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PETER G. DILLON BIOGRAPHY

Oklahoma City University School of Law Professor Peter Gardner Dillon assumed emeritus status in August 2017 after forty-one years of teaching law students to think like lawyers—what Professor Dillon referred to as “missionary work.” As professor emeritus, Professor Dillon will continue to serve Oklahoma City University School of Law. Professor Dillon has been an associate professor of law since 1980. He earned tenure in 1981 after having been an assistant professor of law from 1976 to 1980. During his time with Oklahoma City University School of Law, he has taught Contracts I and II, Sales and Leases, and Secured Transactions. As the faculty sponsor, Professor Dillon has also guided the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team to many years of success and numerous awards. He has published articles with fellow Oklahoma City University School of Law professor, Alvin C. Harrell, focusing on sections of the UCC and appearing in the *Oklahoma City University Law Review* in 2000, *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly* in 1989 and 1999, and the *Oklahoma Bar Journal* in 1989. He also authored an article about real estate law’s effect on brokerage commissions that was published in the *Oklahoma City University Law Review* in 1979.

Professor Dillon also served as a legal intern for the Corporation Counsel of New York City in the summer of 1969. He became a member of the Colorado Bar in 1973 and was admitted to practice in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1978. Professor Dillon has been an inactive member of both bars since 2005, choosing instead to devote his time to his students.

Prior to becoming a professor, he was a law clerk and then an associate with the law firm of Robert P. Grueter and Associates in Aspen, Colorado, a general law practice focusing on the areas of real property, domestic relations, contract law, and wills and trusts. His responsibilities included drafting, counseling, researching, and litigating at both the trial and appellate levels.

Professor Dillon hails from New York and was awarded a BA degree from Syracuse University in 1967 and a JD degree in 1970 from Fordham Law School. He also earned an LL.M. degree in 1976 from the University of Texas at Austin.

After earning his JD, Professor Dillon entered the Peace Corps. While serving in West Africa, he was an instructor of law at the L.A. Grimes School of Law at the University of Liberia in Monrovia. After the school adopted the United States' model of legal education, Professor Dillon taught courses on Sales of Goods, Legal Method, Legal Research, and Comparative Law. During this time, Professor Dillon also performed volunteer work, including planning a legal conference on legal development in Liberia and participating in United States Agency for International Development continuing-training programs for Liberia's Justices of the Peace. Also notable is his contribution in the preparation of the first Liberian team to compete in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition that took place in Washington, D.C. in 1972.

As a member of the Legislative Review Subcommittees of the Uniform Law Standing Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association between 1996 and 2015, Professor Dillon served to advise the Oklahoma legislature on the adoption of articles of the UCC with regard to provisions on sales, bulk transfers, and documents of title. He also was a member of the Association of American Law Schools Commercial Law and Contracts sections. Professor Dillon continues to serve in nonlegal professional organizations including the regional and national Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Organization and the Friends of Liberia, a nonprofit organization seeking lasting peace in Liberia.

Oklahoma City University School of Law is grateful for Professor Dillon's exceptional service. The legal community has improved with each student that Professor Dillon has built into a better lawyer. The students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Oklahoma City University School of Law recognize Professor Dillon for the wisdom he has imparted and wish him continued success as professor emeritus.

