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## A GOOD MAN

*Stephan Landsman\**

Ma<sup>e</sup> West once said “a good man is hard to find.” When Cleveland-Marshall found Bob Bogomolny and persuaded him to become dean it really found a “good man.” In Bob’s ten year tenure our faculty grew in size from an overworked 35 to a robust and active 41. Our scholarship expanded from an occasional piece to a steady and diverse flow on everything from Islamic Law<sup>1</sup> to the aesthetics of jurisprudence.<sup>2</sup> Faculty works have appeared in the *New York Times*,<sup>3</sup> as well as the *Yale Law Journal*<sup>4</sup> and the *Harvard Law Review*.<sup>5</sup> But more important than these signs of physical and scholarly growth has been the increased vigor and diversity of our faculty and our programs.

Of course, it is the members of our faculty who have been responsible for our increased output and our rapidly diversifying program, but it was Bob Bogomolny who made it all possible. He was the facilitator who encouraged us to think about new projects, who urged us to teach new courses, who pushed us beyond traditional limits, and who broke down traditional barriers for us and for our students. While Bob made it possible he never pressured us or sought to exercise arbitrary authority. Rather, he nurtured us, encouraged us, and provided the environment that helped us to do our best work. He had the uncanny knack of recognizing the important things and getting people to focus on them.

These ten years with Bob have been the best of times. As we set out to replace him I hope we will have the incredible luck of finding another “good man” or “good woman.” The new dean will take over a program that has come a long way. If she or he can nurture it as successfully as Bob did we will surely continue to grow and prosper.

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<sup>1</sup> See, Makdisi, *An Objective Approach to Contractual Mistake in Islamic Law*, 3 B.Y.U. INT’L L.J. 325 (1985); Forte, *Islamic Law in United States Courts*, 7 SUFFOLK J. TRANSNATIONAL LAW 1 (1983).

<sup>2</sup> See, West, *Jurisprudence as Narrative: An Aesthetic Analysis of Modern Legal Theory*, 50 N.Y.U.L. REV. 145 (1985).

<sup>3</sup> Tabac, *Crossfire At the Bar*, N.Y. Times, May 3, 1987, (Magazine, Pt. 2), at 30.

<sup>4</sup> Kuhns, *Summary Contempt Power: A Critique and a New Perspective*, 88 YALE L. J. 39 (1978).

<sup>5</sup> West, *Authority, Autonomy and Choice: A Comparison of the Role of Consent in the Jurisprudence of Franz Kafka and Judge Richard Posner*, 99 HARV. L. REV. 384 (1985).

