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DEDICATION TO HARRY M. CROSS

The decision of the Board of Editors of the Review to dedicate this issue to Professor Harry M. Cross is commendable. He richly deserves recognition and fond tribute for his contributions to the Law School, the University, and the community.

Harry Cross is an authentic product of the Inland Empire. He was born in Ritzville, was graduated from Washington State University, and earned his law degree from the University of Washington. Except for brief excursions to outer regions—a year at Yale as a Sterling Fellow, a couple of years of service with the federal government, first as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Treasury Department and then in the legal department of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and periodic visiting faculty appointments at other distinguished law schools (Columbia, N.Y.U., Michigan)—he has devoted his career life to the service of students, lawyers, colleagues, and the people of the State of Washington.

Harry joined the faculty of the University of Washington School of Law in 1943. He is the ideal faculty member: a vigorous and dedicated teacher, a systematic and conscientious scholar, and a supportive and congenial colleague. Above all and through all, he has displayed that quality of steadfast loyalty to the institution which transcends personality, self-interest, and issues of passing moment.

Harry's scholarly turf is the law of property. His special preserve is community property. The interest in property is of early origin and practical utility; while in law school he supported his wife, Linn, and himself as a title abstractor. His published articles are in the finest scholarly tradition. They helpfully inform;¹ they thoughtfully provoke.²

Harry's lifelong interest in athletics has led him to high service in the cause of collegiate sports programs at the University and nationally. He has been the Faculty Athletic Representative of the University to the Pacific-10 Conference (and its predecessors) and to the

1. E.g., Cross, *The Community Property Law in Washington*, 49 WASH. L. REV. 729 (1974); Cross, *Equality for Spouses in Washington Community Property Law—1972 Statutory Changes*, 48 WASH. L. REV. 527 (1973); Cross, *The Community Property Law in Washington*, 15 LA. L. REV. 640 (1955).

2. E.g., Cross, *Weaknesses of the Present Recording System*, 47 IOWA L. REV. 245 (1962); Cross, *The Record Chain of Title Hypocrisy*, 57 COLUM. L. REV. 787 (1957); Cross, *The Diminishing Fee*, 20 LAW & CONT. PROB. 517 (1955); Cross, *Law Revision in the State of Washington*, 27 WASH. L. REV. 83 (1950).

National Collegiate Athletic Association since 1963. He was President of the Pacific-8 Conference Council in 1966-67 and 1974-75. He was elected to serve two terms as President of the NCAA, from 1969 through 1971. Since 1973 he has been a member of the Infractions Committee, the "hot seat" of the NCAA. Within the University, Harry's role as Faculty Athletic Representative involves the sensitive task of representing the interests of the faculty in the appropriate conduct of the intercollegiate sports programs and of consulting and ruling on delicate questions of eligibility and compliance with the University and Conference regulations. Over the years he has carried out these responsibilities with a spirit of fairness, firmness, supportiveness, and honesty which has won the respect and confidence of the diverse constituencies whose interests must be accommodated to have a sound and balanced intercollegiate athletic program.³

For many years Harry and Linn and their son Kim have been custodians of the Husky mascots. The present incumbent, Regent Denali, an Alaskan malamute, resides in a comfortable (by dog standards) house and spacious pen at the Cross family compound in Kirkland. Vigorously leading Kim, Regent Denali sallies forth at football games to inspire all the other Huskies, players and spectators alike.

In 1975, I importuned Harry to assume the position which we long called the "inside" Associate Dean when Professor Robert S. Hunt expressed his desire to return to full-time teaching and research after having served in the post for five years. As the position was cast at that time, it encompassed responsibility for all of the indispensable, difficult tasks and decisions of internal administration of the academic program of the Law School, including faculty course assignments, class scheduling, examination procedures, student affairs, admissions, and financial aid administration. To our great good fortune, Harry accepted the challenge. He proved to be an excellent Associate Dean, responding to the demands of the position with characteristic energy and sense. With students Harry was firm but respected as fair and sensitive.

Pursuant to University policy requiring that administrative positions be relinquished at age 65, Harry retired to full-time teaching and research at the end of the 1977-78 academic year after specially ac-

3. Professor Cross combined his extensive experience in college athletic administration and his proclivity for legal scholarship in an article entitled *The College Athlete and the Institution*, 38 LAW AND CONT. PROB. 151 (1973).

commodating a temporary need by serving briefly during the spring of 1978 as Acting Dean of the Law School.

Harry has long maintained an active interest in the practicing legal profession. He has served on numerous bar committees, has participated in continuing legal education programs, and has been a frequent speaker to professional groups. The lawyer tradition has taken firm hold in the Cross family. Two of Harry's and Linn's sons, Harry M. Cross, Jr. and Bruce M. Cross, are lawyers, both of the Seattle bar. His brother Edward G. Cross, has long practiced in Ritzville, and one of Edward's sons, R. Graham Cross, practices in Longview, while another, Shawn Cross, is a third-year student at the University of Oregon Law School.

Harry M. Cross is a principled, caring, and loyal man, a servant without pretentiousness. As a scholar and teacher of the law and as a warm human being, he has touched many of our lives and we have been made the better for it.

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