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Victor Lee Streib was a personal inspiration when I joined the Indiana University (“IU”) faculty in 1976. At that time he focused on juvenile justice. He was the first juvenile referee in Monroe County, a position that eventually turned into a judgeship. He came to the field as an Auburn-trained engineer whose first book in press was a systems analysis of the juvenile justice process. He brought real life practice to his criminal justice classes at IU and was (and remains) so charismatic that in his large lecture classes, even as a newly-tenured professor, his students spontaneously applauded him at the end of every semester.

In 1978, he began his career of academic service becoming dean of the first women’s law school in the country (founded as Portia Law School and now New England School of Law). At that time, he also distinguished himself as a scholar on the death penalty, being a trailblazer on the subject of women on death row. Vic has always been a pioneer.

Vic, on your retirement, I thank you and celebrate how your pioneering efforts have contributed so much to people caught in the criminal justice system, to students, to scholarship, and to academic administration in many places. You have given and accomplished so much. I, for one, thank you for having contributed greatly to my professional and personal life.

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