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On July 22, 2001, the College of Law community lost a member of its family when Professor Carl M. Selinger, Hale J. & Roscoe P. Posten Professor of Law and former dean of our College of Law, passed away.

As in the case of many others, I entered law school terrified as to what might happen during my first year. I hoped to begin a legal career by entering a place of high ideals, where discussions of public policy and the rule of law would create an air of electricity and excitement. I hoped I would see new worlds and look at things from an entirely new perspective, all with a greater understanding of our society and the law. As my torts professor during my first semester, Professor Selinger helped make those dreams a reality.

As we moved through the first semester, Professor Selinger not only led discussions about the fundamental rules of

tort law, but he also challenged each student to think about the underlying values of our tort system. He enhanced our capacity to think and react as good advocates. He was a thoughtful, articulate scholar who ensured that thousands of law students had the necessary tools to become excellent lawyers.

It was obvious to everyone that Professor Selinger loved to teach. He often boasted in class that one of the things of which he was most proud of was teaching every member of the first year class, either in Torts in the fall or Professional Responsibility in the spring. When he became sick last fall, he did all he could to stay in the classroom. In the last months of his life this past spring, his dedication to teaching did not fade as he continued to teach a portion of his Professional Responsibility class.

Professor Selinger was also a valuable asset to the Law Review. Serving as a thoughtful source of information and expertise, Professor Selinger always helped to ensure that the Law Review was functioning at its best. During his time at our College of Law, he authored several articles published in our Law Review, including "Robinson Crusoe Torts," and was instrumental in the success of a Comparative Law Symposium for the Law Review entitled: "Is there a European Advantage in Criminal Procedure?"

Professor Selinger will be missed by everyone who has been associated with the College of Law since he joined our law school family in 1982. On behalf of the Editorial Board and in recognition of Professor Selinger's genuine open personality, his impeccable integrity, his thoughtful scholarship, and his heartfelt dedication to teaching the law, I am pleased to announce that the West Virginia Law Review graciously dedicates Issue One of Volume 104 to the memory of Professor Carl M. Selinger.

