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The Fordham Law Alumni Association announces the Nineteenth Annual John F. Sonnett Memorial Lecture The 21st Century Series IV to be delivered by THE HONORABLE OLE DUE President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities 011 Thursday, November 1, 1990 in the James B. M. McNally Amphitheatre Fordham University School of Law 140 West 62nd Street New York City 6:00 P.M.

JOHN F. SONNETT 1912 - 1969

John F. Sonnett, a 1933 graduate of Fordham College and a 1936 graduate of the School of Law, was a senior partner in the firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel. This lecture series has been endowed by his partners and friends as a permanent memorial to him.

In 1933, Mr. Sonnett joined that firm, then known as Cotton & Franklin, as managing clerk, a position he held for the next three years while attending Fordham Law School. Upon graduation he became an associate at the firm. In 1941 he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he became Chief Assistant United States Attorney.

During the Second World War, Mr. Sonnett was Special Counsel to the Under Secretary of the Navy. Later, as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he conducted the final Navy investigations of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Sonnett was named Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

He returned to the Cahill Gordon firm in 1948 and established an international reputation as a pre-eminent trial and appellate lawyer. A devoted son of Fordham, his death in July 1969 was a great loss to the profession and his alma mater. His excellence as an advocate is memorialized through this lecture series.

THE HONORABLE OLE DUE

Ole Due has been President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities from October of 1988 and a judge of the Court from 1979. The Court of Justice has powers to oversee the interpretation and application of European Economic Community (Common Market) laws.

Mr. Due received his law degree from the University of Copenhagen in 1955. Following graduation, he took a post at the Ministry of Justice where he became Head of Division (1970) and Director (1975). From 1964 to 1973, Mr. Due was Head of Course and Lecturer for post-graduate courses in Community Law at the Danish Legal Society, the Danish Civil Service Administration College, and the Council of Lawyers. From 1964 to 1976, Mr. Due was a member of the Danish delegation at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and he served (1962-1972) as Secretary and later President, of the Commission on the Adaptation of Laws Prior to the Accession of Denmark to the European Communities.

Mr. Due was Editor of the *Community Law Index* (1973-1975), and he has published articles on Community Law, legal practice, and private international law. He is co-editor and author of the *Danish Community Law Reports* (First Edition 1973 and Second Edition 1978).

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