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It is my great honor and privilege to recognize Professor Lord on his retirement from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University after more than twenty-eight years of service. Professor Lord has been a pivotal figure in the law school, and he must be credited for his contribution to the formation of thousands of outstanding lawyers through his classes and coaching of Campbell’s moot court teams. He has played a huge role in my development as a lawyer, and I am grateful that I have been given this space to thank him on behalf of myself and the countless others he influenced and inspired.

Professor Lord’s legal education and early career served him well in the roles that he was to later assume for Campbell. Professor Lord was ranked first in his class at Memphis State University School of Law, a fact that would not come as a surprise to his students. For those of us who worked with Professor Lord on his writing endeavors, it should also come as no surprise that he was the editor-in-chief of the Memphis State Law Review. Professor Lord was also active with his school’s moot court program, where he served as a member of the Jessup Moot Court Team and the Moot Court Board of Directors.

While in law school, Professor Lord clerked full-time during the summers with the law firm Walt, Dyer & James, and after passing the Tennessee bar exam, Professor Lord took an associate position with the law firm Robinson, Fisher & Avery. Prior to his tenure at Campbell Law School, Professor Lord’s career also included tenure at some of the country’s finest law schools, including Indiana University, Indianapolis; Texas Wesleyan School of Law; the University of Missouri, Kansas City; Rutgers University, Camden; and the University of North Dakota. Professor Lord joined the Campbell Law faculty in 1982.

Professor Lord was a consummate teacher of the law. Although I have been involved in employment and labor law for my entire career, I can still remember nearly everything he taught me in his contracts and constitutional law courses, and I know that I am not alone. However, he will be remembered for more than his impressive ability to impart legal subject matter to his students. Most importantly, he taught an entire generation of us to think like lawyers. For that, we are all incredibly grateful.

Additionally, Professor Lord must be remembered for his passion in coaching moot court and appellate advocacy teams. During his tenure at Campbell, Professor Lord served as advisor to and coach for dozens of the
school’s appellate moot court teams and coached many to top honors. Throughout his career, Professor Lord also helped to develop moot court programs at each of his prior schools. His advocacy programs are routinely ranked among the top twenty programs in the country. In recognition of his outstanding work with moot court and appellate advocacy, Campbell Law School’s intramural moot court competition has been named in his honor. The skills Professor Lord taught his moot court teams has led to the continued success many of his former students now enjoy, myself included. I cannot help but feel that those who come after his tenure will be missing out on something special.

Professor Lord is also the author of several books and numerous law review articles. Professor Lord co-authored, with Professor Charles Lewis, *Hawkland’s Uniform Commercial Code Series (Article 9)* and *North Carolina Security Interests*. In addition, he was the revising author of the Fourth Edition of *Williston on Contracts*, which is nationally recognized as the ultimate treatise on contracts. Along with a number of other students throughout the years, I had the opportunity to perform research for Professor Lord on the *Williston* treatise. Working with Professor Lord was an incredibly valuable learning experience and one that I would not change for the world.

What I would like to thank Professor Lord for the most, on behalf of myself and the thousands of students that he taught and coached, is how he took the time to truly mentor us. Professor Lord saw things in me that I did not see in myself at the time. He looked at me, as he has done for so many others, and saw not only who I was, but more importantly, who I could become. He had a way of believing in students that made them start to believe in themselves. When someone as talented as Professor Lord takes an interest in you and starts to mentor you, you start to believe that maybe you do have something to offer the world. His belief in me propelled me to take honors in moot court, but it also propelled me to see unlimited possibilities for my career. Because of Professor Lord, I know who I am, what I stand for, what I model, and what I have to offer. So, Professor Lord, on behalf of myself and the thousands of others who have a story just like mine, thank you. You truly made a difference in each of our lives.

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