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TRIBUTE FOR REGIS CAMPFIELD

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REGIS Campfield, the Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Law Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law, taught for thirty-two years at SMU Dedman School of Law. Originally from western Pennsylvania, he received his B.B.A. *cum laude* in 1963 from University of Notre Dame and his LL.B. in 1966 from the University of Virginia, where he was an editor of the *Virginia Law Review*.

After law school, Regis practiced with the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland, Ohio. While with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, he also served a brief stint in the Air Force, followed by a turn as a Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps officer. Upon leaving Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Regis returned to his alma mater, Notre Dame, where he became a tenured faculty member of the Law School.

In 1977, Regis served as a visiting professor at SMU Law School and subsequently accepted a permanent position as Professor of Law. At SMU, he has taught courses in Wills and Trusts, Estate and Gift Taxation, and Estate Planning.

Regis Campfield is a true luminary in his field. Many students, scholars, and practitioners have relied upon his extensive body of scholarly work. He has been a very prolific writer, scholar, and speaker from the beginning of his academic career. He is the author of *Taxation of Estates, Gifts and Trusts* (now in its twenty-third edition); *Estate Planning and Drafting* (now in its third edition); *Fiduciary Tax Guide*, and *Taxation of Income*, as well as numerous other articles and publications.

In addition, Regis founded the Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute, a continuing legal education program that he has chaired for over thirty years. Regis has also been instrumental in organizing a number of Estate Planning Briefings for the Communities Foundation of Texas.

He is the recipient of the Distinguished Accredited Estate Planner award, which is a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils.

Regis is a member of The American Law Institute, a Fellow and past Regent of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, and a former member of the Executive Council of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. He is also a member of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation

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and its Estate and Gift Tax Committee and is a past Chair of its Committee on Tax Practice Management.

He is a member of the Technology Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and was formerly Chair of the Committee on Tax Legislation and Regulations; Joint Property (Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law of the American Bar Association) and is the past Editor-in-Chief of *Probate Lawyer*, the annual publication of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

The tax bar is peopled with large numbers of lawyers who had the privilege of studying under Regis's watchful eye and tutelage. His deep compassion and dedication to this school are admirable. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students alike. Hats off to a wonderful friend with much appreciation for his important and enduring contributions to the area of trusts and estates.