



Professor Eugene Gressman (back row, center) and his Supreme Court Practice students visit the Honorable Lewis F. Powell (seated), retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, at his chambers in Washington, D.C.

## A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR EUGENE GRESSMAN

*Honorable Lewis F. Powell\**

It is good to know that the *Seton Hall Law Review* is dedicating this symposium, *Legal Education in the 21st Century*, to Professor Eugene Gressman. I am glad to have the opportunity to say a few words about Eugene Gressman, as he and I have been friends for many years. His name is closely associated with the Supreme Court. Professor Gressman's knowledge of the Supreme Court is not second hand. He served as a law clerk to Justice Frank Murphy for five years. This occurred during and after World War II when the Justice became so dependent on Gene that he refused to release him.

Every lawyer who has had the opportunity to practice before the Supreme Court, whether to file petitions and briefs or to argue cases, has looked first at Gressman's *Supreme Court Practice* now in its 6th or 7th edition. It is still regarded as the "Bible" on practice before the Court.

Seton Hall was fortunate to persuade Professor Gressman to join its faculty when he retired from the faculty at Chapel Hill. In the long history of the Supreme Court, few lawyers have made as important a contribution to understanding Supreme Court practice as Professor Gressman. His name will long be respected particularly by members of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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