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JOE E. COVINGTON

This issue of the Missouri Law Review is dedicated, with respect and affection, to Joe E. Covington, who is the Earl F. Nelson and Phil Sheridan Gibson Professor of Law and former Dean of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. He will retire at the end of the 1981-1982 school year.

Born in Nashville, Arkansas, Mr. Covington grew up in Delight, Arkansas. He received his B.A. in 1932 and his LL.B. in 1940 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. After receiving his LL.M. from the Harvard Law School in 1941, he joined the Weather Service of the United States Army Air Force and served in the south Pacific during World War II. In 1952, he received his S.J.D. from the Harvard Law School.

Mr. Covington began teaching at the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1941. In addition to teaching law at Arkansas, he served as Executive Assistant to the President of the University of Arkansas, Acting President, Provost, and Dean of the School of Law. In 1958, he became Dean of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, but continued to teach part-time. He served as Dean until 1969 and then returned to full-time teaching.

Since 1971, Mr. Covington has served as the Director of Testing for the National Conference of Bar Examiners and as administrator for the Multistate Bar Examination. He also was Reporter to the Special Committee on Bar Examinations of the National Conference of Bar Examiners from 1969 to 1972. Mr. Covington has chaired many committees of the Association of American Law Schools, of the Arkansas, Missouri, and American Bar associations, and of the University. Despite this heavy commitment, he has found time to participate in church and community activities.

His wife, Ann Covington, is a partner in the law firm of Butcher, Cline, Mallory & Covington in Columbia, Missouri. His son, Scott Covington, practices law in Harrison, Arkansas.

Joe Covington has left his mark on many areas of the law and will continue to do so. The Missouri Law Review invited members of the bench, bar, and faculty, and a former student to discuss his accomplishments and to reminisce about Joe Covington as dean, as professor, and as an individual. Five distinguished members of the profession are contributing to this dedication: The Honorable James A. Finch, Jr., The Honorable James H. Meredith, John Eckler, Professor Grant S. Nelson, and John T. Martin. The Missouri Law Review is honored to join these writers in praising a man who has given so much to the profession and to this law school.



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