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A Day in the Life of The Law School

What happens on an ordinary day at the Law School?

Perhaps you can recall what you did on a typical day as a law student. You may have been called on in class and surprised yourself with your response. You may have hunted down sources for a journal article that you had to edit. Maybe you spent the afternoon relaxing with friends, drinking coffee in the Goat, and then spent the evening studying in the library. You may have worried about your summer job plans. You may have finally begun outlining Civil Procedure. However you spent the day, you were surrounded by the activity of faculty, administrators, staff, and other students who together contributed to your Penn Law experience.

April 6, 1994 was an ordinary day at the Law School. There were no special lectures or events, no exams, no boathouse party or happy hour or softball game. While everyone at the Law School simply went about his or her routine on this spring day, we asked two photographers to roam the school and record what was happening. Their photographs will reacquaint you with familiar faces and places and introduce you to new ones. You will see that some things have changed at the Law School, as students and faculty make themselves at home in Tanenbaum Hall. Other things have stayed the same: the rituals of classes and studying, courses taught by favorite professors. We hope that these photographs will fill you with warm memories of the past and with enthusiasm for the future of Penn Law.

7:30 am

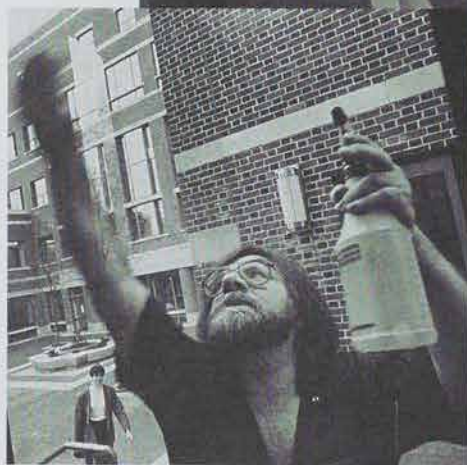


ABOVE

The Law School day begins at 7:30 am when security guard Paul Yuzuk arrives and unlocks the main entrance to Tanenbaum Hall. Yuzuk makes his morning rounds and then monitors Law School entrances and exits via closed-circuit television cameras. He greets all visitors to the Law School with a smile, joking with students and faculty and directing visitors to their destinations.



am
8:00



LEFT

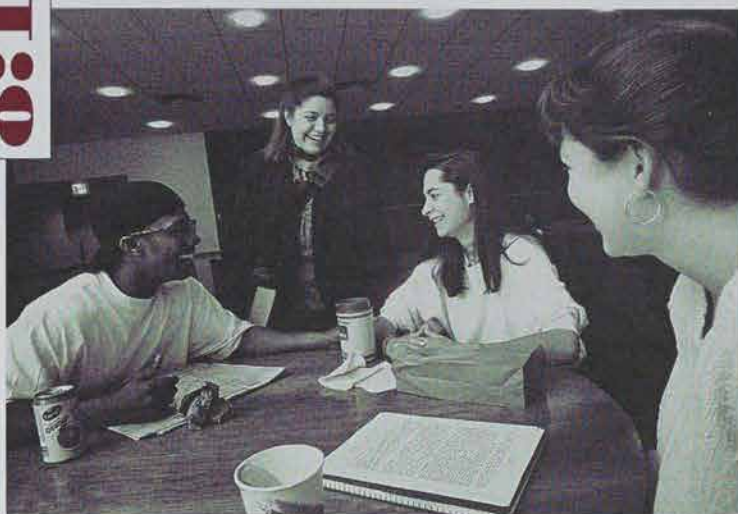
In the early morning hours, the housekeeping staff busily cleans and tidies up the Law School. The School is abuzz with the sound of vacuuming and washing. Furniture is dusted, trash removed, and windows cleaned. Dave Thomas cleans the glass door outside room 213, with Tanenbaum Hall in the background.

ABOVE

At 8:00 am, people begin to arrive at the Law School. Raymond Trent enters, followed by Judge Louis H. Pollak. Trent is a senior clerk at Biddle Law Library with responsibility for book binding. A Law School employee for thirty years, Trent has also compiled the

Raymond Trent Collection on the Black Lawyer, which is housed at Biddle and available to students and scholars. Judge Pollak, a former Dean of the Law School, taught a course on the Supreme Court's 1993 term this spring.

