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Through the years, Loyola Law School has always been blessed, in my opinion, with exceptional teachers. Three that particularly stand out in my memory are Richard V. Carpenter, John C. Hayes, and William L. Lamey. These three teachers were members of the group that was often affectionately and collectively referred to as the "Depression Kids." But they had much more in common than earning their law degrees during the heart of the Depression. Not only were they dedicated teachers, but also they were gentlemen in every sense of the word. There is no higher compliment.

When I returned to Loyola as Dean in 1975, Professor Carpenter had just retired from Hastings and, very sadly, had died with little chance to enjoy his second retirement. Professor Hayes was now Judge Hayes, one of the outstanding jurists on the Illinois Appellate Court. Only Professor Lamey was still with us, but it was amazing how one man could have such a gentle but all-pervading presence.

One of the negotiating factors in my accepting the deanship was that the University agree to create Room 312 (the predecessor of our present Rooms 240 and 260 in Maguire Hall) in the Marquette Center to give us a classroom large enough to seat up to 75 students, yet suitable for law school-style instruction. Every year until his retirement in 1979, Professor Lamey filled those classrooms to capacity and then some, two sections in the day program and one section in the evening, teaching courses with such inspiring titles as Code I in the fall semester and Code II in the spring. How Commercial Code could outdraw Corporations, to say nothing of Con-

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stitutional Law and Family Law, was always a source of amazement to me. Since it probably was not the subject matter, it simply had to be the instructor.

Bill was not only an exceptional teacher, but also a unique colleague. He could always be relied upon to bring wisdom and calm deliberation to any matter under consideration, and, while he would blush at the suggestion, he was clearly an outstanding role model for younger teachers. His retirement was a loss to us all, but we were fortunate to be graced by his presence while he was with us.