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ROBERT L. BOGOMOLNY

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The decanal tenure of Robert L. Bogomolny lasted ten years because he usually said yes and said no only when he had to do so.

On the rare latter occasions, his manner was so gentle and indeed ingratiating that faculty members found it difficult to disagree with his explicated reasoning; on those felicitous former occasions, Bob could say yes with even greater grace.

Law school deans do not last ten years very often and many of us at Cleveland-Marshall believe that there was a cause for this effect: Bob served the institution, the faculty, the students, and the staff before he thought of his own needs and desires.

The greatest opportunity I had to get to know and work with Bob was work in connection with the Cleveland-Marshall Fund Enrichment Program, especially the Visiting Scholars series. Throughout the years Bob provided unfailing and unstinting hospitality, generosity and real warmth to a score or more of visiting dignitaries. He was always helpful, interesting, informed, and witty; usually he also managed to be polite without condescension—and a score of visiting dignitaries would tax seriously these capacities in any law school dean.

Bob made many friends for the law school as well as in the law school and I am pleased and proud to add my name to the many who wish him well and the few who have taken a little space to say so.

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