

Two years ago a poverty law was probably in the same status as labor law was 50 years ago. There were no courses in it, no one paid any attention to it, no research was being done on it, no journals were being written in the field. But something has happened in the last 2 years in the poverty law field similar to what has happened in the last 40 or 50 years in the labor field.

Thirty-six law schools in the last 2 years have initiated courses in law on poverty; some of them have more than one course. There is now a Journal of Urban Law put out by a law school, which concentrates on the legal problems of the poor. The Bureau of National Affairs, which puts out Law Week, is now talking about putting out the Poverty Law Reporter.

There are scores of law review articles and scores of professors doing research in these fields. It is just a burgeoning area of the law. One of the things that has triggered this has been the interest among law students in this field.

Some of the very finest law graduates in this country are going into the legal services field. We just gave a grant to the University of Pennsylvania Law School to recruit, train, and place in operating programs 50 young lawyers. Within a few weeks they had 300 applicants for those 50 positions. And they recently made their selections, including a man first in his class at the University of Chicago last year, who was clerking for a Federal judge; a man seventh in his class at Harvard; a man third in his class at Columbia.

They are just the very top-ranking law graduates. In addition, five or six are coming out of Wall Street law firms to go with legal services projects.

It has been a revolution in the legal field.

(The information follows:)

LAW SCHOOLS OFFERING LAW AND POVERTY COURSES

University of Chicago	Texas Southern
Stanford University	Albany
University of California (Berkeley)	Marquette University
University of North Carolina	UCLA
Harvard University	Notre Dame
Columbia University	University of Pennsylvania
Yale University	University of Minnesota
University of Michigan	Boston University
Ohio State University	University of Maryland
University of Mississippi	University of Texas
Arizona	Georgetown
So. Methodist	Houston
Toledo	George Washington University
Loyola of New Orleans	University of Kentucky
Rutgers	Wayne State University
North Carolina College	New York Law School (not NYU)
Utah	Catholic University
Wisconsin	Emory University
University of Detroit	

LAW SCHOOLS AND LEGAL SERVICES

Law schools have shown a greatly increased interest in the new field of poverty law in the past two years. At least 37 law schools have established new courses in law and poverty in the past two years. These schools include most of the leading law schools in the country. A list of the schools offering such courses is attached.