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# TRIBUTE TO JOHN PICKERING

*Noël Anketell Kramer\**

I knew John Pickering from the time that I was a second-year law student—just a few years ago, it seems—when he and Sally Katzen recruited me to join what was then the small firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. We remained friends thereafter, sharing among other interests an avid loyalty to the University of Michigan.

John was a marvelous blend of the savvy corporate lawyer, the courtly gentleman, the kind grandfather, and the visionary who understood that the law can and should be used to promote the interests of justice. Through his leadership in organizations too numerous to name, he demonstrated his commitment to advancing the highest standards for the legal profession. Moreover, his self-effacing persona, laced with his wonderful quiet humor, provided an inspiring counterpoint to the media's image of power lawyers.

John was a true giant in our profession, and his guidance and inspiration will be sorely missed.

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\* Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Judge Kramer's remarks were read by Judge James Robertson.