8:15 am



LEFT

It is 8:15, and first-year students gather in the new student lounge to drink their morning coffee and prepare for class. The new lounge has added much-needed space for informal student gatherings throughout the day. Philip Bronner '96, Olga Petrovic '96, Halley Finkelstein '96, and Wendy Mirsky '96 compare notes.

ABOVE

Students enjoy the morning sun in the Law School courtyard, looking from Tanenbaum Hall toward Lewis Hall.

Morning classes are in full swing by 10:00.

First-year students took the traditional curriculum plus one elective. This year, upper-class students chose from forty-seven courses and thirteen seminars, as well as numerous clinical and co-curricular programs. Always accessible, the faculty routinely meet with students informally before or after class, at office hours, or over lunch.



ABOVE

After class, Professor Susan Sturm discusses employment discrimination issues with David Cahn '95.

RIGHT

Professor Leo Levin teaches Judicial Administration in one of the new, state-of-the-art classrooms in Tanenbaum Hall.



ABOVE RIGHT

Professor Lesnick lectures on Legal Responses to Inequality.



10:00 am



R I G H T

Labor Law students
pose a question to
Professor Summers.



A B O V E & R I G H T

Professor Hurd lectures
on the "actus reus"
in Criminal Law...
while students take
notes manually or
electronically.



