

MEMORANDUM

TO: Russell Osgood

FROM: Peter W. Martin

SUBJECT: NCAIR Grant and New Legal Information Institute

DATE: June 9, 1992

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I. NCAIR Grant

I attach a copy of NCAIR's grant letter and the grant proposal letter it incorporates by reference. Assuming your approval, the original needs to be signed by someone in authority, you or Rich.

The \$27,000 includes no provision for indirect cost recovery and will, unless it falls under some exception, require a waiver.

Without having line-items, the grant proposal built the \$27,000 figure out of \$12,000 for my research assistants, \$10,000 in relation to Tom Bruce's time and attention on the Internet project this summer, and \$5,000 for programming (presumably done on contract not by law school staff).

II. Legal Information Institute

I propose the institute be named as above. I propose that in addition to being a name that graces diverse projects of Martin and Bruce that it be an account or set of accounts that can receive revenues in addition to those from NCAIR and incur costs that relate to those revenues.

The principal activities of the Institute during 1992-1993 include the following:

1. Assembling a directory of e-mail addresses of faculty, librarians, and technical staff at AALS member schools to be distributed on the Internet (without charge) and on a cost-recovery basis on disk and perhaps paper to AALS member schools.

This directory is already well underway. Yesterday's e-mail brought a full set of addresses for the Chicago faculty, U.C.L.A.'s

arrived late last week. By late July a very useful working directory should be ready for distribution.

2. Distributing information on how to access the Internet and how to reach the Institute's server to Legal Academics in both print and electronic media.

3. Completing and distributing a variety of teaching materials on disk and through the Internet.

These materials include the intellectual property statutes with topic overviews (ready for release by the end of June), a set of materials to support a basic legal research course (ready for release in modules beginning in August), and if possible the U.C.C.

4. Completing the conversion of Martin on Social Security from its LEXIS form to disk.

The timetable for this project and degree of Institute (as distinguished from Martin) involvement awaits a publication decision by Thomson Electronic Publishing that I expect to have by the end of June.

5. Preparing an electronic version of Barry Strom's Public Benefits Manual.

Barry and I have discussed a summer offer of a computer-based version to his current subscribers and a parallel print and disk distribution when he takes the manual into a new edition sometime this fall.

6. Preparing an electronic version of Donahue, Kauper, and Martin, Property, 3d ed.

I reached agreement with West Publishing on this project last Saturday. West will license Martin or the Institute to prepare an electronic version of the casebook furnishing all the necessary data, including materials not in the casebook but referenced by it. The timetable we agreed upon has the first cut being placed in our local area network for use by my students next spring, distribution to a few other test schools during 1993-1994, with West having a right of first refusal on general distribution thereafter.

7. Identifying additional resources and services that should represent the initial bundle on the Institute's Internet Server and

putting them in place.

III. Financial Understanding

I shall not seek any return for myself on materials distributed by the Institute unless the Institute becomes the sole distributor of either the Social Security material or the electronic version of my property casebook. (Should a need for personal royalty for these large scale projects arise, I propose that it be set by the dean based on the standard level of royalties for comparable print materials.)

Arrangements for electronic distribution of material on disk and very likely some distribution across the Internet should include charges or fees that cover costs and where possible produce net revenue in support of additional Institute activities.

Where possible the Institute should take advantage of CALI or other distribution or publishing entities to distribute material produced by it. It therefore needs authority to enter into such arrangements.

IV. Loose Ends

I am sure there are many of them -- titles and authority for Martin and Bruce vis a vis the Institute, articulating how to resolve what comes within the regular budget and set of activities of Educational Technologies or Martin and the Institute, what approvals are necessary before we can proceed to proclaim our Institutehood, and so on. I have ideas on many of these but would first like to know what issues you and Rich see.