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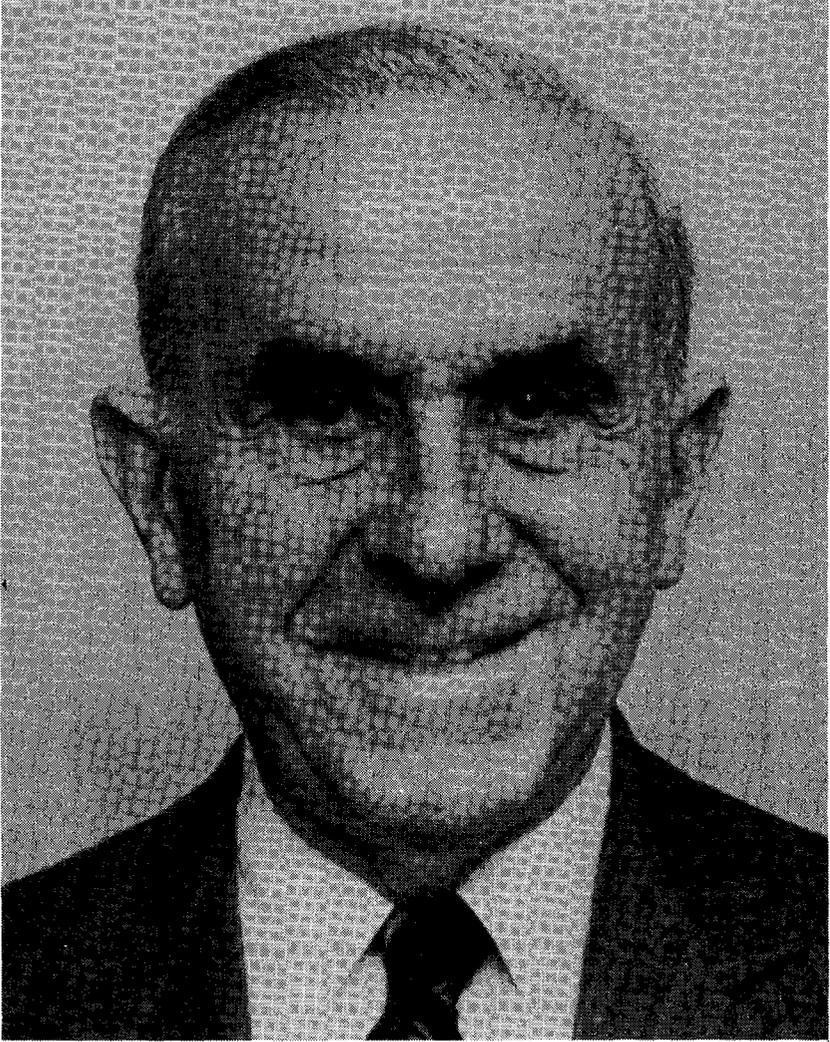
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The Editors of the *Pace Law Review* dedicate this issue in memory of Dr. Jack S. Schiff, former Provost of Pace University. Although we did not have the privilege of working with Dr. Schiff during the formative stages of Pace Law School, we are aware of and appreciate his substantial role in creating this institution.



**Dr. Jack S. Schiff**  
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## A Dedication to Dr. Jack S. Schiff

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As we thought constantly of Dr. Jack Schiff during his illness and mourned him when he was taken from us, each of us, I am sure, could think of special ways in which he had had an impact on our lives or on some part of Pace that had special meaning for us. People from every part of Pace attended the sensitive and moving funeral services in the Beth El Synagogue when we said farewell to Jack Schiff. Every school, every office, every human part of Pace was there to honor him. Each and every one had good reason to be there for he had during his years at Pace reached out and touched their lives and their work.

For the students, faculty and staff of the School of Law — so many of whom were present — there must have been a special sense of regret and gratitude. Beginning a new school is a demanding undertaking. It is also a very satisfying one. Dr. Schiff helped assemble the faculty and staff of the School of Law, met often with them as he provided guidance and support of central administration, so greatly needed in a new Law School. He brought his objectivity, analytical ability and sincerity into play in so many delicate situations not uncommon in a School of Law. And his interest and support persisted as a

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fledgling law school became mature and successful.

Many may take pride in what has been accomplished in the Pace School of Law and each of us knows that Dr. Schiff was a good friend and a powerful motivator who provided the foundations for the achievements that today give us the right to feel that pride.

## Robert B. Fleming†

In the course of starting a brand new law school, two special hazards arise; one inevitable, the other nearly so. First, the university must be educated in the strange ways of the law school world. Dr. Jack Schiff was uniquely educable in this respect, perceptive and flexible. He thus made possible the accommodations and support that enabled the Pace Law School to thrive early on. Generous portions of faith and trust also helped, but Dr. Schiff always had ample supplies of those virtues.

The second hazard noted almost always follows from a fast start. Growth is rapid, growing pains result, and the fledgling institution is ill-equipped to deal with intramural troubles. We had such difficulties at Pace in fair measure, but another quality of Dr. Schiff was brought to bear, successfully. He provided us with stability, security, and strength of purpose; he was like a rock, and we relied upon him.

As a matter of understatement, which he always preferred, it is fair to say that without his support and wisdom, Pace Law School would be years behind its present stature. The Law School community will always be grateful. Most remarkable, however, in gauging Dr. Schiff's talents as a *university* administrator, is the fact that he could have done the very same thing with a brand new medical school. A rare person.

And a rare friend. Each individual among the hundreds, who joined to mourn at Jack Schiff's funeral felt a non-institutional, deeply personal sense of loss. A remarkable tribute. Our only solace must lie in the secure knowledge that the angels have long since greeted him and carried him to the bosom of the Lord.

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## **Resolution of the Faculty of Law**

The Faculty of the Pace University School of Law express their deepest sympathy to the family of the late J.S. Schiff, Provost of the University and friend of the School of Law. Jack Schiff played a critical role in the early years of the Law School. He appreciated our needs and shared our goal to build a Law School deserving of the high esteem of the University, the profession, and the community. His support, encouragement, and wise counsel ensured the success of our efforts to achieve American Bar Association and Association of the American Law Schools accreditation. We admired his common sense, integrity, kindness, and intelligence. Despite his many other responsibilities, he always found the time to listen to and help individual faculty members. We looked to him for guidance, respected him, and trusted him as a friend. He will be deeply missed.