12:15 pm

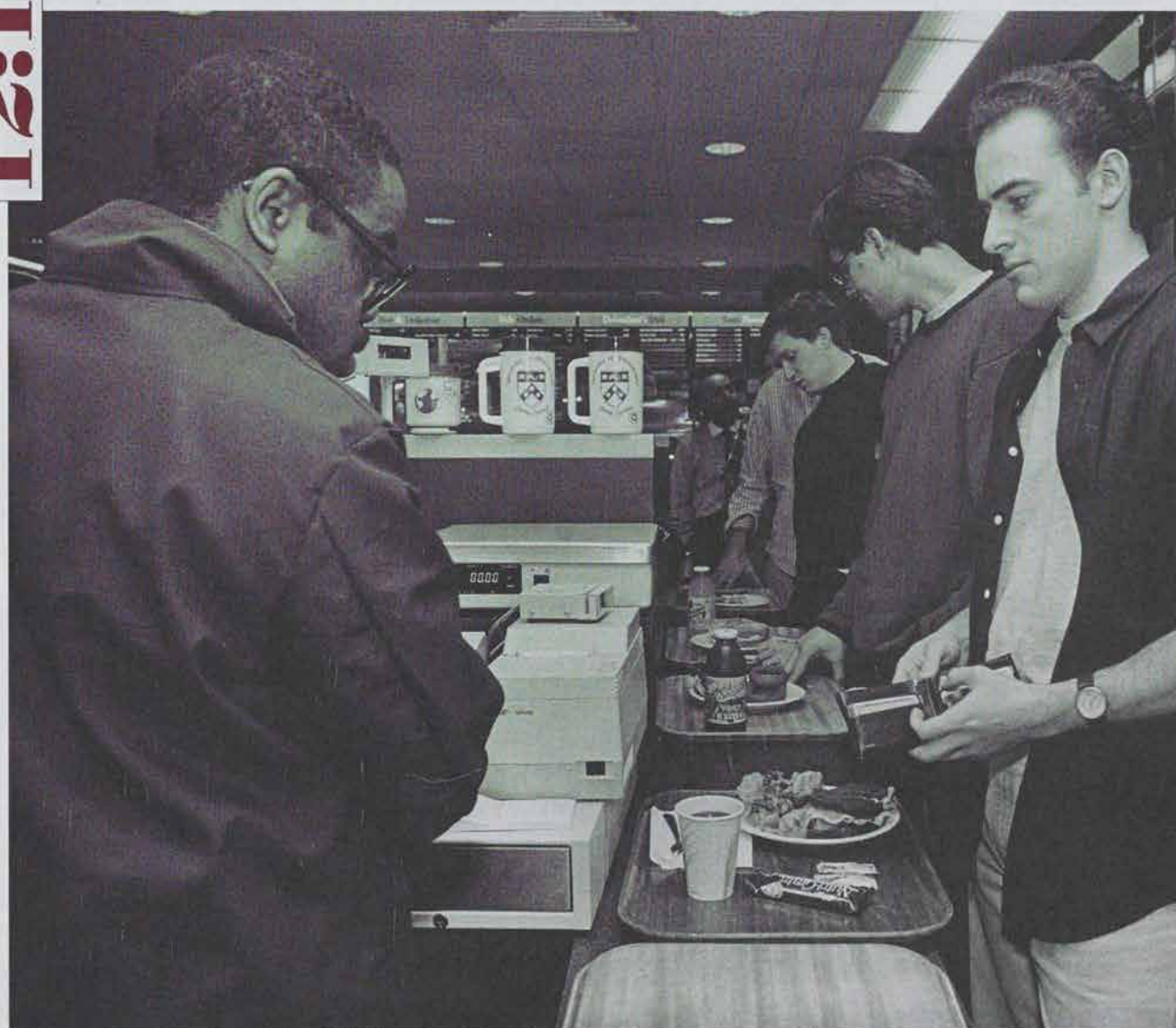


LEFT

Students check their mailfolders between classes, finding commencement and exam information, or notes from friends.

RIGHT & BELOW

Lunchtime in the new Stern Dining Commons. This facility in Tanenbaum Hall is the setting for many a breakfast, lunch and dinner hastily grabbed as a study break or leisurely spent discussing classes and classmates. Sean Carr '95 makes a purchase, while Pei Loh '95, Hanley Chew '95, and Mitra Mehr '96 enjoy their lunch.

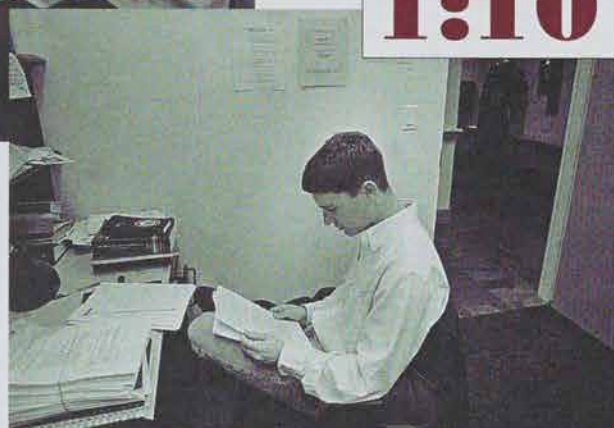




LEFT & BELOW

The student-run journals have moved into spacious new quarters in Tanenbaum Hall. Andy Zeitlin '94, the outgoing editor-in-chief of the *Comparative Labor Law Journal*, meets with Leslie Braginsky '95, the *Journal's* new book review editor. In a neighboring office, Chuck Connolly '95 assumes his duties as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Business Law*.

1:10 pm



A Penn Law education does not take place only in the classroom.

The Public Service Program sends students into the community where they perform law-related work under the supervision of an attorney or a member of the Law School's faculty. Penn Law students can be found throughout Philadelphia, in law offices, soup kitchens, schools and courtrooms. On this afternoon, we found the following students at work.

RIGHT

Melissa Weiss '95 interviews a parent at the Custody and Support Advice Clinic. CASAC, a student-founded project, assists indigent parents in representing themselves in child custody and support matters. The project is supervised by attorneys with Community Legal Services. In the two years since CASAC was founded, Penn students have worked with over 700 clients.





ABOVE

Stefan Jackson '95 (middle) and Ayanna Minor '95, members of the Black Law Students' Association Bartram School for Human Services Project, teach a law-related educational curriculum to Bartram High students. Here they discuss "gangsta rap" and the first amendment.



LEFT

Mike LiPuma '94 counsels two soup kitchen guests who are seeking legal information. Mike coordinated Penn Advocates for the Homeless, which worked with fourteen first-year students to provide legal information and referrals at area soup kitchens.

The First-Year Legal Writing Program provides first-year students with an invaluable foundation in research, writing and advocacy skills, while the third-year students who serve as Legal Writing Instructors gain teaching experience. From the minutiae of "bluebooking" to the excitement of a mock appellate argument at the federal courthouse, the Legal Writing course exposes first-year students to a realistic range of lawyering tasks.

pm
2:05

RIGHT

Personal conferences are a hallmark of Legal Writing. Instructor Debbie Rogow '94 reviews a brief with Stacy Broad '96.





The Clinical Programs enable students to engage in front-line legal work in actual cases under faculty supervision. Students enrolled in the Civil Practice Clinic, for example, represent clients of the Penn Legal Assistance Office in a variety of civil disputes. Students develop lasting practical skills by interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating with opposing parties, and handling hearings.

