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DEDICATION

I first met Jo King some twenty-five years ago when both of us were embarking on our academic careers in Law as fledgling assistant professors. Interestingly, by that time she had already established a distinguished set of credentials: an Ivy League education—with baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Bryn Mawr College, together with a Phi Beta Kappa key as well. Furthermore, she had taught various courses in Political Science and Economics from her beloved Bryn Mawr to Texas where she had accompanied her husband in military service in the medical corps. And, during the interim, she withdrew from the development of other professional pursuits to be with her two sons, Garrett Davis and Loring Brooks, during their early childhood years. Even so, Jo could never assume a quiescent and passive role. During the time that she was rearing her young sons, she re-invigorated the local League of Women Voters, wrote a zoning plan for her town, became president of the Parents Teachers Association, ran for public office and, to cap everything off, decided to enter Law School.

When she began her legal studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Josephine King was but one of four women in her class. She brought to her studies—and particularly Constitutional Law (still her specialty)—the marvelous training she received from Bryn Mawr in Political and Economic Theory. For her, and it became immediately apparent to her teachers at the Law School, learning and using the law could not be a unitary, isolated pursuit, but was—ineluctably—a multi-dimensional inquiry. Although much of her energy and time were devoted to her young family during her Law School years, Jo became the first woman editor-in-chief of the law review (editing single-handedly and publishing one of its best known issues on the Civil Rights Act), swept most of the prizes at commencement and was asked promptly to join the faculty by Dean William D. Hawkland.

As the only woman on the Buffalo Law Faculty, Jo occupied a critical role for future students and teachers. Her absolute professionalism, integrity, competence, and early and continuing scholarly accomplishments became a model. As a founding faculty member at the Hofstra University Law School and the Pace University Law School, she contributed immeasurably to the solid foundation of those schools, to the ideals of intellectual growth, curriculum enrichment, faculty governance, and professional responsibility. The courage to pursue principled positions earned her the respect of her col-

leagues. She has always championed democracy within the law school environment. The significance of her leadership role in curriculum, academic standards, and development was summed up well by the dean of one of the schools she helped found when he said: "We could not have started this school without you."

Looking into one of Jo King's classes, one would observe a variety of approaches and responses. Questions and answers from both sides of the rostrum are often punctuated by bursts of laughter as a one-liner from either side hits the target. At other times, there is rapt silence as the class senses that the professor is drawing together complex materials, deftly distinguishing, incisively projecting—with that great talent for organization and expression.

The range of subject matter of her publications and courses is indicative of her intellectual curiosity and her ability. She is a scholar in Torts, Civil Procedure, Insurance, Constitutional Law, Conflict of Laws, Health Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Criminal Law, and No Fault Compensation. Her treatise, *NO FAULT AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT LAW* (1987), is an analysis of state no fault systems in the vehicle accident field—but—as significantly, is a precursor of the adoption of a no fault approach, which Jo strongly favors, in the medical injury field. In the Preface of her treatise, she writes:

Replicating the experience in motor vehicle injury cases, patients experiencing unfortunate or bad results . . . usually recover nothing, or, as to the less seriously injured, are overcompensated by insurers anxious to settle. But among the most severely disabled, few . . . achieve sizable recoveries, and most are undercompensated. Eventually, more consumers of medical services and decisionmakers may inquire whether there is a better way than the tort "lottery" to achieve the restoration of persons suffering harm . . . in the hospital or the practitioner's office. The answers might be found in the no fault model"

Professor King was led to her present role in Health Law education not only by basic beliefs in social planning and intelligent regulation to advance accessibility and quality of health care, but also by pride in, and appreciation of, the work of her husband, Benton Davis King, M.D., as a medical educator and research scientist. Their many discussions concerning the health care delivery system, its inefficiencies, ethical failures, technological promise, and its social potential, all contributed to the program Jo has developed at Pace Law School. She has established the Center for Health Law and Policy Studies and is preparing an LL.M. program—expanding, as such, the current rich curriculum designed by her to train future lawyers not only as

regulators, but as provider representatives and as consumer advocates. The substance and structure of the present and projected curricula, the mission of the Center, and the goals that she has set for herself to advance reform in the health care payment and delivery system reveal a creative, energetic, and exceedingly bright and facile mind. Jo is, indeed, an "idea person." Happily, for those who will benefit from her creativity, she possesses both the demonstrated skill and sound judgment to transform her ideas into reality.

Professor Josephine Y. King has been a loyal friend and strong supporter of *The Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy*. She encouraged its development and has promoted its success. As a dynamic teacher, creative scholar, and skilled administrator in Health Law, we salute her and express our deep appreciation for her significant contributions by dedicating this volume of the *Journal* to her.

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