

PREFACE

The ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS SECTION ON MINORITY GROUPS was formed because of the concern of its members, especially minority law faculty and law school administrators, for the plight of minority group members in legal education. The SECTION's focus on the problems of minority students has forced A.A.L.S. Schools to continually upgrade and evaluate their commitment to increasing legal representation for minority communities. To this end, the SECTION presented a special series of seminars at the Association's annual meeting December 26-30, 1974, in San Francisco.

A planning conference for that annual meeting was sponsored in the fall of 1974 by Professor Derrick Bell of Harvard University. A report of that conference is included in this edition of the BLACK LAW JOURNAL with summaries of the proceedings and the papers prepared for presentation at the San Francisco meeting. The treatment of all phases of legal education from admissions programs to bar admissions makes the consideration of these articles essential for all concerned with the legal education of minorities. The papers represent the views neither of the SECTION ON MINORITY GROUPS nor the BLACK LAW JOURNAL, but are presented, as were the seminars, for the purpose of stimulating discussion on crucial issues confronting minorities in the legal profession.