A B O V E

Sandy Yoo '94 researches legal issues on line before conferring with a client.



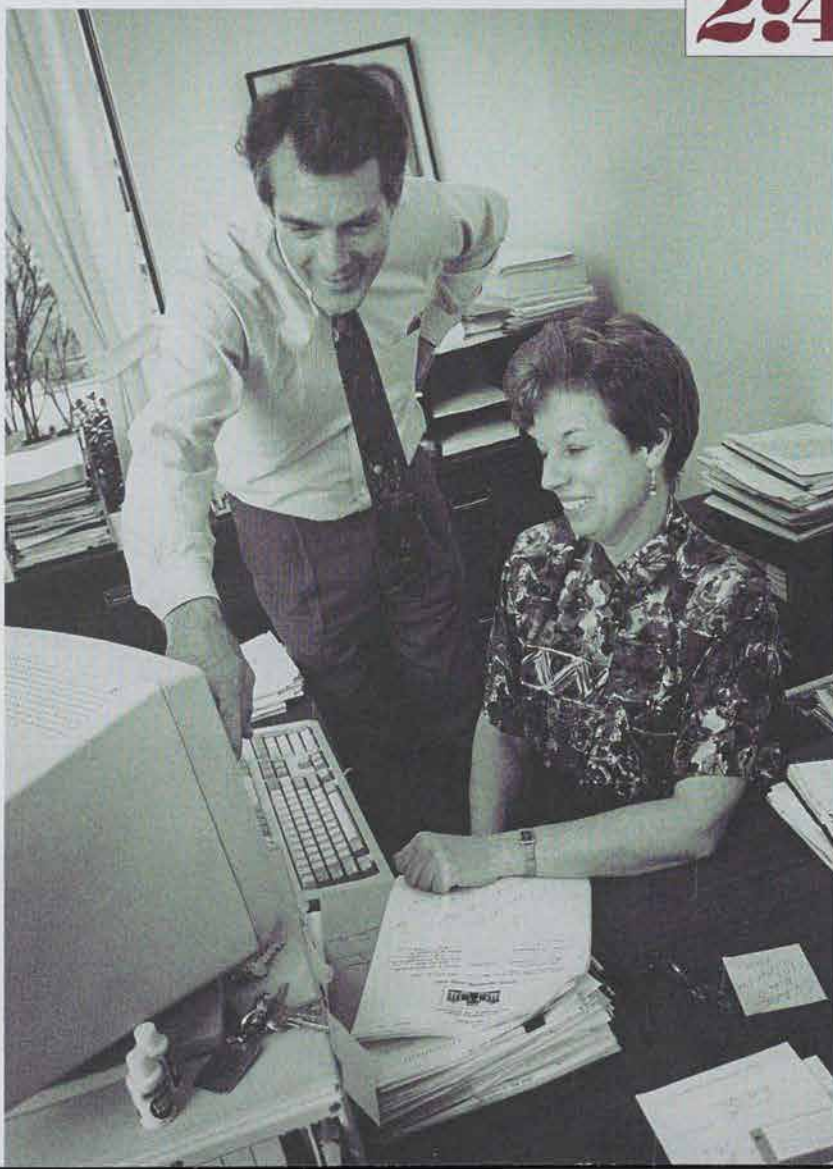
2:20 pm

L E F T

Clinical Practice Professor Alan Lerner '65 discusses legal strategy with Mumtaza Rahi '95.

Ringling telephones, piles of mail, and a non-stop stream of visitors—students, faculty, administrators, and others—characterize the busy atmosphere of the administrative offices.

2:45 pm



A B O V E

Rae DiBlasi, Assistant to the Dean/Special Projects, plans another law school event.

L E F T

On this typically busy day Dean Diver has met with administrators and students, interviewed a candidate for a faculty appointment, attended an alumni luncheon in Center City, and met with the Building Committee. On his way to a budget meeting, Dean Diver consults with his assistant, Isabelle Johnston.

The Admissions Office received about 4100 applications this year — an increase of 14% over last year's figures. The task of limiting this pool to yield a class of approximately 240 is a daunting one, involving the thoughtful review of each application. After being admitted, applicants were contacted by current Penn Law students who answered questions and provided a student perspective on the Law School. Each admitted applicant also received a letter from Dean Diver. Two open houses for admittees, including one that coincided with Justice Scalia's visit to the Law School, provided a chance to visit the School and meet students and faculty.



