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FORREST WEINBERG—A REFLECTION

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Forrest Weinberg was a man who knew only how to give, never to take or to demand for himself. Despite his great success as a practitioner and law reformer, when he applied to join the faculty at Cleveland-Marshall, he asked for no higher rank than would any young untested law teacher. He did not ask to be moved along the promotion ladder more quickly than anyone else. Rather, he intended to use his full allotment of untenured years to build up a body of scholarship in order to earn tenure and promotion as an academic, not as what he had been before.

Professor Weinberg never felt himself superior to others because of his superior accomplishments. He sought counsel and guidance from younger faculty. He approached research with the firm knowledge that he knew little, and by doing so, he learned much.

He gave nothing but love to his students. It was his love that impelled him to long hours of preparation, of demanding rigor and excellence, and of preparing new colleagues for the craft he treasured so deeply.

Among the inestimable gifts that a loving God bestows upon His creatures, I count the friendship of Forrest Weinberg as one of the most prized.

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