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*MacDonald v. Joslyn*<sup>5</sup> and *Toman v. Svoboda*,<sup>6</sup> and a specially concurring opinion in the very interesting case of *In re Estate of Parker*.<sup>7</sup> His thoughtfulness and compassion is best illustrated in such cases as his specially concurring opinion concerning mental disease as an insanity defense in *People v. Lechner*,<sup>8</sup> the divorce case of *Sims v. Sims*,<sup>9</sup> and the child custody case of *Bean v. Bean*.<sup>10</sup> His thoroughness is illustrated in *People v. Parra*.<sup>11</sup>

These cases are but a small sample of the excellent quality of the work of Justice John Cornelius Hayes. They, along with some 147 opinions which he authored, will always be a lasting and shining example of the quality of his contribution in this field of law. In such a small way we are thankful for the opportunity of sharing in the endeavors of this great gentleman.

## John C. Hayes

THOMAS P. SULLIVAN\*

The outstanding attribute of John Hayes for me and for many others of my vintage (Loyola Law School Class of 1952) was the inspiration he gave us to be honorable members of the legal profession. He was our first and foremost model of what a lawyer should be—a person of high moral principles; a clear and concise thinker, speaker and writer; one who seeks to understand underlying issues and to apply rules of law to facts objectively and logically.

We first knew John Hayes as our teacher of the rules of property law—with seemingly endless analyses of the fox running down the beach, the ring lost in the sofa, etc., etc. His pursuit of logic and reason overrode his sense of time, with the result that we spent most of the semester dealing with the first few chapters of the book, in long, complex discussions of alternate and sometimes seemingly contradictory principles. Then, in the waning days of the course came a mad dash through the remaining four-fifths of the book, in

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5. 17 Ill. App. 3d 52, 307 N.E.2d 601 (1974).

6. 39 Ill. App. 3d 394, 349 N.E.2d 668 (1976).

7. 42 Ill. App. 3d 860, 864, 356 N.E.2d 967, 970 (1976)(Hayes, J., concurring).

8. 35 Ill. App. 3d 1033, 1043, 342 N.E.2d 821, 828 (1976)(Hayes, J., concurring).

9. 21 Ill. App. 3d 61, 315 N.E.2d 161 (1974).

10. 31 Ill. App. 899, 335 N.E.2d 72(1975).

11. 35 Ill. App. 2d 240, 340 N.E.2d 636 (1975).

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which John lectured clearly and vigorously, in hornbook fashion.

The same pattern was followed in his course on the esoteric and often unfathomable principles of future interests law—with *Shelley's Case* and the Rule Against Perpetuities presenting a maddeningly complex body of aged doctrine which, it seemed, only John could keep in mind and apply.

We knew him too as our valued law review advisor, and worked many long nights and weekends with him, as he revised, polished, gently suggested, and persistently strove for perfection, ever oblivious to calendar or clock.

When we finished law school, John Hayes continued in our lives, but now as a friend, companion, patient listener and valued advisor. I returned as a part-time night school instructor while he was Dean. As the years went on, he became a close friend to me and my family. He never changed from the cheerful, affable, precise, decent, gentle man I knew in the early law school days.

His interests and pursuits were almost entirely of the mind and of his religion which he held firmly but quietly. He was a leader of the National Council of Catholic Men, yet at the same time he served as a lector in our parish church, St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette. He was devoted to his family, his sister Mary Audy and her three children, who he helped raise after the untimely death of their father. Eventually, he ascended the Appellate Court bench. Throughout, he remained unspoiled, loyal to Loyola Law School, its teachers, graduates and students, and a close friend and unassuming advisor to countless men and women who sought his wise counsel.

John Hayes was truly an inspiration to those who knew him. He showed us the way to a principled and dignified life in the law. At the same time, he was a dear friend who is sorely missed. But our memories of John are happy ones, as we reflect from time to time upon his marvelous traits of character and his unique and productive life. We are all better persons for having known this splendid man.