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On behalf of the Georgia State University College of Law, I write to express our deep appreciation to Julian Juergensmeyer and our best wishes to him in his retirement after teaching law for 55 years.

Julian had a distinguished career before he came to Georgia State University College of Law in 1999. I have too little space to highlight all of his accomplishments, but will provide some details that provide insights into Julian and his work. He first taught at Indiana University (Bloomington). He left Indiana to study in Europe and then taught law school in Ethiopia before returning to the United States to teach law at Tulane. He then went to the University of Florida, where he spent 30 years and served as director of the Growth Management Studies Program, the Center for Agricultural Law, the LL.M. in Comparative Law Program, and the Cambridge Warsaw International Trade Summer Law Program.

When Julian joined the College of Law in 1999, he received the College's first ever chair, the Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law, named for our founding dean. The impact Julian has had in this role would make Ben Johnson proud. Julian co-founded one of the first Centers at Georgia State Law, the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. He launched the dual degree JD and Masters in City and Regional Planning with Georgia Tech, and taught the first jointly offered course, Growth Management Law.

Julian's contributions through his teaching and his program building are enough for any career, but, of course, he has also made his mark through his scholarship, which, like his teaching, focuses on land use planning law, property law, comparative land use, and environmental law. He has published some 100 books and articles, including a leading treatise on Land Use Planning Development Regulation Law, which is widely used by law and planning practitioners and frequently cited by courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Julian is also considered a pioneer in the development of infrastructure finance-oriented regulations, such as impact fees.

As should be evident from this brief overview of his career and the articles contained in this volume, Julian is a strong believer in the globalization of law and the legal profession. He has taught and lectured throughout Europe, North and South America, and Africa and has been a visiting professor at various international universities.

Julian's significant achievements command the respect of scholars throughout the world, as this table of contents of this volume evidence. His intellect and curiosity know no bounds. Yet he is humble and generous. By just being who he is, he has encouraged and inspired generations of lawyers and legal scholars. He

opened up the world to our students and made the world a better place. We wish him the very best in this next stage of his journey and trust that he will find a way to enjoy life to its fullest with his family and friends.

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