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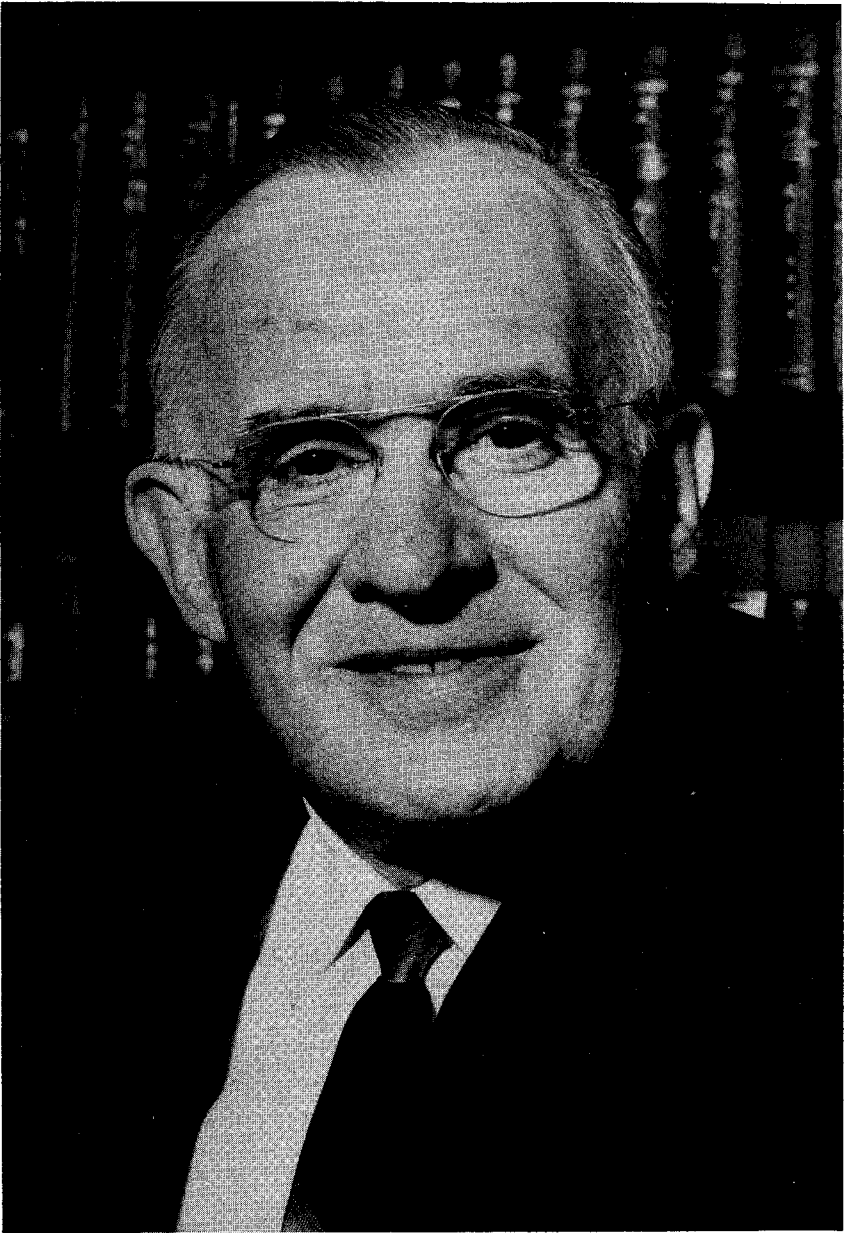
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DEDICATION