A B O V E

The admissions office is awash in applications, recommendations, transcripts, and financial aid forms. Denise McGarry, the Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, reviews applications with Professor Kreimer.

A B O V E R I G H T

Down the hall, the Registrar's Office keeps track of course scheduling and enrollment, exams, grades, commencement arrangements, and numerous other details of student life. Registrar Gloria Watts keeps everything running smoothly.

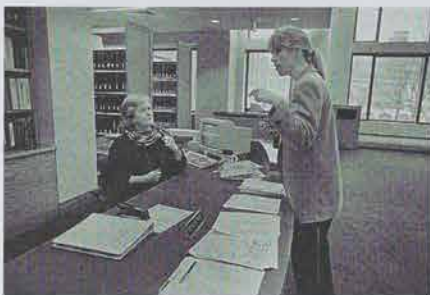


A B O V E

Assistant Dean Gary Clinton counsels two students.



After classes, students pour into Biddle Law Library to study. An atmosphere of light and quiet, along with comfortable seating and climate control, have contributed to everyone's enthusiasm for the new facility. The library provides a variety of study environments, ranging from long tables in the light-filled atrium to carrels on the mezzanine that provide an aerial view of the comings and goings below to private study rooms that can accommodate from two to six students. Students may be found in a group simulation room, videotaping a mock negotiation or deposition to be critiqued. In a single viewing room, a student may practice and tape an oral argument, or a professor may view an interactive videotape on law teaching. Computers abound, providing ample access to on-line research services, CD-ROM databases, and the Internet.



TOP LEFT

Juan Llambias, LL.M. '94
and Felipe Montejo,
LL.M. '94 on their way
to the library. This year's
LL.M. program wel-
comed thirty-four inter-
national students from
twenty-one countries.

MIDDLE &
LOWER LEFT

The circulation and
reference librarians offer
assistance to students.





Is there life after law school?

The Career Planning and Placement Office, headed by Assistant Dean Jo-Ann Verrier '83, ensures that there is by providing counseling and placement services to students and alumni. Fall on-campus recruiting for second-year students continues to be highly successful. Currently, there are 270 employers scheduled to participate in September, and this number continues to increase. Other employers visit the Law School throughout the year. Despite the recent economic downturn, Penn's placement statistics remain impressive: by February 95.5 % of the class of '93 were employed. Alumni continue to provide valuable assistance in locating job opportunities for students. Alumni who have jobs or other assistance to offer should call Career Planning at (215) 898-7493.



ABOVE

Alumni contributed their time and expertise to this year's successful mock-interview program for first-year students. First-years polished their interviewing skills in preparation for the search for a summer job. Lester Lipschutz '91 interviews Vincent Willis '96 in a library study room.

