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USD LAW ALUMNI TO HEAR CRITICAL REVIEW OF AT&T DECISION

Alumni of the University of San Diego School of Law will gather on April 2 to hear Louis B. Schwartz, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania deliver "A Critical Review of the Proposed Consent Decree in the Antitrust Case against AT&T."

Schwartz will be heard as speaker at the USD Law Alumni Association luncheon, Friday, April 2, at 12 noon in the Terrace Room of the Executive Hotel. His appearance is co-sponsored by the Lyle L. Jones Distinguished Law Professorship Fund.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations at \$7.50 may be made by sending a check payable to the USD School of Law, Alcala Park, San Diego 92110. Tickets must be pre-paid and will be held at the door. For further luncheon information: 293-4587.

Schwartz, a former chief of the decree section of the Federal Antitrust Division, argues that the decree is "entirely too favorable to Ma Bell; fragments the basic telephone system; destabilizes the Bell Operating Companies' finances; distorts competition between AT&T and competitors in unregulated business, and undermines Congress' intent to confine benign 'consent decrees' to cases where, unlike the AT&T suit, defendants settle before trial." He asks whether it is not likely that AT&T's management "will put running the long distance phone system on the back burner as it rushes off in pursuit of the glamorous, high-return, and risky 'knowledge business.'"

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