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Dedicated To The Memory Of Professor Ann Maxey



On May 2, 2001, the College of Law community lost a member of its family. Professor Ann Maxey, a member of the law faculty since 1991, died as a result of a brain tumor.

To say that Professor Maxey was a very special person is an understatement. In my seven years of undergraduate and legal education, I have had numerous professors. I have, however, only had a few mentors. Mentors are something more than mere teachers or professors. A mentor is someone who goes above and beyond her duties and takes a personal interest in her students. A mentor is someone who seeks to improve not only the student, but the person as well. Professor Maxey was a mentor. Professor Maxey knew that she was educating the next generation of lawyers, and she took that responsibility seriously. In the classroom, Professor Maxey combined the roles of “senior

partner” and professor of law. The result was that her students received not only a rigorous traditional law school education, but also practical training.

Professor Maxey was not only a professor, but also a scholar. In her twenty-three year legal career, Professor Maxey authored several law review articles. Even as she was diagnosed with the illness that would claim her life, Professor Maxey had just completed work as co-reporter, on behalf of the West Virginia Law Institute, on a sweeping revision of West Virginia’s corporate code. Professor Maxey, in connection with her work as co-reporter, was also writing an important law review article for the West Virginia Law Review which detailed proposed changes to West Virginia’s corporate code.

The enduring contributions Professor Ann Maxey made in the classroom and to the legal community will be felt for many years into the future. In the ten years Professor Maxey taught at the College of Law she helped educate hundreds of lawyers. The contributions of these lawyers are felt everyday throughout this country from New York to California.

Professor Ann Maxey was an original. Her presence will be missed by those who knew her best and loved her most. In recognition of the professor and person that Ann Maxey was, the Editorial Board gratefully dedicates Issue Three of Volume 103 of the West Virginia Law Review to the memory of Professor Maxey.

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