# AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR LEGAL HISTORY



Seventh Annual Meeting at The Sheraton-Boston Hotel Boston, Massachusetts on November 4-5, 1977

# Program

Registration
Beginning at 8:45 a.m., November 4
Third Floor Foyer

Friday, November 4

# American Lawyers and Judges

10:00 a.m., Gardner Room

Chairman: Maxwell H. Bloomfield,

Catholic University of America

"Fortify me against temptations": The Legal Education and Early Legal Practice of Daniel Webster

> Alfred S. Konefsky State University of New York (Buffalo) School of Law

Federalist Jurisprudence in the Pennsylvania Federal Courts, 1789-1801

> Stephen B. Presser Northwestern University School of Law

Commentator Maxwell H. Bloomfield

# Medieval English Law

10:00 a.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: Samuel E. Thome,

Harvard University Law School

Adding Insult to iniuria: Affronts to Honor and the

**Origins of Trespass** 

John S. Beckerman Haverford College

Patterns of Lawyers' Reasoning in the Fourteenth Century

> Donald W. Sutherland University of Iowa

Commentator Samuel E. Thorne

# Colonial American Law

2:30 p.m., Gardner Room

Chairman: L. Kinvin Wroth, University of Maine Law School

Local Law, Institutions and Custom in Old and New England During the Seventeenth Century David Grayson Allen The Adams Papers Massachusetts Historical Society

Judicial Independence in Colonial Massachusetts

> Barbara A. Black Yale University

Commentator L. Kinvin Wroth

### Medieval Canon Law

2:30 p.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: James A. Brundage, University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)

Papal Decretal Letters as a Source of Law
Stanley Chodorow
University of California (San Diego)

Reflections on Gratian and His Commentators

John T. Noonan, Jr.

University of California School
of Law (Berkeley)

Commentator James A. Brundage Friday, November 4

# Reception

5:00 p.m., Fairfax & Room

#### **Brief Communications**

8:30 p.m.

General Chairman: G. Edward White, University of Virginia School of Law

Panel on Status and Kinship in European Family Law: Exeter A Room

Chairman: Paul Lucas, Clark University

Lenard R. Berlanstein, University of Virginia, "Juvenile Delinquency in Nineteenth-Century France"

Howard Nenner, Smith College, "Private Property Law and the Seventeenth-Century Monarchical Succession"

Panel on The Military Profession and Nineteenth-Century American Law: Exeter B Room

Chairman: Joseph W. Bishop, Jr., Yale Law School Edward Sherman, Indiana University School of Law (Bloomington), "American Military Justice and Nineteenth-Century Egalitarianism"

Philip S. Paludan, University of Kansas, "The Civil War and the Rule of Law: A Confederate Officer's Indictment for Murder"

Panel on The American Legal Profession and the Sociology of Knowledge: Dalton A Room

Chairman: Gerard W. Gawalt, Library of Congress

Stephen Botein, Michigan State University, "Cicero as Role Model for Early American Lawyers"

Burton J. Bledstein, University of Illinois (Chicago Circle), "Power, Ceremony and the Uses of Knowledge in the Nineteenth-Century Legal Profession"

Panel on Joint Law and History Programs:

Dalton B Room

Chairman: Charles McCurdy, University of Virginia Harold M. Hyman, Rice University, "Some Pedagogical Problems in Joint Law and History Programs" Jonathan Lurie, Rutgers University (Newark),

"A Response to Professor Hyman"

Saturday, November 5

# Family Property and the Continental Legal Tradition

9:00 a.m., Jefferson Room

Chairman: Elizabeth A.R. Brown, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

The English Testament in the Late Middle Ages: A Preliminary Report

Michael M. Sheehan
Pontifical Institute of
Medieval Studies (Toronto)

Notaries, Seisin and "Family Secrets" in Modern France

Ralph E. Giesey University of Iowa

Commentators
Philip Dawson, Brooklyn College,
City University of New York,
and Elizabeth A.R. Brown

# Legal History, Urban History, and the City of New York

9:00 a.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: Jon C. Teaford, Purdue University

The Corporation of the City of New York Before the Civil War

Hendrick Hartog Brandeis University

Law, Lawyers and the Merchants of New York City in the First Decades After the Revolution Robert W. Gordon

University of Wisconsin Law School

Commentator Jon C. Teaford Saturday, November 5

## **General Address**

11:00 a.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: Joseph H. Smith, Columbia University School of Law

Accommodating the Grasp of the Dead Hand: Land, Liberty and Perpetuities

> George L. Haskins University of Pennsylvania Law School

## Luncheon

12:00 p.m., Fairfax A Room\*

Presiding

Joseph H. Smith, Columbia University School of Law President American Society for Legal History Saturday, November 5

# Problems in American Law and Policy around the Turn of the Century

1:45 p.m., Jefferson Room

Chairman: Morton Keller, Brandeis University

Distributive Justice and Immigration Policy (1865-1924)

Robert M. Cover Yale Law School

Comment: Morton Keller

The Legal Origins of the Philanthropic Foundation in the United States

Stanley N. Katz University of Chicago School of Law

(Presentation of a research project undertaken jointly by Professor Katz and Barry Sullivan of the Illinois Bar, Chicago)

Comment: Marion R. Fremont-Smith of the Massachusetts Bar, Boston

# **Tudor-Stuart Legal History**

1:45 p.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: J. Swanston Cockburn, Elizabither

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Some Aspects of Star Chamber Jurisdiction in the Seventeenth Century

Thomas G. Barnes University of California (Berkeley)

Legal Aspects of Anglo-Scottish Union (1603-1707)

Brian P. Levack
University of Texas

Commentator
J. Swanston Cockburn

<sup>\*</sup>A cash bar will open in the Fairfax A Room before the lunch.

Saturday, November 5

# Round Table Discussion: Unpublished Case Records as a Source of Legal and Social History

3:45 p.m., Hampton Room

Chairman: William E. Nelson Yale Law School

DeLloyd J. Guth, University of Lancaster, English Pleas in the Later Middle Ages

David Konig, Washington University, St. Louis, The Judicial Records of Colonial Massachusetts

Richard Cole, Western New England College School of Law, The Records of Jurisdiction of the Mid-Western Frontier

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# Studies in Legal History

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