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Practicing Law Institute Summer Session

Trial techniques with lectures, demonstrations and panel discussions will be among the high lights of the ten courses in the seventh annual summer session for lawyers to be conducted by the Practicing Law Institute in New York City beginning July 6.

A four weeks' program has been announced by Harold P. Seligson, director. Sessions again will be held in the United States Court House where lawyers from 37 states attended lectures and clinics last summer.

In addition to two weeks on trials and related subjects, the program includes the following: General Practice, Current Problems in Patent Law, Current Problems in General Practice, Current Problems in Labor Law, Federal Taxes and Tax Procedure, and Tax Planning and Practice. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday, excepting the first week which includes several night sessions because of the Independence Day holiday.

Preparation as the foundation of successful court work is emphasized in the Trial Practice course scheduled for the week of Monday, July 19. Beginning with marshalling the evidence the lectures to be given at morning sessions discuss step by step the preparation of typical civil cases. Techniques and tactics to be employed under various circumstances are the keynotes of the program. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to negligence cases and the handling of actions involving personal injuries.

The second part of the trials program, scheduled for the week of July 26, consists of technique demonstrations and medico-legal jurisprudence. Each four-hour morning session will present a part of a typical trial followed by detailed analysis and evaluation of the tactics and strategy employed. Actual court-room conditions will be recreated. The afternoon lectures are aimed to provide medical knowledge needed by attorneys in handling personal injuries actions and claims under life insurance policies.

Simultaneously with the trials program, the summer session will provide two weeks of federal taxation. The course on Federal Taxes and Tax Procedure during the week of July 19 presents the basic aspects of income, gift and estate taxes and related practice and procedure. This course is planned to provide a working knowledge of the tax laws and of the techniques adapted to handling typical tax matters. Guidance in analyzing and planning a client's affairs for future tax savings will be given by lectures and clinic sessions in the course on Tax Planning and Practice during the week of July 26.

The four weeks' program will be opened with two intensive four-day lecture courses, from July 6 through July 9, one on general practice and the other on current problems in the patent field. The general practice course deals with the preparation of documents and explanations of strategy and

tactics in conducting negotiations and proceedings, working methods and the techniques of the expert in various phases of a general law practice.

Major current problems in patent law in the light of their business background and trends will be discussed by experienced practitioners, each an expert in his particular field. They will explain step by step how they handle typical problems in securing and exploiting patents, litigation and developing inventions.

These will be followed, during this week of July 12, by courses on current problems in general practice and on current problems in labor law. The former provides a comprehensive discussion of current techniques for the handling of typical matters involving clients' business affairs, investments and estates, including a review of the tax aspects.

The lectures on labor law are intended for general practitioners as well as those engaged in labor work. The lectures analyze the amended National Labor Relations Act and other provisions of the law and explain the various phases of the work of lawyers in labor-management problems.

Appropriate institute monographs and related problem analysis supplements are furnished as texts in the courses on general practice, trial practice and taxation. Selected monographs from the institute's five series are included in several other courses. Text materials will be forwarded in advance to enrollees if desired.

Lawyer war veterans entitled to educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights may participate in the summer session and have all their fees, including the cost of text materials, paid by the Veterans Administration. Additional information may be obtained from the Practicing Law Institute, 57 William Street, New York City.

Schedules are so arranged that although two different courses are in progress at all times, related courses are given in weekly sequence. The program for the four weeks follows:

July 6 to 9—General Practice; Current Problems in Patent Law.

Week of July 12—Current Problems in General Practice; Current Problems in Labor Law.

Week of July 19—Federal Taxes and Tax Procedure; Trial Practice; Negligence Cases.

Week of July 26—Tax Planning and Practice; Trial Technique Demonstrations; Medico-Legal Jurisprudence.

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