

Association's Accreditation of American Law Schools. The report should be finished by August 1995. The letter seeks comments and views on the issues, focus and general directions the Commission should take. Also comment by the Chair of the Section.

HISTORY

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INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS/AREAS OF LAW

New needs for education and training on European Law

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The Court of Justice that oversees the European Community has stated that the Community as a whole is ruled by law and a body of law known as Community Law has developed. The new European dimension needs to be introduced in the training of lawyers and public administrators.

Despite its importance in reality, Community Law has assumed an unimportant place in law faculties. When it is offered, it is as an optional subject which focuses on institutional law and sources of law, rather than the actual substantive law. Community law should become a compulsory element in the curriculum of law faculties. Only a few centres within Europe have reputations as Community Law educators.

To remedy the problem several initiatives to promote Community and European Law have been made. The Community's ERASMUS program seeks to develop co-operation between

universities of the members countries of the Community through student and teacher exchanges. The Jean Monnet Project covers 335 establishments and had provided support in various ways for the development of training on European integration. At the time this article was being written, 58 postgraduate programs in Community Law were on offer. Recently, the Academy of European law at the European University in Florence was established.

A large scale Community initiative should be taken to promote knowledge of European Law and ensure uniform application and administration of European Law throughout the member nations. Ad-hoc training courses for advocates specialising by European Law, establishment of a summer university for European public servants and the development of comparative studies are suggested ways to increase the awareness of Community Law by European lawyers and public servants.

Basic competence in European Community Law for all lawyers

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Research sponsored by the Law Society of England and Wales and by the Institute of European Law at the University of Birmingham has found that smaller sized law firms practising in fields of law with a high level of Community Law content are not recognising the Community Law implications. In fact much British secondary legislation is now amenable to powerful judicial intervention and Acts of Parliament are not completely immune from judicial scrutiny on the grounds of non-conformity with Community Law.

The report prepared (The Training Needs of Solicitors: New Opportunities in the Single Market and in Central and Eastern Europe) recommends that solicitors master the basics of Community Law. The report found that only 15% of respondents to a survey had studied European Community Law in their vocational and academic training. By contrast, over a third of the College of Law students surveyed had studied Community Law as a separate subject on an optional basis.

Looking to the future, the new Legal Practical Course recognises that students must be aware of the need to consider the potential impact of European Community Law. The Law Society's Review of the Academic Stage of Legal Education includes "Principles of European Law" amongst the potential mandatory subjects for a future qualifying law degree. The report indicated that an overview of organisation, structure and professional practice rules of the civil law systems would be very helpful to solicitors.

The Law Society of England and Wales has largely followed the recommendations of the report. European Community Law is now a priority area in CLE programs. The Law Society, along with the Council of Legal Education, have stated in a joint announcement that the Foundations of European Community Law is to be one of seven foundation subjects.

Introducing modern company law - the life of a company

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