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TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM G. COSKRAN

Professor William G. Coskran has graced Loyola Marymount University and its Law School with his presence for nearly forty years. His colleagues, students, and alumni consider him nothing less than a legend.

His strong Loyola roots began with undergraduate studies at Loyola University and continued with his legal studies at Loyola Law School. He graduated first in his law school class in 1959 and also served as president of the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society. He reportedly chose law as a career because “it seemed like good hours and no heavy lifting.”

Following military service as an Air Force lawyer and private practice focused on real property law, Professor Coskran became a full-time member of the Loyola Law School faculty in 1968. He is best known for his commitment to students, both personally and professionally. Although he was demanding in the classroom, first-year students considered themselves fortunate to be assigned to his property classes and others flocked to take his advanced classes.

Professor Coskran was fond of poking fun at law reviews, saying that “law review articles are written to be written, not written to be read.” Yet he continued to publish thoughtful scholarship on property law and recently shared authorship of a humorous and irreverent essay on *The Law of Prime Numbers*. We offer this tribute with our deepest respect and admiration for a great man who taught us to not take ourselves too seriously.

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