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HONORABLE VINCENT L. BRODERICK

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Introduction

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This issue of the *Pace Law Review* is dedicated to the late Judge Vincent L. Broderick, a Federal District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. Over the course of his long and distinguished legal career, Judge Broderick's integrity and commitment to public service earned him the respect and affection of his colleagues. The value of his contributions is reflected in the diversity and stature of those who have joined to eulogize him in this journal.

The centerpiece of this volume is an article by Richard Givens. Mr. Givens was Judge Broderick's law clerk during the judge's last three years on the bench. As such, Mr. Givens observed Judge Broderick on a daily basis, at the end of his career, doing the job to which he had aspired since law school. Mr. Givens' article describes Judge Broderick's jurisprudential thought, tracing its development from Vincent Broderick's early life in private practice, through his public service in the Office of the United States Attorney of the Southern District of New York, as Police Commissioner for the City of New York, and ultimately, as a Federal District Court Judge.

In addition to Mr. Givens' article, this volume also features articles and comments by United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Federal District Court Judge Whitman Knapp, former United States Attorney and current District Attorney of New York County, Robert Morgenthau, United States Public Defender, Suzanne Brody, attorney Henry Miller and Pace University School of Law Professor Jay Carlisle.

Justice Ginsburg first met Judge Broderick when he worked for the United States Attorney. Her comments highlight Judge Broderick's wisdom, dedication and humanity. She discusses some of the important work he did encouraging continuing judicial education as a means of ensuring proper application of the federal sentencing guidelines.

Judge Whitman Knapp's comments are based upon a recent interview conducted in his chambers. Vincent Broderick was an associate for Knapp, then a partner in a private firm, in his first job out of law school. As Judge Knapp notes, Vincent Broderick's lifelong dream was to become a Federal District Court Judge. Judge Knapp discusses Vincent Broderick's use of humor as a tool in resolving conflicts and recalls Broderick's passionate support for promoting racial equality.

Vincent Broderick was a deputy U.S. Attorney, and briefly U.S. Attorney, under Robert Morgenthau. In his comments, Mr. Morgenthau speaks of Vincent Broderick as a fine trial lawyer who was a "great teacher and role model for young assistants." Mr. Morgenthau also remembers Judge Broderick's sense of humor and dedication to the law.

As a public defender, Susanne Brody appeared before Judge Broderick many times. Her article describes how Judge Broderick fashioned sentences creatively in order to benefit her clients and society generally. Ms. Brody also recalls many instances which exemplify the late Judge's fairness and excellence while on the bench. It is clear from her article that Judge Broderick was both highly respected and a formidable judge.

Henry Miller, a practitioner in Westchester County, delegate to the American Bar Association, and former President of the New York State Bar Association, also memorializes Vincent Broderick. Mr. Miller's comments reflect Judge Broderick's in-

tegrity and emphasis on public service over personal or pecuniary gain.

Finally, Jay Carlisle, a Professor at Pace University School of Law, has taught many students who were interns to Judge Broderick. Professor Carlisle comments on the vast knowledge that the Judge passed on to these students. Additionally, as a practitioner, Jay Carlisle appeared before Judge Broderick and writes about one such appearance.

Judge Broderick's gentle dedication to improving life through his work in the judicial system has had a positive effect on many who may never know the name of their benefactor. He was an inspiration to the legal profession and rightly deserves to be memorialized in the *Pace Law Review* by these prominent individuals.