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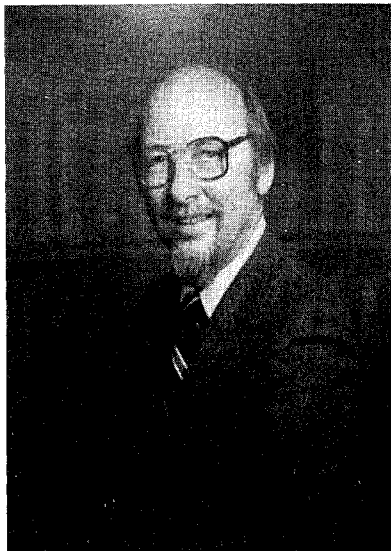
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Dedicated to the Memory of Dean Willard D. Lorensen



It is most appropriate to dedicate this issue of the West Virginia Law Review to a man revered by many in the West Virginia University College of Law community—Willard Dean Lorensen. On October 26, 2004, Willard D. Lorensen passed away after serving the West Virginia University College of Law for 37 years as a professor and dean.

One of the longest tenured professors at the West Virginia College of Law, Dean Lorensen retired in 1996 and continued as a professor emeritus until his passing. Among other courses, Dean Lorensen was most known for teaching criminal law, local government, and federal courts.

One former student, John W. Fisher, II, Dean and Professor of Law, West Virginia College of Law, remembers:

My experience with Professor Lorensen had one more dimension as a student because he was the faculty advisor for the law review, and during my third year of law school, I served as the law review's editor-in-chief. As the faculty advisor of the law review, he mentored his students in yet another way, and I am sure that his own experience as editor-in-chief of the Nebraska Law Review and his training as a journalist combined to make him an ideal faculty advisor. His mentorship to the law review students was one of specific suggestions, constructive criticism, and morale boosting encouragement. He had high standards for his own work and he had high expectations for others. He was an accomplished scholar, with keen intellect, and the ability to articulate his thoughts in a concise and convincing manner. Although we as students struggled to emulate his analytical ability and clarity of his expressions as a writer, we would always fall short, but we did have an ideal role model to follow.

A recipient of the prestigious *Justicia Officium* award, Dean Lorensen authored several articles which appeared in the West Virginia Law Review: "Disclosure to Defense Presentence Reports in West Virginia," "Criminal Venue in West Virginia," "Abortion and the Crime-Sin Spectrum," and "The Utility of Recklessness."

In recognition of his valued service to the West Virginia University College of Law, the West Virginia Law Review, and the legal community, we are honored to dedicate this issue as a tribute to Willard D. Lorensen.