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A TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. SCIULLO

At the close of the current academic year, John J. Sciullo will retire as Dean of the School of Law. It is appropriate that this Review take note of this event and reflect on its significance.

In an age when the average tenure of a law school dean in the United States is three and one-half years, Dean Sciullo's eleven year administration would be remarkable for its duration and stability alone. But his leadership was not passive or ceremonial. During the last eleven years, the number of applications to the Law School, the financial stability of the School, the resources of its Library, and the number of scholarships and grants-in-aid have all increased substantially. The curriculum has been strengthened by the expansion of the Legal Research and Writing program and the introduction of small-sectioned first-year classes, both at the initiative of Dean Sciullo; and it was the Dean who took the lead in the establishment of standards for promotion and tenure and a disciplinary code. These are but a few of the accomplishments that have made John Sciullo's deanship a period of unparalleled achievement and advancement; however, as with any genuine leader, Dean Sciullo's greatest accomplishments cannot be quantified or even categorized.

John Sciullo has always understood that the heart of the Law School is not the dean's office but the classroom. This understanding, reinforced by his innate sense of fairness, explains his unfailing concern for students and colleagues, as well as his decisions to continue full-time teaching during and after his deanship.

The motto of Duquesne University is "Spiritus est qui vivificat" —"It is the Spirit that gives life." In a law school, that spirit means a dedication to the law, not only as an academic discipline, but also as a learned and honorable profession. In a Catholic university, that spirit means fidelity to the Tradition on which the University is founded and on which its mission is based. John Sciullo exemplifies that spirit, and has made it part of the life of the Law School and, ultimately, part of the lives of our graduates.

We are grateful for his leadership as Dean, and look forward to his continued contributions as a member of the Faculty.

