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## DEDICATION TO THEODORE VORHEES

The Editorial Board of the *Catholic University Law Review* appreciatively dedicates this issue to Theodore Voorhees, former Assistant Dean for Placement<sup>1</sup> and Acting Dean<sup>2</sup> of the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America. This dedication appropriately follows on the heels of a fascinating autobiography that illuminates Mr. Vorhees' remarkable life: *Four Score and Maybe More: My Life, With Law in Between*.

"Ted" celebrates his 86th year in 1990, but has no less energy and spirit now than he had while working at Catholic University, and apparently no less than he exhibited in a lifetime of distinguished professional practice and public service. Before former Dean Bamberger enticed Ted to The Catholic University of America to revitalize the law school placement office, Ted enjoyed a long and rewarding career with Dechert Price & Rhoads in Philadelphia and as the founding father of the firm's Washington office. Ted attacked the new challenge with vigor and imagination, using his broad knowledge and contacts in the legal profession to organize and implement a sophisticated placement service for students. By persuasion and cajoling, and sometimes by forthright debate with various constituencies, he sought to elevate the students' career aspirations and opportunities. The success of our present Legal Career Services Office has its roots in Ted Voorhees' initiative.

During a difficult period of transition, the University called on Ted Voorhees also to serve as Acting Dean. Though without academic status or experience, he did so with his usual energy, candor, and dedication. With the benefit of hindsight, it seems abundantly clear that Ted brought to the Law School just the right kind of level-headed leadership at critical times in the placement office and the deanship. Thus, this recognition of his significant role in the history of the school is long overdue.

What makes this dedication even more appropriate is an appreciation for his distinguished public service over more than forty years as a practicing lawyer. That service includes key roles in the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and participation in the creation of the federal Legal Services Program. His career is a model for all lawyers and law students who pursue the ideal of a profession that is at once personally satisfying and also deeply enriching of the community as a whole. In his autobiography,

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1. 1975 - 1982.  
2. 1976 - 1977.

Ted brings to the retelling of his life with the law the same relish, enthusiasm, and enjoyment that must have marked the original events and that clearly mark his style.<sup>3</sup>

The Catholic University Law Review, on behalf of the entire Columbus School of Law, therefore dedicates this issue to Theodore Voorhees, with admiration for his extraordinary career and with gratitude for his service to this institution.

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3. Copies of Mr. Voorhees' book can be obtained through the Dean's Office, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

