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## TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE K. HELLMAN

### INTRODUCTION

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A native of Chandler, Oklahoma, Larry Hellman earned a BS degree from Washington and Lee University and MBA and JD degrees from Northwestern University. After law school, he worked in the antitrust division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., before joining the law faculty at Washington and Lee. In 1977, he joined the faculty of the OCU School of Law, where he taught until 2018. His service as Dean (1998 to 2011) is the longest in the school's history. He also served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Innocence Project and as Director of the law school's Center for International Programs.

At OCU, he taught, among other courses, Professional Responsibility, Civil Procedure, Antitrust, and Administrative Law. His scholarship focuses largely on professional responsibility.

He is a member of the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, and the Oklahoma Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. He has served on a variety of boards (including the American Judicature Society and Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma), commissions (including the Oklahoma Justice Commission), and task forces (including the Oklahoma Legislative Task Force on Judicial Selection).

Dean Hellman has been honored by, among others, the Oklahoma Association of Black Lawyers, the Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court (twice), the American Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association (twice), and the Oklahoma County Bar Association (thrice).

He is currently a Visiting Professor at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, where he teaches Professional Responsibility.

The editors and I hope that this pro forma introduction will not serve as an obstacle to the (possibly excepting one) thoughtful and revealing tributes to this remarkable legal educator that follow.