On March 26, 1966, the Honorable Burton R. Laub was invested as Dean of the Dickinson School of Law. In selecting Judge Laub as Dean, the Board of Trustees has moved to meet the challenge of a changing America. Law is dynamic, sensitive to new concepts in government, business and social behavior. Today, the young attorney entering practice is confronted with an inundation of legislative enactments, agency regulations and social changes. It is the goal of every law school to prepare her students for this bewildering morass of legal activity. A law school can accomplish this purpose only by teaching more intensively, more imaginatively and more stimulatingly than ever before. To this task, Dean Laub is dedicated. It is, then, with pride that the *Dickinson Law Review* welcomes Judge Laub as Dean. His impeccable credentials as advocate, scholar and judge pronounce his qualification as Dean. More than this, it is his intense personal vitality and his attention to every facet of law school life that has elicited pride in things already seen and hope for things yet unseen. The Board of Editors, on behalf of the student body, proudly dedicates this issue to our new Dean, Burton Randolph Laub.



BURTON R. LAUB
Invested As Dean of The
Dickinson School of Law
March 26, 1966

BURTON R. LAUB

By THE HONORABLE SAMUEL J. ROBERTS*

"It is institutions alone that can create a nation"

Benjamin Disraeli

"An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

As an old friend and long time admirer of Burton R. Laub, I particularly welcome this opportunity to comment upon the occasion of his selection as Dean of historic Dickinson School of Law. I hasten to express my gratitude to the Editors of the *Law Review* for making available to me such a notable forum for extending felicitations to Judge Laub as he embarks upon a new and challenging career.

The joining together of a man such as Judge Laub and an institution such as Dickinson School of Law is an appropriate moment for reflection upon the contributions which both have made to the law, the legal profession, and the society which they serve.

Dickinson School of Law, the Commonwealth's oldest and only independent institution of legal education, is now in its second century of service to students, the profession, and the community. Its tradition of excellence has enabled it to exercise an influence far disproportionate to its size. The list of distinguished Pennsylvanians and Americans it numbers among its alumni speaks eloquently of the extent and quality of its contributions, achievements and dedication to public service.

It is the record of accomplishment of Dickinson that makes the selection of Judge Laub as Dean most fitting. He is a man who has demonstrated by his dedication to the law and the ideal of public service, a remarkable affinity of spirit with the institution he now heads.

Judge Laub is a man of rare energy and ability. While most men believe themselves fortunate to be blessed with one successful and socially significant career, he has already forged several. He has been an effective and able advocate and a dedicated and just prosecutor. He is acknowledged to have been among the most eminent of the *nisi prius* judges in the Commonwealth. He is also

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well known and widely respected for his legal scholarship and writings. In all these endeavors, as lawyer, prosecutor, scholar, administrator and judge, Burton R. Laub has inscribed a record of accomplishment in the highest tradition of our profession.

Although we have been reflecting upon accomplishments already attained, goals already achieved, one's thoughts on this occasion are not entirely of the past. It has been said that the past is but a prologue of the future. To the extent that this is so (and because it may well be) one cannot refrain from contemplating the challenges and rewards the future holds for this celebrated institution and its new Dean. For all who are aware of the common dedication of Judge Laub and Dickinson to law alive to its responsibility to mankind, this new association augurs well.

The task confronting the law school and its new Dean is formidable. We live in a period when many of the basic assumptions upon which society has historically proceeded are being subjected to vigorous scrutiny. Many have been challenged; some have already been discarded and relegated to the oblivion of those concepts which no longer claim our allegiance. The continuation of this process is not only to be expected but is to be encouraged. In this way the complacencies of the past are not permitted to impede our quest to understand the nature and needs of modern man in an increasingly complex world. As Dr. Kiewiet, former President of the University of Rochester has observed, "Upon those who practice the law rests a great share of the delicate responsibility of deciding what must be preserved and what must be changed, what we shall protect and what we shall abandon."

This is by no means a modern phenomenon. The law has always been enmeshed in the crises of our society. As a mirror of our civilization, the social responses which it produces, in both their wisdom and their folly, reflect the intelligence, training, and ideals of all who participate in its processes. The legal profession, because of its unique involvement in those processes, is the group most responsible for the resolution of the conflicts which inevitably confront us and for the maintenance of an orderly and just society. Law schools, students and lawyers must be constantly aware of this responsibility.

