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REMEMBRANCE OF PROFESSOR DAVID GREGORY

The Board and Staff of the Maine Law Review dedicate this issue to the memory of Professor David Doliver Gregory, who passed away on December 9, 2000. The Maine legal community and the University of Maine School of Law mourn the loss of our beloved teacher, advocate, and friend.

In the collective memory of his students, Professor Gregory will always be remembered for the Socratic genius that he employed so effectively in class; his keen wit, often accompanied by a knowing smile and a twinkle in his eyes; his passion for ferreting out seemingly elusive legal principles; and his compassion and warmth for those he instructed. Perhaps above all, Professor Gregory will be recalled as the archetypal Law Professor that he was. He was the rarest of educators, someone who taught us how to challenge ourselves intellectually, and who demonstrated both in his life and in his teaching that the law not only reaches all facets of society but also touches upon the most fundamental and important aspects of human existence itself.

On January 17, 2001 hundreds of his colleagues and students gathered at the First Parish Church in Portland, Maine to celebrate Professor Gregory’s life. What follows are the remembrances delivered at the memorial service and two tributes from professional colleagues that give a picture of his life in the courtroom and the classroom.