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## Memorial Dedication—Burton R. Cohn

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## DEDICATION

Burt Cohn's involvement with Loyola Law School began as a student, when he returned to the academic world following a highly successful business career. After his graduation, this involvement continued with his service as an instructor and informal counselor to numerous students. As the creator and teacher of the Accounting Concepts course at Loyola, Burt helped students overcome their fear of numbers and provided them with a basic understanding of how accounting and law interface in the corporate world. Throughout his association with the school, Burt Cohn exhibited a caring, concerned, and dedicated attitude toward the faculty, students, and administrators of Loyola Law School.

The law school is not only a place to learn, but also a place to make lasting friendships. Burt Cohn was successful in both of these pursuits. Because Burt Cohn was a highly valued member of the Loyola Law School community, his absence will be felt by all of us.

The Board of Editors of the Loyola Law Review is honored to dedicate this issue to the memory of Burton R. Cohn.

*The Board of Editors*

Burt Cohn was a very special member of the Loyola Law School family. He was a graduate of the Class of 1977, with whom he kept pace quite successfully while being the senior member. He was a popular, enthusiastic and highly valued adjunct professor. Burt was a member of the Board of Visitors — always bringing a lively interest to the meetings of this most important group.

Beyond all that, he was a friend to all of us and to everyone with whom he came in contact, no matter who we were or how involved with Loyola Law School. We are all much richer as human beings from having enjoyed for too short a time his gracious presence among us.

Burt Cohn was a special gift for which we will remain forever thankful!

*Reverend Donald P. Merrifield, S.J.\**

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\* *President, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles*

Burt Cohn was the ideal lawyer. He was an extremely proficient and accomplished counselor, a dedicated and highly principled human being and a concerned, caring friend to all who met him and who needed his advice and understanding.

We hear a great deal about professional responsibility and whether or not attorneys really fulfill their roles as leaders and mentors in society. For Burt, the service and professionalism were never an issue. From his first day in law school to the last day of his life, Burt was deeply and passionately involved with Loyola Law School and its people. His counsel was invariably wise, his patience and understanding were limitless and his contributions to the school were not measurable by any traditional standards. No matter how busy his practice, Burt always had time for students, for teachers, for administrators; and he always offered his advice in a humble and positive manner.

He will be missed.

*Arthur N. Frakt\**

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As a student, alumnus, teacher, and member of the law school's Board of Visitors, Burton Cohn was a very special member of the Loyola community. I was fortunate to know him in all these roles as well as that of good friend.

Burt interrupted a very successful business career to enroll in law school. His rich practical experience and insight contributed significantly to the education of his classmates and teachers. His energy and devotion to the law school were already apparent in his student days. As one of the first students to serve on a faculty committee, his contribution to the Faculty Curriculum Committee far surpassed that of the five faculty members serving on that committee. Burt was instrumental in bringing new courses and programs to the law school. One of his projects was a student counseling service for minority business enterprises. Burt enrolled several of his fellow students and they set up several nonprofit corporations for day care centers. Burt's professional instincts were already developing; he wrote a fifty page manual on nonprofit corporations for use by students and faculty in the following years.

Burt had friends of all ages and kinds at the law school. He was counselor to many. From his "office" in the old student lounge where the law review is now located, he tutored many of his fellow students. Burt also offered career counseling. If his classmates were not taking the hard courses, he helped them make better choices. When necessary, this would include a trip to a faculty office to confirm Burt's advice that tax was essential to the practice of law.

Everyone knew and loved Burt. His spirit of adventure led many student-faculty groups to a variety of unlikely and excellent restaurants which Burt had found nestled away in the back alleys of Chinatown and Little Tokyo. He brought the students and faculty together to create a sense of community at the law school. When Burt crossed the stage to get his diploma at graduation, he received a standing ovation from his fellow students and his teachers.

After graduation, Burt returned to the law school to teach. He felt that all lawyers must be able to communicate with accountants and he developed the Accounting Concepts course to meet this need. He was a generous and devoted teacher. Despite the demands of a busy law practice, Burt taught day and evening sessions of this course almost every semester. He often offered extra sessions on Saturday and Sun-

day mornings along with coffee and doughnuts. Burt also continued his career counseling. Many students obtained their first and subsequent jobs through the helping hand of Professor Cohn.

Burt was also a valued professional colleague. He attended most faculty functions and he was always available to discuss the latest problems and developments at the law school. We shared many lunches, visits and phone calls to discuss current issues and problems in corporate law.

Burt Cohn was a wise and wonderful friend who will be deeply missed. One measure of the man may be the many times in the few short months that he has been gone that we have thought and said "if only Burt were here."

Burt was a warm and special person. He was devoted to his law firm, law school, friends, and family. Burt was especially proud that his son, Larry, is a member of this year's Board of Editors. He would be especially pleased to know that the Review has dedicated this issue to him.

*Susan W. Liebeler\**

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