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SHORT COURSE PROGRAMS
OF
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

As part of an expanded criminal law program made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation, Northwestern University School of Law is currently conducting a series of short courses for persons actively concerned with the administration of criminal justice. During 1959, three such courses were held. Details concerning these programs are set forth below.

Short Course for Newsmen in Crime News Analysis and Reporting

The first Short Course for Newsmen in Crime News Analysis and Reporting was held on the Evanston Campus of Northwestern University during the five-day period March 23–28, 1959. The course, which is jointly conducted by the Northwestern University Schools of Law and Journalism, was attended by seventy-three (73) newsmen from twenty-one (21) states, and three foreign countries: France, Japan, and Bolivia. The course has three principal objectives: (1) to enrich newsmen’s understanding of the crime problem; (2) to improve relationships between newsmen, law enforcement officers, and the legal profession; and (3) to provide a forum for the mutual exchange of information by the attending newsmen.

The following comments are representative of the highly favorable reactions received from those who attended the course:

“The course has helped me in my daily work. Every reporter who comes in contact with crime news should attend your course. And this goes for editors, too.” Edmund J. Rooney, Jr., Reporter, Chicago Daily News, Chicago, Illinois.

“A very beneficial experience.” Lee F. White, News Director, Radio Station KROS, Clinton, Iowa.

“My congratulations for the most excellent course. . . . I hope you will make it a fixture.” Edward D. Ball, Executive Director, Southern Education Reporting Service, Nashville, Tennessee.


“I came away from the Short Course with a feeling of accomplishment and with more knowledge of the tremendous problems facing the legal profession and news agencies. I thought it was an excellent program.” Richard E. Cheverton, News Director, WOOD Broadcasting, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The course program included the following subjects:

- An Outline of Criminal Procedure (A discussion and explanation of each procedural step in a criminal case, from arrest to appeal)
- The Self-Incrimination Privilege
- Homicide Investigation (“Murder Unrecognized” and “Apparently Murder”)
- The Coroner System vs. The Medical Examiner System
- The Interpretation of Crime Statistics
- The Lie-Detector Technique: Its Possibilities and Limitations
- The Identification of Firearms (“Ballistics”) and Comparative Micrography (Tool Mark Identifications, etc.)
- Microanalysis and Other Trace Evidence in Criminal Investigations: Possibilities and Limitations
- The Role of the Newsman: (a) In Criminal Investigations; and (b) In Mob Violence and Race Riots
- Crime Causation and Juvenile Delinquency
- Courtroom Photography, Tape Recordings and Broadcasts (The Problem of Canon 35 of the Canons of Judicial Ethics)
- Effective Interrogation Techniques (The newsman’s utilization of the basic principles of criminal interrogation)
- Chemical Tests for Alcoholic Intoxication
- The Legal Ethics of Prosecution and Defense
- Pre-Trial News Interviews with Prosecutors and Defense Counsel
- Blood and Blood Grouping Tests in Criminal Investigations
Court Reforms and the Role of the Press (Unified court system; improved selection of judges, etc.)

The Examination of Questioned Documents (1. Handwriting Identification; The Detection of Forgery; 2. Typewriting and Printing Identification; Decipherment of Erased and Obliterated Writing)

Today's Rackets and What the Newsman Should Look For

Exposing Corruption in Law Enforcement (A panel discussion, including an analysis of actual case situations)

The Problem of Counsel for Indigent Defendants (An appraisal of the systems of Appointed Counsel, Public Defender, and Voluntary Defender)

The Libel and Privacy Aspects of Crime News Reporting

The Courts' Contempt Power over Newsmen with Respect to: a) Sources of Information; b) Trial Court Reporting; c) Contacts with Trial Participants; and d) Criticism of Court and Jury

The Newsmen's Right of Access to Juvenile Court Records and Proceedings

The Concepts and Practical Problems of Probation and Parole

Crime Prevention Possibilities and Limitations

The Traffic Court Problem

The following persons served on the lecture staff:

Milburn P. Akers, Editor, Chicago Sun-Times
Junius L. Allison, Field Director, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Chicago
John Ascher, Lieutenant of Police and Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Department
Edward D. Ball, Executive Director, Southern Education Reporting Service, Nashville, Tennessee
Creed Black, Executive Editor, Nashville Tennessean
George Bliss, Reporter, Chicago Tribune
Joseph Costa, Chairman, Board of National Press Photographers, New York City
Robert L. Donigan, Acting Director, Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Evanston, Illinois
Donald Doud, Examiner of Questioned Documents, Chicago and Milwaukee
Roy Mac Fisher, Feature Editor, Chicago Daily News

Richard Ford, M.D., Acting Head, Department of Legal Medicine, Harvard University
William Garry, Director of News, CBS, Chicago
Ordway Hilton, Examiner of Questioned Documents, New York City
Fred E. Inbau, Professor of Law, Northwestern University
Edward Lindsay, Editor, Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Decatur, Illinois
Joseph D. Lohman, State Treasurer, Illinois; Former Chairman, Illinois Parole Board
Kenneth McCormick, Reporter and Columnist, Detroit Free Press
Frank J. McGarr, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago; Former First Assistant U. S. District Attorney
Baskett P. Mosse, Professor of Journalism, Northwestern University
C. W. Muehlberger, Director, Michigan Crime Detection Laboratory, Lansing
Edward J. Nerad, Chief Probation Officer, Family Court of Cook County, Chicago
Joseph D. Nicol, Associate Professor, Department of Police Administration, Michigan State University
Len O'Connor, News Commentator, NBC News, Chicago
Virgil W. Peterson, Operating Director, Chicago Crime Commission
William Ray, Director, NBC Newsroom, Chicago
John E. Reid, Director, John E. Reid & Associates, Chicago
Don H. Reuben, Attorney-at-Law, Member of law firm of Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters, Chicago
Walter V. Schaefer, Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois
Jacob Scher, Professor of Journalism, Northwestern University
Charles H. Shireman, Assistant Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
Claude R. Sowle, Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University
Robert D. Swezey, Executive Vice-President, General Manager, WDSU, New Orleans; Chairman, Freedom of Information Committee, National Association of Broadcasters
Samuel W. Witwer, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago; Former Chairman of the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision
The program was directed by Professor Fred E. Inbau of the Law School and Professors Jacob Scher and Basket P. Mosse of Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism.

The Second Annual Short Course for Newsmen in Crime News Analysis and Reporting will be held during the five-day period March 21-26, 1960. Attendance will be open to all newsmen (of the press, magazines, television, and radio) who are charged with the responsibility of evaluating crime news.

Short Course for Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases

Seventy-six (76) lawyers from twenty-six (26) states, Washington, D. C., Canada, Puerto Rico, and Bolivia attended the Second Annual Short Course for Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases. The course, which was held in Chicago during the five-day period July 20-25, 1959, has a threefold objective: (1) to offer instruction regarding the preparation and trial of criminal cases; (2) to acquaint defense counsel with the possibilities of scientific methods in the defense of criminal cases; and (3) to provide a forum for the mutual exchange of information by attending defense counsel.

Among the numerous favorable comments received from course attendants were the following:

"The outstanding event of its kind that I have attended in my many years of experience as a lawyer." John M. Goldsmith, Radford, Virginia.

"Well planned, developed, and presented." Robert L. Koeppel, Public Defender, Miami, Florida.

"Exceeded my most optimistic expectations... The most educational week in my legal career." R. Donald Kelly, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Practical, educational, a wonderful opportunity to meet some outstanding members in the field." Richard D. Grand, Tucson, Arizona.

"I cam away with a deep appreciation of the wonderful efforts that your Law School is making to improve the level of the administration of Criminal Justice." G. Arthur Martin, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.