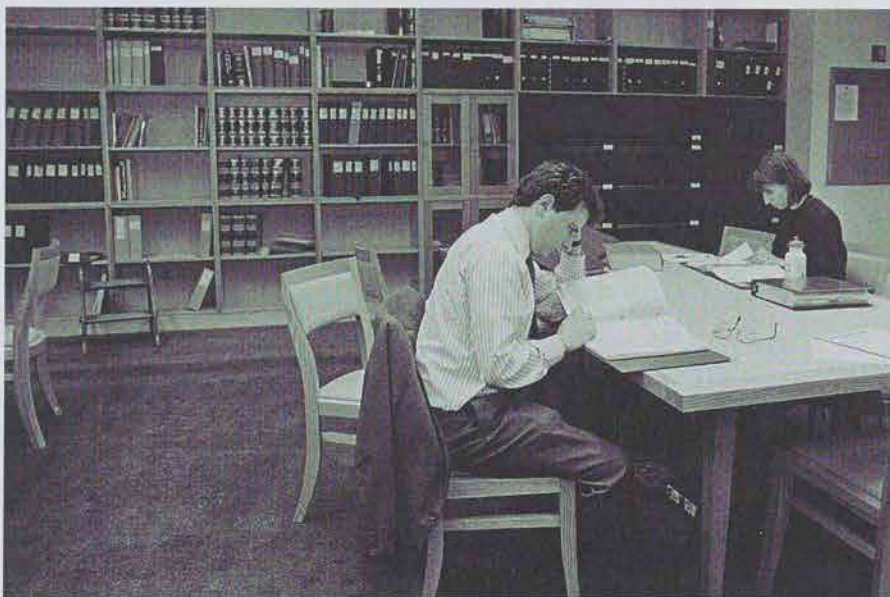
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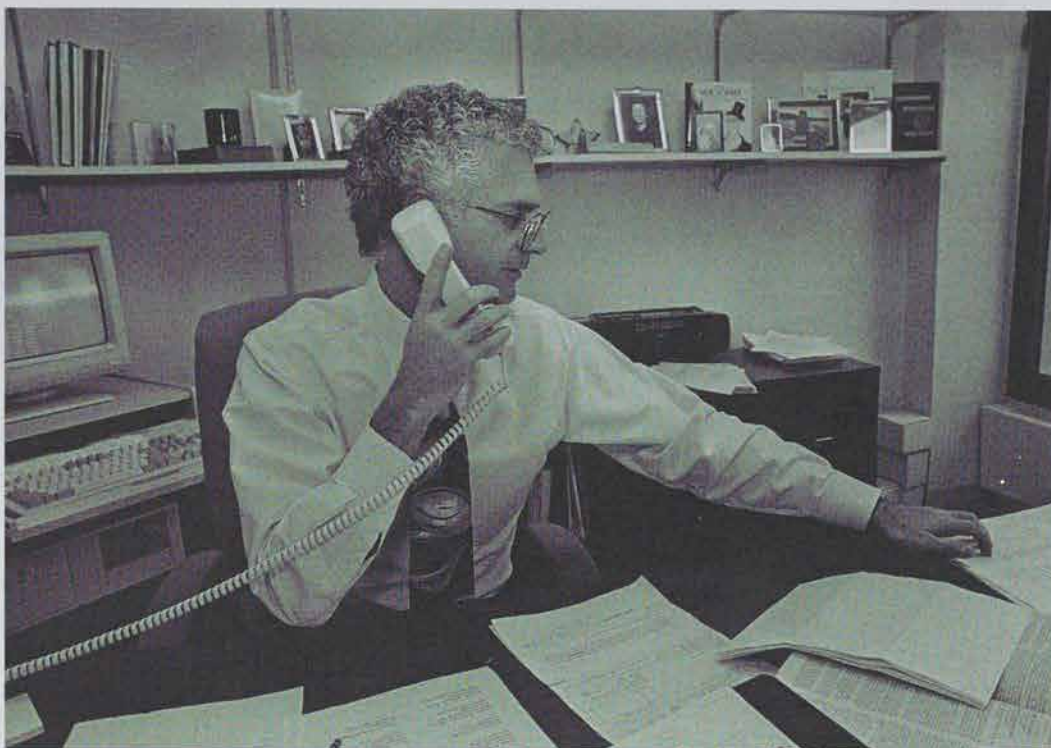
Helena Reid assists a caller.

RIGHT

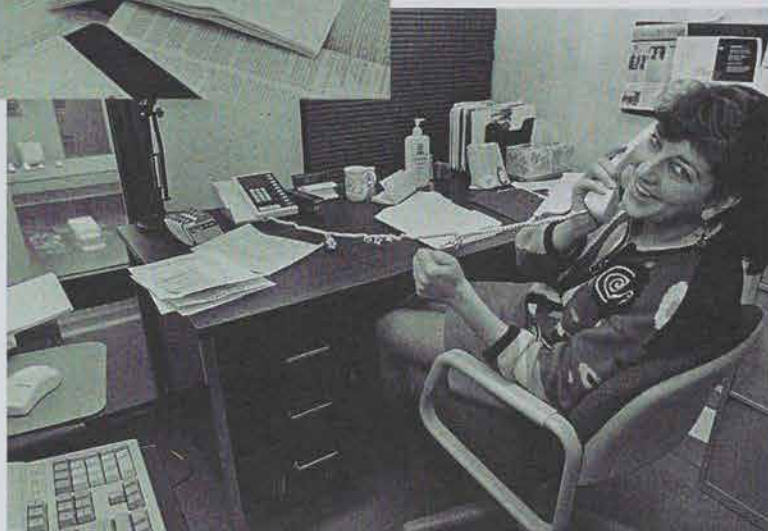
The Career Planning and Placement Office maintains a library that includes up-to-date job listings for students and alumni, as well as clerkship information. Students review job binders in Career Planning's new Tanenbaum Hall office.

