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Dr. Albin O. Kuhn  
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Dear Dr. Kuhn:

According to the chapter on the School of Law in Cordell's History of Maryland, the Law School was first located in 1823 in what was described as "a spacious and commodious building on South Street, near Market Street", where "apartments were handsomely fitted up and arranged in every respect for the accommodation of students." It was subsequently moved however to a location more convenient to the Court House and about 1833 was located on Courtland Street. The operation of the School was suspended from 1836 to 1869. When it was re-activated in 1869, the lectures were given at the building of the old Department of Arts and Sciences, which was located on Mulberry Street opposite Cathedral Street, which ended at that time at Mulberry. This building had originally been erected for the Baltimore City College which occupied it in 1811, and had been turned over to the School of Arts and Sciences in 1830. It was apparently a two-story building, for Cordell speaks of a third-story having been added in 1854 with the aid of a mortgage put upon the property by the Board of Regents. It was occupied by the School of Law until 1883 when it was torn down by the City in order to open Cathedral Street through to Saratoga. From the sale of the property to the City some \$26,000 was realized and after paying off the mortgage, about \$21,000 was left which was apparently divided between the two then existing "Faculties" of the University - those of Law and Medicine. With the share that came to the Law School, the building on the north side of Lombard Street adjoining the Medical School was erected. (Cordell uses the word "erected" but I think it was simply remodeling an old church building that was already there.) This building (now the Administration Building) was used by the Law School until 1931 when the present building was put up. The Law School also used the amphitheater in the Medical Building for classes and shared the old Library Building on the south side of Lombard Street with the Medical School.

Sincerely,

Roger Howell  
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