To The Graduating Class of 1954

This book comes to you at a time when a substantial number of you are about to put behind the years of your formal, systematic, undergraduate legal education and make your initial selection from the multitudinous careers which are available in the profession of law. Superficially ideal though it may be for the purpose, this is probably not a time in which you will be reflecting too seriously upon your undergraduate legal education, in view of more immediately urgent demands, such as those of study for the bar examinations of the various jurisdictions. Therefore, anything which a dean might write to you of a serious character will quite understandably receive consideration, if at all, at some later moment when a search through this book for some other purpose may direct your attention to this yellowed page.

In writing with this expectation, I should like you to consider the facilities which the Law School has offered you for your study and your self-improvement during your time here to be considered as part of the continuum of a lifetime of study and reflection directed toward your own improvement by your own efforts to the ultimate perfection of your capacities as a man or woman of the law and a human being. The Law School has participated in this lifelong process for you near its beginning. I hope you will judge it by its success in helping start this process for you. I urge you to contribute your mature thoughts as you continue your education to ways and means whereby the school experience may be made an even more useful one in helping launch you on the objectives to which I have referred.

Elsewhere in this volume there are complete indications of the present aspirations and future hopes of your law school. It has been a privilege for us to do our utmost to help you help yourselves. It is a responsibility which you are about to accept to join hands with mature minds everywhere directed to improving our civilization in the areas in which you will work. I am confident that all of you will distinguish yourselves in this abiding task.
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