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MEXICO CITY FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR JOINS USD'S MEXICO-U.S. LAW INSTITUTE

Jorge Santistevan, a Fulbright Scholar and corporate lawyer from Mexico City, has been assigned to the University of San Diego's Mexico-U.S. Law Institute for the 1985-86 school year.

Santistevan, 31, will add a new dimension to the two-year-old institute, which serves as a bridge of legal communication between the two countries, according to Jorge Vargas, institute director.

"Professor Santistevan will increase the understanding of both nations," Vargas said. He is from a prestigious law firm in Mexico City and graduated among the top ten percent of his law school class...

"To have a Fulbright scholar here brings academic prestige to the university."

Santistevan was assigned to USD as a Fulbright-in-residence by the U.S. Information Agency, program administrator, for ten months. The purposes of the Fulbright program are to strengthen the international dimension of the teaching programs at institutions and to develop or enrich established area studies or international programs.

Santistevan hopes to strengthen the institute by "bringing in ideas from a practicing attorney with experience in international transactions."

While at USD, Santistevan is teaching, guest lecturing and recruiting Mexico attorneys to speak here. Also, he and Vargas plan to co-author a book intended to be a comprehensive introduction to the Mexican legal system."

In addition to his Mexican legal experience, Santistevan practiced law in Chicago from 1981 to 1983.

He holds a masters degree in comparative law from the University of Illinois and the Mexican equivalent of a juris doctor degree from Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City, ranked fifth in a class of 126. He also has studied at Cambridge University and at the English Studies Center in Coventry, England.

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