Nowhere is this responsibility more acutely felt than at those institutions which train the lawyers, judges, and statesmen of tomorrow. For it is those institutions which introduce our future leaders to the art and science of the law, and, in great measure, mold them in a fashion which will affect the entire course of their lives. The responsibility of our law schools is not merely to train technicians, draftsmen, or advocates, but to educate and produce

men of vision with a keen regard for tolerance, honesty, wisdom and justice—the hallmarks of a true lawyer and responsible citizen. By selecting Judge Laub as Dean, Dickinson School of Law has demonstrated its determination to maintain its tradition and to meet this responsibility: the new Dean is just such a lawyer and citizen. He has demonstrated in his dedication to excellence and his unwavering commitment to the attainment of justice, his particular qualifications for the task which he has now assumed. No one who has experienced the impact of his rare ability and energy can doubt his success in shouldering this responsibility.

Because of his eminence in the law and the administration of justice, and because of his significant contribution to the legal profession and the community at large, Judge Laub is keenly aware of the necessity for a first rate academic background as the foundation for the training of the legal profession. His devotion to legal scholarship has enabled him to fully appreciate the meaning of Justice Holmes' statement, "Theory is the most important part of the dogma of the law, as the architect is the most important man who takes part in the building of a house." Given his innate devotion to learning and his knowledge of Dickinson School of Law's history of academic excellence, there is no doubt that his first concern will be the furtherance of that distinguished tradition.

No one is more mindful than Judge Laub that the contribution of a law school is primarily measured by the performance of its graduates. Surely, there is no more persuasive index of an institution's contribution. Since he has always demanded of himself dedication and excellence in all his undertakings, it is certain that he will expect and encourage, by precept and example, the same commendable standards in his students. His appreciation of fine performance will undoubtedly lead him to seek students of promise and ability, and to make legal educational opportunities available to all who demonstrate such qualities.

Since his own career evidences his conviction of an obligation to the larger community of men, it is certain that he will fully recognize that a teaching institution has an obligation that is broader than the four walls which surround its classrooms. Not only will Judge Laub seek the best possible performance from faculty and student body, but he will constantly strive to make all the resources of the law school available to the legal profession and the community at large.

Though history is said to link the past with the present, no phase of education provides a more practical bridge to the future than does the study of law. Dean Roscoe Pound said that "Law

must be stable, and yet it cannot stand still." As the meaning and significance of this paradox is grasped, one approaches an understanding of the role of law in our society and of Professor Maitland's apt description of the law as "a being that lives and grows, that preserves its identity while every atom of which it is composed is subject to a ceaseless process of change, decay and renewal." The student of today will be a special participant in this process, because society will turn to him for solutions to the problems of tomorrow. Our law schools will be measured by the answers these students provide. By selecting Judge Laub as its fourth Dean, Dickinson has assured itself of the success of its role in that future.

It is not to be imagined, however, that the challenges of the present and future will be met and overcome without difficulty. The progress and achievements which are envisioned will only be made realities if the Dean, faculty, administration and student body are given the strongest encouragement and support. If this is done, the rewards for successfully meeting those challenges will more than justify the necessary effort and sacrifices.

Stimulating in mind and manner, Judge Laub has the particular qualities of leadership which will assist Dickinson School of Law in the maintenance of its tradition of public service and the attainment of its goal of educating those responsible for the continuing evolution of the law as an instrument of social justice. Judge Laub is ever mindful that the law has been man's constant companion in the search for justice, and that "Justice is the supreme virtue which harmonizes all other virtues." This is the key to understanding Judge Laub's intense interest in the law and his dedication to its advancement. It is the association of this man - Judge Laub - with this institution - Dickinson School of Law - that leads to the confident forecast that Dickinson is about to enter the most exciting and imaginative chapter in its more than a century of existence.

In the opening and throughout the course of this new chapter, Dean Laub has with him our most sincere good wishes for success and happiness in this new undertaking.