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GLENN AVANN McCLEARY

This number of the *Missouri Law Review* is dedicated, with respect and affection, to Glenn Avann McCleary, Professor Emeritus of Law and Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of the University of Missouri School of Law, who retired from teaching in August, 1965, after serving for thirty-six years as a member of the faculty.

The son of a Methodist minister in northern Ohio, Glenn McCleary earned his A.B. at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1917 and served during World War I as an officer of what is now the United States Air Force. After the war he endured three long, cold winters as principal of the high school at Iron Mountain, Michigan, before entering the University of Michigan Law School which had, by then, become celebrated for its severe standards of scholarship and hard work under the stern rule of Dean Henry M. Bates. In 1924 Mr. McCleary received the J.D. degree and was elected to the Michigan Chapter of the Order of the Coif with his classmates, John P. Dawson, now Professor of Law at Harvard, Norman D. Lattin, now Professor of Law in the University of California, and Paul A. Leidy, afterward Professor of Law at Michigan. Mr. McCleary pursued graduate studies at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and Harvard, where he received the S.J.D. degree in 1936 with W. Page Keeton, now Dean of the University of Texas School of Law. He practiced law with a Toledo firm and taught at the College of Wooster, the University of Chicago and the University of North Dakota before joining the Missouri Faculty as an associate professor of law in 1929. Mr. McCleary was promoted to professor in 1931 and served as Dean of the Faculty of the School of Law from 1939 to 1958.

In addition to his work as a student editor of the Michigan Law Review, 1923-24, Mr. McCleary prepared the Missouri Annotations to the American Law Institute Restatement of the Law of Torts and he has contributed more than forty leading articles to law reviews. Among these are: "Some Problems Involved in Conditional Deliveries of Deeds," Univ. of Mo. Bull. 43 Law Series 5 (1931); "Liability of an Employer for the Negligence of an Independent Contractor in Missouri," 18 St. Louis L. Rev. 289 (1933); "The Liability of a Possessor of Land in Missouri to Persons Injured While on the Land," 1 Mo. L. Rev. 45 (1936); "Damage as Requisite to Rescission for Misrepresentation," 36 Mich.

L. Rev. 1, 227 (1937); "The Bases of the Humanitarian Doctrine Re-examined," 5 Mo. L. Rev. 56 (1940); "The Defense of Sole Cause in the Missouri Negligence Cases," 10 Mo. L. Rev. 1 (1945); and "The Possessor's Responsibilities as to Trees," 29 Mo. L. Rev. 159 (1964). In conjunction with Mr. Percy A. Hogan, who was Law Librarian of the University of Missouri from 1915 to 1958, he has written a book-length history of the University of Missouri School of Law which, it is to be hoped, can be published before the school celebrates its centennial in 1972. Mr. McCleary's contributions to the literature of the law cannot be judged adequately by the publications which bear his name. His strong support of the *Missouri Law Review*, his encouragement of legal writing by his faculty colleagues, and the painstaking guidance which he has given to student writers over a period of thirty years have increased the quantity and quality of legal literature in an amount which cannot be measured.

The most conspicuous monuments of Mr. McCleary's long tenure of the deanship are increased entrance requirements, great expansion of the law library's book collection, the planning of the addition to the law school building, the maintenance of a strong faculty with varied backgrounds and the rise of the *Missouri Law Review* to a position of prominence among American legal journals. Less conspicuous but not less important are the effects of his emphasis upon sound teaching, designed to produce thoroughly trained lawyers, and his firm insistence that faculty members and students work hard and adhere to high standards of scholarship. These effects of his administration will long endure in the courts and law offices of this state.

Although Mr. McCleary has filled the roles of legal writer and law school administrator with competence and distinction, his greatest interest has been in his work as a teacher. Over the years he taught courses in agency, bankruptcy, bills and notes, constitutional law, criminal law, international law, property and sales but, as a mature teacher, he has devoted himself mainly to torts and creditors' rights. None of the many students who have taken his difficult but rewarding course in torts will ever forget the meticulous care with which trial examinations and negligence analyses were read and corrected. Those who dared to be absent, to be tardy, or to leave class on the stroke of the bell, will not forget his withering displeasure. Those who resented his rigorous insistence upon hard study have come to understand that the habits of care and hard

work which he inculcated have stood them in good stead as lawyers. Those who have been close to him know that he never spared himself when effort might help a confused student to learn and understand.

The bench, bar and people of Missouri owe a great deal to Glenn Avann McCleary. The law review which he fostered salutes him at the inception of his well-earned retirement.

