

# TRIBUTE TO FREDRIC TAUSEND

This issue of the *University of Puget Sound Law Review* is dedicated to and pays tribute to an outstanding Dean of the School of Law and a strong advocate of legal education in the Pacific Northwest.

Fredric C. Tausend, a prominent trial attorney, has brought unusual effectiveness and creativity to the deaconal leadership of the University of Puget Sound. He was not an academic by profession at the time of his selection, although he was recognized (in his role as an adjunct faculty member) as an inspiring and gifted teacher of the law. His subsequent success, both as dean and as a continuing member of the faculty, should serve as an example to other institutions not to overlook the legal profession itself as a source of strong and capable leadership.

Any of us at the University could easily recite a long list of Dean Tausend's accomplishments over the past few years. Under his influence and encouragement, faculty scholarship, for example, has flourished abundantly and has received recognition from all over the country. He has attracted an exceptionally capable faculty to the School of Law and has maintained full enrollment at a time when most other law schools are experiencing serious and continuing difficulty.

It was during Dean Tausend's tenure and under his leadership that the unique concept of the Norton Clapp Law Center was given vitality and raised to national prominence. The Law Center's emphasis on the combination of legal education and professional expertise has been fostered particularly by his vigorous support of the Trial Advocacy and Legal Writing Programs, which are among the strongest in the country. By virtue of his own persistence and energy, students of our School of Law are so often employed as judicial clerks and in many other challenging professional roles.

The most outstanding quality that Fred Tausend has brought to the law school, and what has made it possible for him

to accomplish so much, is his warm, hearty enthusiasm and the extraordinary sense of excitement he brings to the task and communicates to others. Fred unites and inspires people to more enthusiastic efforts and greater accomplishments. It is as a result of this quality, more than any other, that he has succeeded in securing a distinguished reputation for the University of Puget Sound School of Law.

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