short Course. Other dining facilities are in the immediate vicinity.

The Foundation will be host at a dinner on Monday, December 4.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Recreational facilities at the SMU Umphrey Lee Student Center are open until 11:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and at the SMU Natatorium at scheduled hours. Participants desiring to swim must furnish suits and towels. Tickets for various cultural events may be purchased at the Box Office, Main Floor, Student Center.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: Treatment at the SMU Health Center is available Monday through Friday, 8:00-5:00.

MAIL AND MESSAGES: Direct all communications to The Southwestern Legal Foundation, Attention: Registrar, 3315 Daniels, P.O. Box 8017, Dallas, Texas 75205. Emergency and long distance calls should be to the Registrar's office, EMerson 3-5611, Extension 489, Monday through Friday, 9:00-4:00. Mail and messages may be picked up daily in Room 126, Storey Hall.

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A DEPOSIT OF \$50 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REGISTRATION. THE BALANCI IS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25. IF REGISTRATION IS SUBMITTED AFTER NOVEMBER 10, THE ENTIRE FEE MUST BE ENCLOSED.
TUITION:
Nonmembers of The Southwestern Legal Foundation \$200 \$
Members of The Southwestern Legal Foundation \$150 \$
PLEASE CHECK:
(See "General Information" for charges.)
I desire on-campus accommodations.
desire more information about (hotel) (motel) accommodations.
I desire breakfast and lunch in the Lawyers Inn Cafeteria.
I desire breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the Lawyers Inn Cafeteria.

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