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The Mexico-U.S. Law Institute of the University of San Diego School of Law will offer an 18-session course in the Mexican legal system beginning in late January, according to an announcement by Sheldon Krantz, dean of the School, who described the project as "the first of many similar efforts to increase understanding about the Mexican legal system for lawyers and other interested persons in the San Diego area."

The course is structured to provide an introductory pair of sessions in late January (date to be announced), followed by seven weeks of two sessions each, covering topics including "Introduction to the Study of Mexican Law and the Origin and Evolution of Legal Education in Mexico," "The Mexican Government Legal Structure Today," civil, commercial, business, and trade laws, the Mexican Federal Civil Code, the law of the sea, criminal law and the penal code, and "Mexico and International Law and Diplomacy." Members of the faculty are: Professor Alfonso DeLimon, USD adjunct faculty member and consultant to the Institute; Dr. Miguel Acosta Romera, dean of the Law School of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico; Dr. Raul Cervantes Ahumada, dean of Graduate Legal Studies, Universidad Nacional; Professor Michael W. Gordon, University of Florida; Professor Guillermo Floris Margadant, Universidad Nacional; Dr. Jorge Vargas, visiting scholar at UCSD's

United States-Mexican Studies Program and adjunct professor at the USD law school; Dr. Jose de Jesus Ledesma, dean of the School of Law Iberoamericana; and Dr. Cesar Sepulveda, director of Matias Romero Institute of Diplomatic Studies.

Dean Krantz described the course faculty as "leading scholars" and said they will provide knowledgeable and stimulating insights into the Mexican legal system.

DeLimon said the course is open to USD law students, students of other area law schools on an audit basis, attorneys, and academics. There will be no charge for the course beyond the cost of reproduction of related materials, estimated at \$50. All sessions will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The complete schedule is available by contacting the USD School of Law, Alcalá Park, San Diego 92110 or by calling 619/291-6480, extension 4816.

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