

MEMORANDUM FROM YALE LAW SCHOOL

DATE: October 1, 2002  
TO: The Yale Law School Community  
FROM: Tony Kronman

Last week, I traveled to Washington, DC to meet with representatives of the Army's Judge Advocate General's Office to discuss military recruitment at the Yale Law School. I proposed an arrangement that I felt was within the bounds of the School's existing policies, in compliance with the Solomon Amendment, and attractive from the military's point of view. My proposal was favorably received, but as of yesterday, the University had not been formally notified by the Department of the Army that the Law School is in compliance with the Solomon Amendment.

As a result, yesterday being the extended deadline for a response to Colonel Tate's letter of May 29, 2002, the University has had no choice but to send a letter to the Army JAG office stating: (1) that it believes the Law School's recruitment policy to be in compliance with the Solomon Amendment; (2) that it intends to seek an authoritative determination of the legality of this policy; and (3) that in order to do so without jeopardizing the University's federal funding, the Law School will temporarily suspend the application of its nondiscrimination requirement to military recruiters to enable them to participate in the Fall Interview Program sponsored by our Career Development Office.

I wish that I had been able to reach an accommodation with the military and may yet be able to do so. In the meantime, we should take heart from the University's willingness to defend the legality of our recruitment policy and to seek a determination of the correctness of our position.

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