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We are pleased to publish this symposium in honor of John D. Feerick, Dean of the Fordham Law School from 1982-2002. As the distinguished contributors to this issue make clear, Dean Feerick's extraordinary influence continues to be felt in the Law School's hallways and classrooms, and throughout the legal profession. Dean Feerick's indelible mark has also been made on the pages of this *Law Review*, where he served as Editor-in-Chief for Volume XXIX, and President of the Fordham Law Review Alumni Association from 1971-1973. Beginning with his first student Note in 1959, Dean Feerick's contribution to the *Fordham Law Review* is well-illustrated by the list of his publications that have appeared in this journal:

- Case Note, *Constitutional Law—First Amendment Not Violated by Inquiry of Committee on Un-American Activities*, 28 Fordham L. Rev. 522 (1959).
- Comment, *Title VII of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959*, 28 Fordham L. Rev. 737 (1959-60).
- Comment, *The Grand Jury: Its Present Day Function and Correlative Powers*, 29 Fordham L. Rev. 152 (1960).
- *Problem of Presidential Inability—Will Congress Ever Solve It?*, 32 Fordham L. Rev. 73 (1963).
- *The Vice-Presidency and the Problems of Presidential Succession and Inability*, 32 Fordham L. Rev. 457 (1964).
- *The Proposed Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution*, 34 Fordham L. Rev. 173 (1965).
- *Impeaching Federal Judges: A Study of the Constitutional Provisions*, 39 Fordham L. Rev. 1 (1970).
- *Symposium on the Vice-Presidency: American Bar Association Special Committee on Election Reform*, 45 Fordham L. Rev. 703 (Special Issue 1977).
- *Fordham Law Review and Dean Joseph M. McLaughlin: A Combined Tribute*, 50 Fordham L. Rev., at v (1981).
- *Leonard F. Manning—A Tribute*, 51 Fordham L. Rev., at viii (1983).

- *Introductory Remarks, Symposium, The Role of Unions in the 1980's*, 52 Fordham L. Rev. 1061 (1984).
- *Joseph R. Crowley—A Tribute*, 54 Fordham L. Rev. 457 (1986).
- *Remarks Delivered on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Fordham Stein Award to the Honorable William Hughes Mulligan*, 59 Fordham L. Rev. 479 (1991).
- *A Tribute to Edward Yorio*, 60 Fordham L. Rev. 805 (1992).
- *To John D. Calamari—In Appreciation and with Affection*, 63 Fordham L. Rev. 929 (1995).
- *In Memory of a Wonderful Friend: Dedication to Louis Stein*, 64 Fordham L. Rev. 1280 (1996).
- *A Personal Remembrance of William Hughes Mulligan*, 65 Fordham L. Rev. 11 (1996).
- *Remarks—Fordham Stein Prize Presentation to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist*, 68 Fordham L. Rev. 1059 (2000).
- *David N. Edelstein: A Servant of Justice and Fordham*, 69 Fordham L. Rev. 1 (2000).
- *Tribute to John M. Moran*, 70 Fordham L. Rev. 1117 (2002).
- *A Grand Builder of Fordham Law School: Dedication to Joseph W. McGovern '33*, 70 Fordham L. Rev. 1535 (2002).

In Dean Feerick's honor, an extraordinary group of prominent scholars and practitioners from around the country gathered at the Fordham Law School on February 7, 2003 for this symposium: *Integrity in the Law*. The three panels published in this issue addressed the following questions:

**Integrity in the Practice of Law** (Moderated by Professor Bruce Green): What is meant by integrity in the practice of law? Is it something that the legal profession can and should do a better job of teaching, predicting, and reinforcing? Is integrity, in at least one sense, unattainable, because the moral demands of the lawyer's role conflict with moral demands outside that role—thus making it difficult for a lawyer to be true to herself?

**The Integrity of Law** (Moderated by Professor James Fleming): What would a commitment to legislating with integrity entail? In making judgments about the legitimacy and integrity of the law, should we apply purely procedural criteria relating to the manner in which law is made or adopted? Or should we make substantive judgments regarding the moral and practical merits of law?

**Integrity in Government** (Moderated by Professor Abner Greene): The term "government integrity" has been employed in a variety of contexts (including in the title of the state commission chaired by John Feerick from 1987 to 1990). But what does it mean? Is government integrity something greater than simply the absence of lawlessness or corruption on the part of government officials and employees? Does the ideal of integrity reflect a particular understanding of government officials' roles and responsibilities? And how should government integrity be promoted, maintained and preserved?

We proudly publish the contributions of the symposium's participants in this issue. These distinguished contributors provide insight into the past and present work of Dean Feerick. Throughout his career, Dean Feerick has touched the lives of so many in the Fordham community, and has made an everlasting impact on how we, as Fordham students, view the law. Dean Feerick's central role in facilitating an historic settlement of litigation surrounding family homelessness in New York City, as well as his work as Chair of a state commission to foster confidence in the judiciary, highlight his ongoing commitment to the public interest. As the pages of this volume reflect, all of his endeavors can be described appropriately with the word around which this symposium was developed: *integrity*.

*Notes & Observations*