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DEAN PATRICK K. HETRICK

In tribute to over a decade of leadership, the Editors and Staff of the Campbell Law Review proudly dedicate this issue to Dean Patrick K. Hetrick.

**DEDICATION TO
DEAN PATRICK K. HETRICK**

THE HONORABLE K. EDWARD GREENE*

Writing this dedication to Dean Hetrick takes me back to 1987 when I began my teaching career at Campbell University School of Law, now the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. At that time, I had been a practicing lawyer for nine years and a district court judge for eight. Although I knew a great deal about lawyering and judging, I knew very little about teaching. In spite of that, I was asked by founding dean, Leary Davis, to teach a one-hour course on juvenile law.

Aware of my limitations, I soon sought the help and advice of Pat Hetrick, then a member of the law faculty. I chose Pat Hetrick because I quickly learned from the students that he was very well respected as a law professor. Pat gained my own immediate respect because he was so helpful to me, a young inexperienced law teacher. Since that first meeting, my respect for Pat Hetrick has continued to grow. He has led this law school as its dean for eleven years and during that time, he has supported and contributed to my continuing growth as a teacher.

Dean Hetrick has been an excellent representative of the Adrian Wiggins School of Law and is well respected, not just by its graduates, but by every lawyer and judge in North Carolina. Indeed, he has become the state's most esteemed lecturer on the law of real property; in part because of his authorship of *Webster's Real Estate Law in North Carolina*, the hornbook on North Carolina real property law, and in part because of his distinctive style of presentation, which blends humor with the law.

I personally value Dean Hetrick's counsel and frequently consult him on property issues that come before the North Carolina Court of Appeals. I also value Pat Hetrick's friendship. He is a

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person who genuinely cares about other people and who understands the profound impact the law can have on ordinary people. He deeply cares about law students and believes that his greatest contribution is made in the class room; it is surely in his classroom that Dean Hetrick finds his greatest joy.

It is most appropriate that the Law Review of this excellent institution, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, is dedicating this student publication to Dean Hetrick, a person who has devoted his life to academic excellence while maintaining strong ties to his students and the community.