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# IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR DANIEL W. SHUMAN

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**A**FTER over thirty-three years of dedicated service to the SMU Dedman School of Law, Professor Daniel W. Shuman, M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor of Health Law, passed away at age sixty-two on April 26, 2011. A devoted teacher and accomplished scholar, Dan fought a courageous battle against Multiple System Atrophy, a rare neurological disorder, for the past several years of his life. We in the Law School community were deeply saddened to lose a treasured colleague, teacher, mentor, and friend.

Professor Shuman was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona and his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. After law school, he was an attorney for the Legal Aid Society of the Pima County Bar Association in Tucson, Arizona, and then served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel for Behavioral Health and Health Care Institution Licensing and Regulation in the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Dan joined the SMU law faculty in 1977 and taught a number of courses over the years, including Evidence, Mental Health Law and Policy, Problems of Proof: Experts, Torts, and Psychiatric and Psychological Evidence. In addition, he served for many years as an adjunct professor in the departments of Psychology at both the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and the University of North Texas. In 1983, he was a visiting scholar at McGill University Faculties of Law and Medicine in Montreal.

A well-respected scholar in the area of law and psychiatry and the attitudes and behaviors of juries, Dan authored twelve books including three volumes of *Psychiatric and Psychological Evidence*, three editions of *Law and Mental Health Professionals: Texas*, and two editions of *Conducting Insanity Defense Evaluations*. In addition, he has written over ninety articles, book chapters, and book reviews which have been published in numerous venues, including *Johns Hopkins University Press*, the *Journal of Forensic Psychology and Practice*, the *Journal of Health Policy and Law*, *American Psychiatric Press*, the *American Academy of Psychiatry and*

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*Law*, the *ABA Family Law Quarterly*, the *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, the *International Journal of Law and Psychology*, and *Judicature*. Dan was a widely sought after speaker in his areas of expertise and was frequently quoted in the local and national press.

Active in multiple professional organizations, Dan was a member of the American Law Institute and served as chair for both the Section on Law and Medicine and the Section on Law and Mental Disability of the Association of American Law Schools. He was a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Arizona College of Law and the Board of Advisors for the University of Houston Health Law and Policy Institute. He served on the Board of Editors for *Psychology*, *Public Policy*, and *Law*, *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, and *Psychiatric Times*.

In recognition of his many accomplishments, Professor Shuman was honored with the M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professorship of Health Law in 2007. He was the first professor at the Law School to hold that chair. He twice received the American Psychiatric Association Manfred S. Guttmacher Award for outstanding contributions to the literature on forensic psychiatry. In 1988 he was given the award for his book *Psychiatric and Psychological Evidence*, and in May 2011 he was honored posthumously with the award for his book, *Evaluating Mental Health Disability in the Workplace: Model, Process and Analysis* (co-authored with Liza Gold). In addition, he was a 2005 recipient of the Distinguished Contributions to Forensic Psychology Award from the American Academy of Forensic Psychology.

A passionate teacher, Dan was engaging, approachable, enthusiastic, and humorous. He cared deeply for his students and was eager to provide help and advice. He was a committed teacher and overcame many obstacles to continue teaching right up until the end.

Dan was an inspiration to us all, bravely facing his debilitating illness head on and not flinching despite his pain and suffering. He resolutely refused to let his many travails stop him from engaging in his work as a dedicated scholar and teacher. He always showed concern for others, even as his own condition steadily worsened.

Beloved by his wife Emily, four daughters, five grandchildren, father, and sister, Dan was devoted to his family. He was also a warm and gracious friend. As a teacher, scholar, mentor, and colleague, he made important and enduring contributions to the SMU Dedman School of Law community. We will all miss him very much.