The following subjects were covered in the course:

The Defense of Criminal Cases: An Honorable Undertaking
Recent Developments in Substantive Criminal Law
Recent Developments in Criminal Procedure, With Respect to: Arrest—Search and Seizure—Confessions—Access to the Prosecutor’s Information and Evidence—Self-Incrimination—Double Jeopardy
The Lie-Detector Technique: Possibilities and Limitations; and the Legal Aspects of its Utilization in Criminal Cases
Sex Case Defense Problems: (a) Sex Cases Generally; and (b) Sexual Psychopath Proceedings
The Insanity Defense: (a) Recent Legal Developments; and (b) Trial Techniques
Getting Exhibits in Evidence
Wiretapping: The Means and Legal Controls
The Role of Defense Counsel Regarding Probation and Parole
The Art of Advocacy
Trial Techniques—A Panel Discussion (coupled with questions and comments from attendants) Regarding: Preparation for Trial—Selection of Jurors—Opening Statements—Direct Examination—Cross-Examination—Impeachment—Closing Arguments
The Laboratory Techniques of Firearms Identification and Comparative Micrography
The Ethics of Prosecution and Defense
Chemical Tests for Alcoholic Intoxication: The Scientific and Legal Aspects
Determining the Cause of Death in Suspected Criminal Homicide Cases
The Examination of Questioned Documents: Handwriting and Typewriting Identification; and the Legal Aspects of Questioned Document Expert Testimony
Prejudicial News Reporting as a Defense
Juvenile Delinquency: (a) The Sociological Problem; and (b) The Juvenile Defendant in Court and his Constitutional Safeguards

The persons listed below comprised the lecture staff:

Francis A. Allen, Professor of Law, University of Chicago
Charles A. Bellows, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago
J. Douglas Cook, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Buffalo; Former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Samuel Dash, Attorney-at-Law, Philadelphia
Robert L. Donigan, Acting Director, North-
western University Traffic Institute, Evanston, Illinois
Donald Doud, Examiner of Questioned Documents, Chicago and Milwaukee
Russell S. Fisher, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, Baltimore
Peter Fitzpatrick, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago
Percy Foreman, Attorney-at-Law, Houston
Irving Goldstein, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago
Fred E. Inbau, Professor of Law, Northwestern University
Melvin S. Louison, Attorney-at-Law, Taunton, Massachusetts
G. Arthur Martin, Q.C., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dan H. McCullough, Attorney-at-Law, Toledo, Ohio
Frank J. McGarr, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago; Former First Assistant U. S. Attorney
Hugh J. McGee, Attorney-at-Law, Washington, D.C.
Ben Meeker, Chief U. S. Probation Officer, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago
C. W. Muehlberger, Director, Michigan Crime Detection Laboratory, Lansing
Michael A. Musmanno, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Joseph D. Nicol, Associate Professor, Department of Police Administration, Michigan State University
John E. Reid, Director, John E. Reid and Associates, Chicago
Charles H. Shireman, Assistant Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
Claude R. Sowle, Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University
Gregory S. Stout, Attorney-at-Law, San Francisco
James R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant State's Attorney, Chicago

The course was under the direction of Professor Fred E. Inbau of the Northwestern University School of Law. The associate director was Claude R. Sowle, Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University.

The Third Annual Short Course for Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases will be conducted during the five-day period July 18-23, 1960. Attendance will be open to all attorneys interested in the practice of criminal law.

Short Course for Prosecuting Attorneys

The Fourteenth Annual Short Course for Prosecuting Attorneys was held in Chicago during the five-day period August 3-8, 1959. The course, which is endorsed and recommended by the National District Attorneys' Association, had a record enrollment of one-hundred seventy-eight (178) prosecutors from thirty-seven (37) states, Washington, D. C., and Rome, Italy.

The following comments are a sample of the reactions of course attendants:

"The course is of extreme benefit to any prosecutor who attends, and I only wish that every one of my deputies could share the same experience with me!" William F. Frye, District Attorney, Eugene, Oregon.

"The course was extremely well done and of great value to me." David G. Lucas, Legal Assistant to the County Prosecutor, Somerville, New Jersey.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions in Chicago and would certainly recommend that every County Attorney in the State, if possible, should attend this school at least once." Gerald A. Stack, County & Prosecuting Attorney, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

"A successful course.... The program was well balanced, controlled, and executed." Charles Poches, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Pierre, South Dakota.

