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\$75,000 PLEDGED TO USD LAW SCHOOL

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The James Irvine Foundation of Newport Beach has pledged \$75,000 to ^{assist in the} construction ^{of a} USD Legal Services Center which will include a courtroom-auditorium modeled on the original U.S. Supreme Court Building.

Total cost of the project which will be in excess of \$300,000, is to be underwritten by an earlier pledge of \$50,000 from USD Trustee Charles M. Grace, a grant from the Ford Foundation, and a campaign among alumni of the Law School.

Announcement of the grant was made by Dr. Gilbert L. Brown, Jr., Vice President for University Relations, who indicated his deep appreciation to the Irvine Foundation for their part in making this new project possible.

The plans prepared by San Diego architect Donald Goertz utilize the existing skylight domes on the third floor of More Hall to enhance the early nineteenth century atmosphere.

The courtroom, which will seat more than 100, will be used as a three-judge appellate forum, a trial court, and a large lecture hall. The room will have a gallery, a jury box, and bench and tables for counsel and court personnel. There will be facilities for motion pictures, slide projection, TV and video tape transmission, open microphone tape recording and reproduction equipment.

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"The courtroom will be among the most functional and unique courtrooms in a law school in the country," said Brown. "The funding from the Irvine Foundation is part of USD's Gifts and Grants Program, at present totalling about one million dollars annually," according to Brown.

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