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*Marc I. Steinberg\**

It is a true pleasure to be Professor Lackland Bloom's colleague. Since I joined the SMU law faculty in 1989, he has been a wonderful friend. His keen intellect, good judgment, and collegiality are distinguishing attributes that merit admiration. Our law school truly has benefitted from his many contributions to our students, his fellow faculty members, and the culture of this superb institution.

Professor Bloom's scholarly accomplishments are impressive. In addition to his many law journal articles, he has authored two books with the prestigious Oxford University Press: *METHODS OF INTERPRETATION: HOW THE SUPREME COURT READS THE CONSTITUTION* (2009) and *DO GREAT CASES MAKE BAD LAW?* (2014). Viewed as stimulating and perceptive, these books have been favorably received. They are meaningful contributions to this area of the law.

Professor Bloom was a superb classroom professor. Teaching courses in constitutional law and copyright, he was viewed by students as making complicated constitutional law concepts understandable and being a wonderful professor. Our students certainly will miss his classroom excellence.

One of the many qualities that I like about Lack is that I know where he stands on an issue, including issues relating to law school governance and policy matters. There is no hidden agenda or waffling. Commendably, he is not afraid to present his point of view, even though it may not be popular among those in attendance. He is a man who "walks the walk" in his personal and professional life.

For 45 years, Professor Bloom has admirably served our law school. Our students and faculty have greatly benefitted from his contributions through the decades. Although I certainly will miss having him as my colleague, our good friendship is very much appreciated. Lack, thank you for your meaningful contributions to the SMU Law School and the legal community.

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