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Dedication

Symposium: In Honor of Professor Trina Grillo: Legal Education for a Diverse World

PROFESSOR TRINA GRILLO touched the lives of many people during her career as lawyer and teacher. After clerking for the Honorable James E. Doyle in the Western District of Wisconsin from 1974–75, she returned to her native Bay Area and taught at Hastings College of the Law for several years. She then practiced with Altshuler & Berzon in San Francisco and later became a mediator in Oakland.

In 1986, Professor Grillo began teaching at the University of San Francisco School of Law. She accepted her offer with the understanding that she would head the Academic Support Program at U.S.F. Although she knew this decision might affect her chances for tenure, she took that risk in order to advance one of her primary goals, equal educational opportunity. She questioned traditional pedagogy and advocated effective and inclusive teaching methods. U.S.F. is very fortunate to have had someone with the courage to make law school a more humane place for everyone.

While at U.S.F., Professor Grillo inspired her students and colleagues. Although facing adversity herself, Professor Grillo routinely helped those who needed her. In addition to being a humanitarian, she was a scholar. In the 100th Anniversary Issue of the *Yale Law Journal*, Professor Grillo published a groundbreaking article which discussed the effects of mediation on women.¹ In addition, Professor Grillo was honored by the U.S.F. School of Law Class of 1994 with the Most Distinguished Professor of the Year Award, and in 1995, the Society of American Law Teachers gave her the SALT Achievement Award for Contributions to Legal Education. The award honored her pioneer role in academic support, commitment to “one-on-one” teaching, and dedication to institutional change.

After a long battle with Hodgkin’s Disease, Professor Grillo passed away in the summer of 1996. The Editors and Staff of the *University of San*

1. Trina Grillo, *The Mediation Alternative: Process Dangers of Women*, 100 *YALE L.J.* 1545 (1991).

Francisco Law Review dedicate Volume 31, and this Issue in particular, to the memory of Professor Grillo. In her honor, we sponsored a symposium on March 14–15, 1997, entitled “Legal Education for a Diverse World.” The two-day event drew over two hundred scholars and friends from across the country. The participants shared memories of Professor Grillo and celebrated her scholarship.

The *U.S.F. Law Review* is honored to publish, posthumously, an essay by Professor Grillo concerning tenure and minority women law professors. This essay is an edited version of her speech, *Tenure and Minority Women Law Professors: Separating the Strands*,² which she gave at the People of Color Conference on April 25, 1992.

While many people sorely miss Professor Grillo, her mission lives on in those who knew and admired her. We sincerely hope that this Symposium Issue encourages each of us to become scholars *and* humanitarians.

2. 31 U.S.F. L. REV. 747 (1997).