3:00 pm





The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs coordinates fundraising, alumni events, reunions, and related activities.



A B O V E

Assistant Dean Peter Rood plans his next trip to meet with alumni.

R I G H T

Alexandra Morigi, Director of Alumni Affairs, plans an alumni reception.



4:30 pm

... the hour for seminars, when students meet with renowned faculty in intimate classes that foster the exchange of ideas.



A B O V E

Julie Chung '95 and Michelle Lee '95, students in the Critical Issues of Race and Gender seminar, debate a point with Professors Guinier, Sturm and Smith.

L E F T

Professor Guinier enjoys a moment with her students, including Robert Tintner '94.

Nervous first-year students, their Legal Writing Instructors, and alumni who will serve as judges converge at the federal courthouse for mock oral arguments.



7:00 pm

A B O V E

Elbert McQuiller '96 and John Mastando '96 prepare to face their opponents and the judges.

8:45 pm

The quiet of Biddle Law Library is punctuated by the rustling of pages, the squeaking of highlighters, and the tapping of computer keys as students work into the night.



BELOW

The Reserve Reading Room houses current journals.

ABOVE

Corinne Karlin '96 amid Federal Reporters.

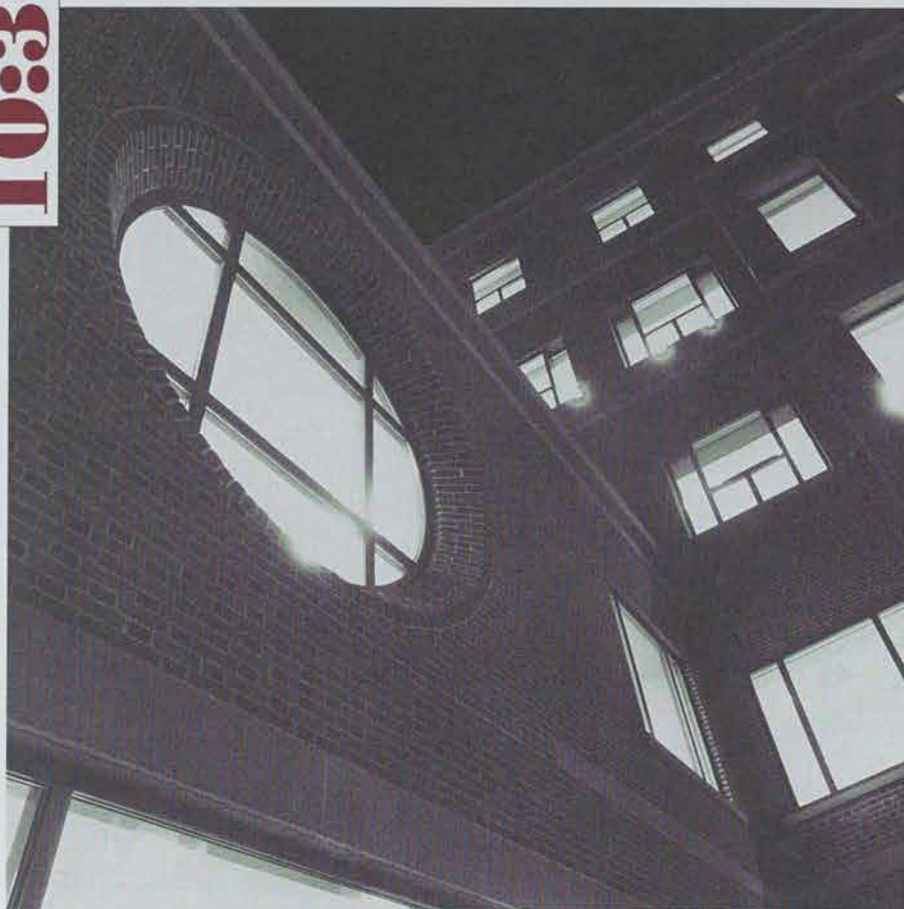
BELOW RIGHT

At work in a private study room.





pm
10:30



LEFT &
OPPOSITE

The Law School after
dark.

BELOW

Ed Lytle completes his
rounds and locks up the
Law School.

The day ends as it began, with the
turn of the security guard's key.



am
12:00

