

Tribute

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A TRIBUTE

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As one of Professor Gray Thoron's former students, I feel impelled, upon his retirement from full-time teaching, to consider and to express appreciation for his distinctive contributions to the Cornell Law School and to the enrichment of its students.

In Gray's classroom, in his office, and in his home, students were exposed to his belief that the essential honor and dignity of the legal profession derive from maintaining a commitment to integrity and excellence, seizing opportunities to make meaningful social contributions, and striving for such worthy objectives, while imposing on ourselves our profession's highest ethical standards.

Gray was dedicated to his students' academic and personal development. He generated great intellectual stimulus in the classroom. He succeeded in causing students to appreciate that effective advocacy entails a broad repertoire of professional and interpersonal skills as well as mastery of substantive law. Through his teaching and by his example, students also came to understand that decency, kindness, compassion, and sensitivity to the needs of others were essential ingredients of professional maturation.

For many of his students, after graduation Gray became a counselor, mentor, and friend. He made himself available to advise students on a variety of professional and personal matters and he was sincerely concerned with their well-being and that of their families.

Gray challenged us, and he inspired us. He was a great teacher, advocate, and friend. We were enormously fortunate to have had him touch our lives, and we can only hope that in the years ahead Gray and his family will continue to find fulfillment and happiness.

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