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GEORGE DAVID HORNING, JR.

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This issue of the American University Law Review is dedicated to the memory of Professor George D. Horning, Jr. by his students and colleagues who best knew his work as an inspiration teacher and a compleat lawyer.

He gave to all of us the full measures of his intellectual capabilities, his broad experiences, and his generous friendship. He was a thoughtful and spirited man who loved his profession. He was deeply committed to the accomplishment of efficient and effective administrations of justice, in a real and fair sense for all. He was a proud lawyer and law was the business to which he dedicated his life.

In the manner of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Professor Horning believed that he would have been less than devoted if he did not render all that was in him to improve the law and what he perceived to be the ideal of its future. He pursued this ideal with all his heart.

In the wake of his distinguished career at the Bar he pursued the attainment of his ideal of laws future in the lecture halls and classroom of the law school. There he found the satisfaction of touching the hearts and minds of eager students, intellectually alert and drawn to his profession. His techniques, his demeanor, his style and his demand for excellence were obvious and infectious upon his students. He held his head high, yet he was humble in his respect for the law. He demanded competence and dignity. He conveyed affectionate regard for all who strived to meet the exacting standards of the compleat lawyer that he idolized.

Often in a generation or so the accomplishment of those learned in the law may be forgotten. But men and women of the statute and caliber of Professor Horning do not fade from mind. Although he is no longer among us, he lives in the hearts of all those lives he touched so lastingly—his students and colleagues. Indeed his admonitions and council will emerge everytime one of us rises to challenge a proffer of evidence which fails to satisfy the time tested and honored rules. In every instance when we are called upon to plead or to council or to advocate, his councils will echo throughout the forums in which we function. We have been many and we will remember. His efforts will follow into the work a day lives of each of his student-lawyer and we will remember. We will act upon his advice; we will carry out his teachings; we will order our professional

pursuits in observance of his instructions; and we will do so as long as we are here to remember. I know from whence I write because I was among those students and I so remember.

We here render our highest tribute to the memory of our professional brother—our esteem and heart felt affection for the late Professor—*extraordinaire* George David Horning, Jr.