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## DEDICATION

*Dean C. Dent Bostick*

It is a privilege for me to write a few words about my friend and colleague, Professor Igor Kavass. It has been the good fortune of the Vanderbilt Law School to have this ingenious and engaging man's high competence over the last decade, and it has been my good fortune as Dean and a fellow professor to know and cherish him as a colleague.

While his classroom teaching, committee service, and collegiality are valued highly by this institution, Professor Kavass' most enduring contribution to the Law School has been his accomplishments as the Law Librarian. In the course of ten years, he and his carefully selected and outstanding staff have fashioned a superb tool for legal research from a relatively small and underfunded law library. For this achievement he has received acclaim from both his colleagues and students.

It is my firm belief that the explanation for Igor's extraordinary success as a law librarian lies in his deep love and appreciation of the printed word. With a depth of understanding that few enjoy, he has an abiding conviction in the power of books and in the extraordinary contribution that this power has made to our civilization.

Igor's sophistication in the proper use of books stems, no doubt, from his own complex and cosmopolitan background. A native Latvian, he fled that troubled country before the advance of the Russian armies in 1945. He lived subsequently in Europe, Australia, and the United States. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, he served as faculty member and law library administrator at the Universities of Alabama, Northwestern, and Duke.

His command of languages is truly impressive. His abilities enable him to move freely and confidently in the most prestigious of

international legal societies. His access to these academic circles and his selection for high office in them have brought great distinction to Vanderbilt Law School. To the considerable envy of his Dean, Igor continues to travel widely throughout the world for professional meetings. He brings to our Transnational Studies Program a depth and polish of inestimable value. For this, as well as for his other extraordinary contributions to Vanderbilt, I am delighted to join in this salute.