

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Finding a job can be a troubling task for a law student. Those who are successful are usually those who best keep a sense of humor about the process. Believe it or not there are things to laugh about in placement, no matter what your perspective. One interviewer reported an incident several years ago where a candidate entered the room, dropped to his knees and asked, "Would it help if I begged?"

That applicant might have received the following letter which originally appeared in an ABA Law Student Division publication:

Smith, Anderson, Milton & Jones
Plaza Building
Washington, DC 20000

Mr. William L. Fang
The Law School
Somewhere, US

Dear Mr. Fang:

I was glad to have met with you recently to discuss the possibility of a summer clerkship with our firm. We appreciate your interest but regret that we are not able to ask you to continue the interview process.

As I am sure you realize, an attorney's time is extremely valuable and a member of a firm has a responsibility both to himself and his associates to be frugal in its expenditure. The immense expense of interviewing the large number of job applicants we see each year, therefore, must be justified in some way. As to those students whose grades, extracurricular activities and personalities make them attractive prospective employees, we tend to view the expense as an investment in the firm's future, whether we eventually hire a particular individual or not. Others give us invaluable insight into the changing nature of legal education and

the profession as a whole. Still others present us with an opportunity for invigorating and refreshing dialogue, the value of which we feel should not be discounted.

However, on the rare occasion when we interview a student whose credentials, demeanor, conversation, appearance and background can in no way justify the amount of time expended on his behalf, we are certain that you will agree that it is only fair that student be billed for the reasonable value of that time. Therefore, please find enclosed our bill for \$24.68 (twenty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents), figured at an hourly rate of \$50 (fifty dollars) and including secretarial, mailing and other costs.

Best wishes for your future professional success.

Sincerely yours,
Fred R. Milton

FACULTY BAR MEMBERSHIPS

In a recent survey of faculty memberships in various state bars, 41 members responded including one non-lawyer. The results are as follows:

Wisconsin	27
Dist. of Columbia	4
California	4
Illinois	3
New Jersey	2
Ohio	1
Minnesota	1
Florida	1
Massachusetts	1
Iowa	1
none	4
non-lawyer	1

Eight professors belong to more than one bar, accounting for the total of fifty responses. The forty lawyer-professors indicate a total of 223 years of practice experience, an average of 5.5 years each, before joining our faculty.

CARTER TAPS JONES

Prof. James E. Jones, Jr. has been selected by President Carter to chair a special panel designed to resolve disputes between the Merit Systems Protection Board, which guards the rights of persons under the civil service system, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which investigates employment discrimination cases. The panel was created by the recently enacted Civil Service Reform Act.

Professor Jones, who graduated from UW Law School in 1956, joined its faculty in 1969. He currently teaches courses in the labor and discrimination area at the Law School and related courses in the Industrial Relations Research Institute.

NEW YORK AREA RECEPTION

Thursday, May 15, 1980 found a small but enthusiastic group of New York area alumni meeting for lunch at the Wall Street Club. Organized by Edward L. Levine ('52), the group heard Dean Helstad report on the status of the Law School. Eighteen alumni attended and another 27 indicated their interest in future functions. There are about two hundred alumni in the greater New York area.

A few senior alumni reported that such gatherings, often on an informal basis, were more common in years past. R. Worth Vaughan ('28) remembers that a group used to gather for lunch every Monday. "Sometimes there were as few as two, sometimes six or eight," he recalls.

One of those who could not attend would have won the prize for coming the farthest if he had. John N. Kramer, Jr. ('68) wrote from his firm's office in Abu Dhabi that he hopes to join the group after he is rotated back to New York. We all hope he returns with a few barrels of oil.