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TRIBUTE TO JUDGE THEODORE MCMILLIAN

THE HONORABLE GERALD W. HEANEY*

I value every day of my association with Judge McMillian on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, in particular, the times we sat together on the St. Louis and Kansas City school cases. The experience and knowledge that he brought to those cases was exceptional.

During his twenty years on the Court of Appeals, Ted McMillian has served as a model to all of us who have had the opportunity to work with him. His voice has been a constant one in support of the poor and the disenfranchised. Judge McMillian has been a leader on our court in numerous civil and human rights cases that have come before our court. He has been a source of inspiration to me because of his ability to maintain positive relationships, both legal and personal, with those on our court who have at times disagreed with positions taken by him. He has the rare ability to state his views persuasively and to argue his deeply-held values in a way that wins friends and often persuades those who disagree with him.

Judge McMillian's contributions to the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit have been immense. His opinions are always well written and concise. Moreover, they inevitably reflect the ideals expressed by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and more particularly, the Bill of Rights.

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