



THE HONORABLE PHILLIP FORMAN

## IN MEMORIAM

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It is most fitting that the Seton Hall Law Review dedicate this issue to the late Phillip Forman, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from September 10, 1959, until his death on August 17, 1978, and from 1932 until 1959 Judge, and then Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Law Reviews are the creations of the young—those incubating lawyers of whom Judge Forman was so fond. His interest in and help to the neophytes of our profession was at the core of his being.

There is no need to re-tell the known activities of Phillip Forman as a great judge, both trial and appellate. Those of us who served as his law clerks—his “sons-in-law” as he called us—gained a deeper insight into his character and personality. None of us have any doubt that Judge Forman, in addition to great judicial stature, achieved more as a human being. No one ever possessed more love and less malice for others.

The judicial temperament Judge Forman displayed easily served as a model. He was no different off the bench than on. The same patience, tolerance and understanding that the public saw carried easily into his private life. He gave of his time and talents unceasingly to the community. Of the many, the two I will mention, because of his activities while I was with him, are his chairmanship of the Board of Managers of the Trenton State Hospital and his service on the Board of Governors of Rutgers University.

As a great man, he was also humble. As a talented man, he was also tolerant. With immense responsibility, he was also patient. Possessed of power, he was also kind. The pages of the Federal Reports will forever preserve an important legacy. But to those who served him intimately more is known. Phillip Forman bequeathed to those he left behind something that only a few are privileged to leave—that all those whose lives impacted his were the better for it.

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