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George Thompson began his teaching career at Ohio Northern University after distinguished achievement in the legal profession as a practitioner, prosecuting attorney, and Attorney General in the state of Wisconsin. Not many individuals are ready to give to law students the benefit of such broad experience by entering the teaching profession after twenty-five years of experience, and we are proud to claim the honor of inducing him to join our faculty.

It is worthy of note that the first speech he gave after agreeing to join our faculty was an address in the field of ethics. His talk demonstrated the high ethical standards by which his conduct was governed.

George was an excellent teacher. His experiences as a practitioner illuminated his classes and the students gained the benefit of a first-rate legal mind honed by the application of law. He was always ready to talk with students and to help them in any way. His impact upon the students is reflected by the fact that as we attend meetings at which his former students are present, he is one of the faculty members about whom they have asked most frequently.

As a colleague, George was one of the finest. It was a pleasure to be around him and enjoy his unfailing good humor. Such a spirit was shown even when he broke his ankle skiing one February and remained in a cast until the next October. He was always ready to undertake more than his share of the responsibilities that accompany teaching.

The mark of his thoughtfulness is illustrated by the fact that even after he left Ohio Northern, each Valentine’s Day saw the delivery of a box of candy for our secretaries. In fact, we first suspected something was wrong when the candy failed to arrive. On inquiry, we learned that his condition was not good.

George Thompson was a man of integrity, honesty, excellent

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ability and concern for his fellow human beings. We are the better for having enjoyed him as a friend and colleague.