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Dedication—Tribute to Quentin O. Ogren

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DEDICATION

Professor Quentin “Bud” O. Ogren is retiring at the end of this school year after thirty-two years of service to Loyola Law School. The Board of Editors is pleased and honored to dedicate this issue to him in recognition of his contributions to Loyola and the legal community.

TRIBUTE TO QUENTIN O. OGREN

One evening in 1954, after teaching a class at the old Law School building on Grand Avenue, I went to the parking lot. There I encountered a large, friendly man who introduced himself to me as Bud Ogren, also an adjunct professor. As we talked we discovered that we had been Loyola Law School classmates. He had been a student in the evening division and I in the day. Graduation from law school was the first thing we did together. Then, in 1960, we both became members of the full time faculty. Both of us will retire this year. Throughout these thirty-two years we have been fast friends. It is a privilege to have this opportunity to pay tribute to him for who and what he is and for his many unstinting years of service to our faculty and students.

Although I have seen him downcast and, on a few occasions angry, the image I carry of Bud Ogren is of a man filled with joy and good humor. He also represents for me the quintessential family man, devoted to his wife, Paula, their three sons and three daughters. His faith in God is firm and he is active in expressing that faith in a variety of ways in person to person encounters and in organized activities. One can count on Bud to be true to his convictions whenever a moral issue arises, whether it involves an issue at school, a civic matter, or some other issue. Yet he is never the zealot. His integrity is an inspiration to his friends, colleagues and students.

Visitors to the Ogrens’ home are generally awestruck over the vast collection of books housed there. Reading is an integral part of their family life. This goes back at least as far as Bud and Paula’s involvement with the Great Books Program at the University of Chicago. Before she became a lawyer, Paula was a librarian. One daughter is a librarian. The world of ideas is Bud’s milieu.

Although Bud Ogren is truly a scholar, he is also a man of action. He was raised with the ideal of service to others. Following the lead of
his boyhood hero, Clarence Darrow, he became a lawyer and has used his professional skills to serve others. In this regard, I will always think of In re Brubaker.\(^1\) There the defendant had been convicted of murder and sentenced to execution. The conviction and sentence had been affirmed on appeal. At the request of the defendant’s distraught mother, Bud stepped into the case. He enlisted the help of others and together they spent endless hours to save Brubaker’s life by showing that his real defense of diminished capacity had not been fully presented. After a long struggle, the California Supreme Court reversed the penalty of death and Brubaker’s life was spared.\(^2\)

Although he has taught other courses—such as Torts, Administrative Law and Labor Law—his first love is Constitutional Law. He has a voracious appetite for its literature and exhibits perennial enthusiasm for it. He has a wealth of stories to tell, often amusing, which are well chosen to make a point. He has literally brought music to the ears of his students. In his Labor Law class he was able to convey some sense of the intensity of the early struggles of the labor movement through its songs.

Because he does not succumb to every trendy approach to his subject, his views are sometimes controversial. In expressing his well considered views he is not confrontational. Instead, he stimulates a deeper level of thought.

It has been an enriching experience to have known and worked with Bud Ogren for almost half my life. I have every confidence that his retirement years will be as fruitful as his years as a professor.

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2. Id. *Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.*
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