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FRANK MURRAY

This issue of the Kentucky Law Journal is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Frank Murray, Professor of Law whose long and faithful service to the College of Law and the University of Kentucky, ended with his sudden death, August 29, 1951.

Professor Murray was born in Ava, Missouri, July 18, 1895. He attended State Teachers' College of Missouri for one and a half years, then went to the University of Montana where he received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees, both with honors. He received his S.J.D. degree at Harvard University. In 1919 he married Genevieve Frances Allen.

Professor Murray was Superintendent of Schools in Joliet, Fairview, and St. Regis, Montana, from 1914 to 1925, and served in the United States Army in World War I. He practiced law in Montana, 1926-1928, and began his teaching career as Assistant Professor of Law, University of Montana, 1928-1929.

Professor Murray became a Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky in 1930. He served as Acting Dean, 1935-1936; Visiting Professor of Law, Ohio State University, 1939-1940; Visiting Professor of Law, University of Illinois, summer 1947. He is noted as author of the Kentucky Annotations to the Restatement of Law of Contracts and articles in law reviews. He was a member of the Montana Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Fayette County Bar Association, Order of the Coif, Phi Delta Phi, and Templars. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Law*. He died on August 29, 1951 while on vacation in Montana.

Professor Murray's death came as a personal shock to all who had any personal contact with him, faculty and students alike. He gave twenty-one of the best years of his life to the building of a great Law School at the University of Kentucky. Throughout these many years of service here he established a reputation as an excellent teacher and an equally good lawyer. He guided and counseled younger members of the Law School faculty in their untiring efforts to ever raise the teaching standards to a higher plane.

Perhaps those who will remember Professor Frank Murray most are his students. Although their intimate contact with him was limited to only a few years, the influence of his personality will be carried with them through out the rest of their lives. The knowledge which he imparted was never limited to mere fact or reference. Rather, he inspired the initiative of all who listened and stimulated their interest in a deeper study and fuller understanding of the inner workings of the law and the legal profession. Problems which would have bewildered lesser men were presented to his students in such a clear and logical manner that few failed to grasp their import. He drove straight to the heart of a matter, cutting through all confusion, disregarding trifles and inconsequential points.

Frank Murray's activities, however, were not confined to the classroom. He always found time to be an ardent football and basketball fan. His willingness to assume responsibilities seemed endless. Perhaps this hastened his death. His sincere devotion to his profession, his unerring and intelligent performance of all he did made him a real asset to the College of Law and the University of Kentucky.

The breadth of Professor Murray's wisdom and the concise, exhaustive methods used by him to attack and solve a problem are reflected in the Kentucky Law Journal by student notes written under his guidance. For these services, and many more, the Law Journal recognizes the invaluable, unselfish service and expresses its appreciation of Professor Frank Murray

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