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#### THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL

The final argument in the First Year Moot Court competition was held on April 12th before a bench composed of Honorable George W. Maxey, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, presiding; Honorable Richard Hartshorne, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Essex County, New Jersey; and Honorable John Lord O'Brian, General Counsel of the Office of Production Management, Washington, D. C. The First Year students who participated and who were selected on the basis of the preliminary competitions were: for the petitioners, Tozier Brown (University of Denver, 1936) of Santa Fe, N. M., and Samuel M. Schatz (Arts-Law) of Hartford, Conn., with Mary Ellen Sproat (College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 1940) of Rochester, N. Y., as alternate; for the respondents, Donald F. Maggs (Bates College, 1940) of Fitchburg, Mass., and Douglas S. Moore (Arts-Law) of Hawthorne, N. J., with Edward W. Clark (Princeton, 1939) of Ridgewood, N. J., as alternate. The questions argued involved the constitutionality of federal taxation of income from state and municipal bonds and state taxation of income from federal bonds. For the first time in the history of the school, the court decided that, upon the basis of the merits of the briefs and the oral presentations, the two teams were tied. The Phi Alpha Delta prize for the most outstanding performance in the Moot Court work during the year was awarded to Donald F. Maggs.

The second lecture of the year on the Frank Irvine Foundation was delivered on April 12th by Honorable John Lord O'Brian. His address,

"Restraints upon Individual Freedom in Times of National Emergency," appears in this issue of the *QUARTERLY*.

On March 21st, Honorable William L. Ransom, LL.B. '05, as the representative of the American Bar Association, addressed the student body at a Smoker on "The Place and the Work of the Organized Bar."

The annual *QUARTERLY* banquet was held on the evening of April 19th with Honorable F. Walter Bliss, A.B. '13, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Third Department, and Miss Mary H. Donlon, LL.B., '20, as the speakers.

At the annual election held by the Student Law Association, the following officers were elected for the year 1941-42:

Neal Roger Stamp, '42, President;  
Charles Harrison Price, '43, Vice-President;  
Doris Heath, '42, Secretary-Treasurer.

The following Third Year students were elected to the Order of the Coif: Richard Jay Bookhout, Bernard Didinsky, Robert Dennis Fernbach, Ralph Harlan German, Robert Schuyler Leshner, Robert James McDonald.

The Law School Commencement was held in the Moot Court Room of Myron Taylor Hall on May 29th. The principal address was delivered by the donor of the building, the Honorable Myron C. Taylor, '94. Dean Stevens and President Day also addressed the assemblage.

A portrait of J. Du Pratt White, '90, formerly Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University, was presented to the Law School by Mr. Taylor, and was unveiled by Mrs. Harold Taylor, daughter of Mr. White.

The graduating class numbered fifty-two, of whom the six following were graduated with distinction: Richard Jay Bookhout, Bernard Didinsky, Robert Dennis Fernbach, Ralph Harlan German, Robert Schuyler Leshner, Robert James McDonald.

The Carey Exhibition Prize for the best performance in the Comprehensive Examination was awarded to Bernard Didinsky. Robert Dennis Fernbach was the winner of the prize for the best work done for the *CORNELL LAW QUARTERLY* during the academic year 1941-42.

In March, the Law School adopted a three-term program for the regular academic year, beginning September 1941, as a means of assisting students whose law school instruction may be interrupted and postponed by military service. As a supplement to this plan and to enable students who have already begun their law study to complete as much of their professional training as possible before being called into the armed forces, the Law School will conduct its first summer session since 1932.

The summer term will equal one-third of an academic year and will open June 16th and end August 27th. Only those having completed at least one year of law will be eligible. The following courses will be offered: Administrative Law, Professor MacDonald; Conflict of Laws, Professors Stevens, Wilson and Robinson; Creditors' Rights, Professor Keeffe; Quasi-Contract, Professor Laube; Real Property II, Professor Farnham; Taxation, Professor Yorkey.