"After attending this course, it is my recommendation that all members of the Prosecutor's staff be required to take this course.... I feel that the material in the course will be of great aid to me in my future work. Your course also gave me the opportunity to gain a depth of perception in reference to the status of a Prosecutor that I did not have prior to attendance." Edwin A. Kolodziej, Assistant Prosecutor, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The program for the course included the following subjects:

The Office of Prosecuting Attorney—A Trust and a Challenge
Basic Principles Regarding Opening Statements and Closing Arguments
Problems of Prosecution in a Large Metropolitan Area
Problems of Prosecution in a Medium Size County
Problems of Prosecution in a Rural Community
Basic Problems in the Interrogation of Criminal Suspects
Homicide Investigation ("Murder Unrecognized" and "Apparently Murder")
Chemical Tests for Alcoholic Intoxication: The Scientific and Legal Aspects
Document Examination: Handwriting and Typewriting Identification; and the Legal Aspects of Questioned Document Expert Testimony
The Lie-Detector Technique: Possibilities and Limitations
The Art of Advocacy
Trial Techniques—A Panel Discussion (coupled with questions and comments from attendants) Regarding: The Case Investigation—Preparation for Trial—Selection of Jurors—Opening Statements—Direct Examination—Cross-Examination—Impeachment—Closing Arguments
Getting Exhibits in Evidence (A practical demonstration of the techniques of presenting such evidence as guns, bullets, photographs, etc.)
Meeting the Insanity Defense
Criminal Interrogation Tactics and Techniques
The Ethics of Prosecution and Defense
Demonstration of the Lie-Detector Technique
Visit to the Chicago Police Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
The Suppression of Organized Crime
Wiretapping: The Means and Legal Restrictions
Non-Support Actions
Bad Check Case Problems
The Techniques of Preparing for and Prosecuting Criminal Cases in Rural Communities

The lecture staff consisted of the following persons:

John Ascher, Lieutenant of Police and Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Department
Richard B. Austin, Judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, Chicago
Victor H. Blanc, District Attorney, Philadelphia
Manley J. Bowler, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles
Patrick Brennan, Prosecuting Attorney, South Bend
Rush C. Clarke, Attorney-at-Law, North Platte, Nebraska; Former County Attorney
J. Douglas Cook, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Buffalo; Former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Samuel Dash, Attorney-at-Law, Philadelphia
James H. DeWeese, Prosecuting Attorney, Troy, Ohio
Robert L. Donigan, Acting Director, Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Evanston, Illinois
J. St. Clair Favrot, District Attorney, Baton Rouge
Russell S. Fisher, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, Baltimore
Peter Fitzpatrick, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago
Thomas A. Flannery, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Washington, D. C.
Irving Goldstein, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago; Professorial Lecturer, Northwestern University School of Law
Ordway Hilton, Examiner of Questioned Documents, New York City
Fred E. Inbau, Professor of Law, Northwestern University
Albin P. Lassiter, District Attorney, Monroe, Louisiana
Robert L. Marrs, Prosecuting Attorney, Hamilton, Ohio
Frank J. McGarr, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago; Former First Assistant U. S. Attorney
William B. McKesson, District Attorney, Los Angeles
Frank E. Moss, United States Senator, State of Utah; Formerly County Attorney, Salt Lake City
Keith Mossman, County Attorney, Vinton, Iowa
C. W. Muehlberger, Director, Michigan Crime Detection Laboratory, Lansing
Alexander J. Napoli, Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago
Duane R. Nedrud, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Kansas City; Former State's Attorney, Minot, North Dakota
Virgil W. Peterson, Operating Director, Chicago
Crime Commission
Kent B. Power, County Prosecutor, Weiser, Idaho
Blaine Ramsey, State's Attorney, Lewistown, Illinois
John E. Reid, Director, John E. Reid and Associates, Chicago
Melvin G. Rueger, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cincinnati
Edward S. Silver, District Attorney, Brooklyn
Claude R. Sowle, Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University

James R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant State's Attorney, Chicago
Professor Fred E. Inbau of Northwestern University School of Law served as course director. He was assisted by Claude R. Sowle, Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University.

The Fifteenth Annual Short Course for Prosecutors will be held during the five-day period August 1-6, 1960. Attendance will be open to attorneys holding state or federal offices as prosecutor or assistant prosecutor, to attorneys who are nominees for the office at the next election, and to legal personnel in the armed forces.