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ROBERT I. STEVENSON

Robert I. Stevenson will retire from his position as Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law at the end of the 1981-82 academic year. Mr. Stevenson joined the faculty of T.C. Williams in 1974 and since that time has shared his knowledge, his wit and his perspective with countless students who by chance or design enrolled in his courses. To acknowledge our deep appreciation for the contribution which Mr. Stevenson has made to the quality of legal education at T. C. Williams and to express our sense of loss at his impending departure, the Editorial Board gratefully dedicates Volume 16 of the *University of Richmond Law Review* to Robert I. Stevenson.

In the pages which follow there appear two tributes to Mr. Stevenson. The first is by Professor B. J. Brabham — a colleague of Mr. Stevenson at T. C. Williams as well as at the University of Idaho. The second tribute is that of a graduate of T. C. Williams and a former student of Mr. Stevenson, Sally Yates Wood. We include first a brief biographical sketch of Mr. Stevenson's varied and impressive career.

Robert I. Stevenson attended Yale University as an undergraduate receiving his B.A. in 1934. He also received his LL.B. from Yale University in 1937 after serving as a staff member of the *Yale Law Journal* for two years. Upon graduation from Yale Law School, Mr. Stevenson worked as an associate with several private law firms in New York City. After fourteen years of private practice he joined United Technologies in East Hartford, Connecticut, as Assistant Corporate Counsel. Mr. Stevenson served in this capacity until 1955 when he became Senior Attorney in the Office of General Counsel for the Ford Motor Company.

In 1960 Mr. Stevenson embarked on a new career when he returned to Yale University as Director of Alumni Relations and Registrar. He served his alma mater in this capacity until 1965, at which time he began his teaching career as a lecturer at the University of Connecticut Law School. Mr. Stevenson brought with him to the teaching profession a background

rich in experience and expertise.

Mr. Stevenson left the University of Connecticut in 1966 to join the law faculty of the University of Idaho where he served as Professor of Law until joining the faculty of T. C. Williams Law School in 1974. Here at the University of Richmond, Mr. Stevenson has taught courses in commercial law, commercial paper, consumer law, products liability and judicial remedies. His publications include two law texts: *Commercial Paper* and *Products Liability*, as well as various law review articles.

These short paragraphs and the tributes which follow cannot begin to portray Mr. Stevenson. His concern for his students as individuals and future lawyers is not easily captured. Suffice it to say that the environment at T. C. Williams has been enriched by his presence. As anyone who has taken one of his courses will attest, Professor Robert I. Stevenson cannot be replaced.

The Editors