



Professor John T. Fitzgerald

DEDICATION

The Seton Hall Law Review dedicates this issue to John T. Fitzgerald, Professor of Law.

Having established a laudable reputation during his twenty-one years of teaching at John Marshall College of Law, Professor Fitzgerald was invited to join the original faculty when our Law School opened in 1951. Since then, while teaching Contracts and other courses, he has been the only professor to instruct every student who has completed his legal education at Seton Hall.

From the introductory mandate, "Let us invoke the divine blessing," each first year student has been intimidated by this commanding figure at the podium. Soon, however, it is realized that he does nothing that does not further a well considered end—the creation of able and resourceful practitioners. For after one has stood before "Fitz" for his first recitation and, unbelievably, survived the interrogation of the apparently crusty professor, he realizes that he has taken the first big step toward becoming a lawyer. What judge can induce anxiety and what courtroom can be a setting for trauma after that initial ordeal has been survived?

After these preliminary impressions, the fundamentals of the man appear—scholarliness, integrity, concern for his students, and, perhaps most well hidden, a devilish, wry sense of humor. His total commitment to legal education and his students may best be exemplified by his unsurpassed record of attending class despite any obstacle. When Professor Fitzgerald leaves our school, each of us will be deprived of a man who has always been a mentor and friend.

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