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In Memoriam

WENDELL F. GRIMES

The faculty and students of the Boston College Law School dedicate this issue of the Boston College Industrial and Commercial Law Review to Professor Wendell F. Grimes who died early in his life on December 15, 1963. I am thankful to the editors of the Review for allowing me to write this dedication. Professor Grimes was my teacher, my associate and my friend. For him I had the utmost respect and affection.

Wendell Grimes was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts on April 24, 1917. He graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1938 and from Harvard Law School in 1941. His practice of law was soon interrupted by the entry of the United States into World War II. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and participated with distinction in such campaigns as Guam and Iwo Jima. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service in 1946 Wendell Grimes joined the faculty of the Boston College Law School.

Wendell Grimes was a person not easily described. To the casual observer he occasionally gave the semblance of austerity. However, to the many who were personally acquainted with him he personified warmth.

As a professor of law he represented to the students not only a scholar whose knowledge and insight they sought to acquire but also the lawyer whose demeanor they strove to emulate. He brought to the classroom a thorough preparation, a keen perception for the relevant and a sharp sense of humor. He will be principally remembered by his students, however, for his genuine and refreshing enthusiasm for the law. His zest was contagious.

As an associate he valued friendship above all else. As a friend he gave of himself unstintingly.

While we at the Boston College Law School mourn the loss of Wendell Grimes we are grateful for the seventeen years of association with him and for the warm memories which he has bequeathed us.

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