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MEMORIAL DEDICATION TO STEPHEN E. O'NEIL

Beloved by his students, the Honorable Stephen E. O'Neil was an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School from 1984 until his passing on July 10, 2001. Although school policy mandates that required courses be taught only by full-time faculty, the "O'Neil Exception" was honored by a succession of school deans so that the immensely popular professor could teach a required course, Ethical Lawyering. Year after year, his class was filled with students who responded to his warmth, his enthusiasm for the subject matter, and the way he gave of himself. As one of those students expressed it, "I felt he really cared."

Judge O'Neil graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1969; he then served in the U.S. Navy Judges Advocate General's Corps, where he attained the rank of Lt. Commander and was a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal. He was an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1977 to 1981 and again from 1983 to 1986. In between, he was senior counsel and vice president for Lloyds Bank of California. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1986, and was elevated to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1989. Judge O'Neil served as Assistant Supervising Judge, Criminal Division, Los Angeles Superior Court from 1999 to 2000, and as the Supervising Judge, Criminal Division, Los Angeles Superior Court starting in 2001. Judge O'Neil's impact as a teacher was felt by fellow judges, as well as by law students. He joined the faculty of the California Judicial College in 1991, and was dean of the college in 1999 and 2000.

Judge O'Neil will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched. He will live on in our hearts and through the Judge Stephen E. O'Neil Teacher & Friend Memorial Fund established at Loyola Law School in his honor.

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