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USD, COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAUNCH NEW LAW CENTER

A major new community law center established through the joint efforts of the University of San Diego School of Law and the San Diego County Bar Association will be launched early this year, according to an announcement made on January 5 by representatives of the two institutions.

Located at the USD campus and funded in part by a \$40,000 grant from the County Bar Association, the Law Center will work "to improve and provide services to the legal profession and the provision of legal services in San Diego," said Sheldon Krantz, USD law dean. Thomas Ault, Association president and San Diego attorney, described the goal of the Center as an effort "to make the legal profession and legal services in San Diego County a national model in the quality and scope of service provided."

Krantz, who came to the University of San Diego last July from Boston University, where he was a law professor and director of the Center for Criminal Justice, commented on the "serious problems confronting the legal system and those in need of its assistance." Those problems, he said, include the pending decline in Federal support for legal services and the

cost and delay of litigation. "The Law Center intends to address these and related issues and will do so by combining the skills and resources of the County Bar Association and the USD School of Law." Both Krantz and Ault said they were optimistic about the ability of the Center to deal with these and similar problems, which they described as "solvable."

According to Ault, the Law Center will undertake three primary tasks: to assess the legal needs of County residents and strategies for meeting those needs; to provide training and continuing education to lawyers, consumers of legal services, and the public; and to launch administrative projects for the identification of more effective strategies to resolve disputes and to address inequities, unnecessary costs and delays in litigation.

Funding for the Center in addition to the Bar Association grant will be sought for the support of projects. Krantz said the Center will seek the guidance and involvement of "the most distinguished and knowledgeable experts it can find, many of whom reside right here in this community."

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NEWS CONFERENCE CALL

December 29, 1981

SUBJECT: Establishment of new Law Center

DATE: Tuesday, January 5, 1982

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Grace Court Room, second floor, More Hall
School of Law
University of San Diego
Linda Vista Road

TOPIC: Sheldon Krantz, dean of the USD School of Law, and
Thomas Ault, president of the San Diego County
Bar Association and San Diego attorney, will announce
the establishment of a new community law center.