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The Editors of the Fordham Law Review dedicate this Issue in memory of the Honorable David N. Edelstein '32.

The Judge will always be remembered as a man of tremendous strength and loyalty who was a great friend to Fordham Law School.



Chalks on paper by Frank Petersen

Hon. David N. Edelstein
1910-2000

This Portrait is installed in the Dean's Corridor of the Fordham University School of Law.

DEDICATION

DAVID N. EDELSTEIN: A SERVANT OF JUSTICE AND FORDHAM

*John D. Feerick '61**

Judge David N. Edelstein lived greatly in the law. He became renowned for his career as a federal judge, beginning with his appointment in 1951 by President Harry S. Truman and ending as among the most senior federal judges in the United States. Along the way he was the most senior *active* federal judge in the United States, served as chief judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and presided over one of the most important cases in the history of the federal judiciary, involving the reorganization of the Teamsters Union and the implementation of democratic principles in its affairs. He was a giant in the fidelity, courage, tenacity, and integrity he brought to the judicial function.

I focus the remainder of this dedication on his meaning to Fordham: He was a graduate of Fordham College, Fordham's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Fordham Law School. From his earliest graduation until he died, he never relented in his devotion and loyalty to his alma mater. He not infrequently would speak of his "continuing love affair with Fordham;" and that love was reciprocated. His involvement in Fordham took many forms: judging moot court competitions at the Law School, especially during the hot summer months; opening opportunities for our students to clerk in his chambers; attending and speaking at law school events; providing counsel as a director of the Fordham Law Alumni Association; bringing the prestige of his office and personal qualities to every conceivable function of the School and Association (and there are many each year); donating generously to the School's Annual Fund; writing notes of support and encouragement to its deans and faculty; giving powerful expression to the values of the School in his work; and always speaking well of the School and its religious traditions. Everyone remembers so fondly the good cheer, positive attitude, sense of humor and warmth that accompanied his presence at the

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School—often a striking presence because he was joined by his beloved wife, Florence.

The role he played in the life of Fordham Law School brought him our highest recognitions—the Dean’s Medal, Alumni Medal of Achievement, tributes at five-year intervals to his life as a jurist. But there was to be at least one more recognition involving the celebration of his 50th year as a judge. Six months ago, the School commissioned a portrait of him by Frank Petersen which it planned to unveil in the Fall of 2000. The portrait will be hung, as planned, and forever be a reminder of a graduate who was one in a million, a person highly esteemed and for whom we had the greatest affection. I extend to his beloved wife, Florence, and their sons, Jonathan and Jeffrey, the gratitude of his alma mater for the credit he reflected on the School, for his belief in the School and its possibilities, and for his enormous help which enabled us to achieve some of our dreams. May he rest in peace.