



Dear Reader,

The Board of Editors is particularly proud to present this very special issue of the *Oklahoma City University Law Review* that you're now holding in your hands. The issue is exceptional for two quite distinct yet inextricably related reasons. First, the Articles, Note, and Comments within have been chosen for their individual and collective examination of local-interest topics. These selections explore some of the facets of the law in Oklahoma, shedding light on what it means to practice in our great State.

Second, the Oklahoma City University School of Law community recently lost our great friend, mentor, and champion. We can think of no more fitting way to honor him than to dedicate this issue to J. William Conger, who passed away on January 1, 2013. The following Tribute includes excerpts from the January 7 Memorial Service, held in the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel on the Oklahoma City University campus; excerpts from the January 24 Student Celebration of Life, held in the Homsey Family Moot Courtroom of the Sarkeys Law Center; and contributions from Oklahoma City University School of Law Professors and one of Professor Conger's past students. This sampling of the outpouring of emotion underscores what so many of us have already known: Bill's impact on the school, its faculty and students, our city, and the State of Oklahoma is indescribable. Bill Conger's presence enriched the lives of those who knew him so well and, through them, the lives of those who had not yet had the chance.

Though our hearts are heavy from his loss, it is with our minds yet open and free—as Professor Conger taught us to be—that we present our *Oklahoma Issue*. We hope that you find reading it as inspirational as we found editing it.

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