

BERNARD G. SEGAL

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The legal profession needs hundreds of Bernard G. Segals, but we have only one. During the last fifty years, America has had many distinguished lawyers: some have become presidential advisers, some have become renowned legal scholars, some have been in the vanguard of service in the public interest, some have become great appellate advocates, a few have become leaders of the American Bar Association, and still others have been in the forefront of legal and judicial reforms. But Bernie Segal has been and still is a star in all of these roles, and many more.

Bernie combines intellectual brilliance with driving energy, meticulous craftsmanship with spacious reflection, and impartiality with compassion.

A fledgling lawyer could attest to Bernie Segal's stellar reputation. But those of us who have been privileged to work with him for years cannot resist adding some personal observations. Long before it was considered decent, let alone fashionable, to accept women as lawyers, Bernie was prodding the bar to recognize competent women in the legal profession.

He was vigorous in removing gender barriers from the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute, from the bench and private law practice. I was an early beneficiary of Bernie's advocacy when I was appointed to the first governing board for the Institute of Court Management and, later, when I became a member of the Council of the American Law Institute. Whether we were working on appellate court reform, improvements in court management, or the scholarly labors of the American Law Institute, I soon discovered that when anything worthwhile and difficult needed to be done, we were more than half-way home if Bernie would agree to take the lead. Bernie not only did his homework on every issue, but he would also coax the rest of us to do ours. Who could withstand Bernie's gentle wrath if we failed him?

On the golden anniversary of his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, I happily join this celebration honoring a great lawyer, an outstanding American, and a dear friend—Bernie Segal.

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