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DEDICATION

THE JUDGE WILLIAM B. JONES AND JUDGE EDWARD A. TAMM JUDICIAL LECTURE SERIES

On September 18, 1997, the University of Montana School of Law hosted the first lecture in the Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series. The inaugural lecture by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor marked the inception of a lecture series that honors the memory of two distinguished jurists whose influence shaped the federal judiciary.

In their work as trial judges on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and in Judge Tamm's work on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, Judges Jones and Tamm established themselves as judges deeply committed to improving the administration of our judicial system, and preserving and enhancing the rule of law in our society. Their caseloads included some of the most complex and politically charged cases to confront the federal bench in recent history. Their skills in handling difficult cases reflected both their keen judicial instincts and their conscientiousness. Their work earned them the esteem of the legal profession and their judicial peers, and enhanced public respect for our court system. In addition to handling effectively their demanding caseloads, Judge Jones and Judge Tamm engaged fully in the life of the law, assuming leadership positions on various national judicial committees, participating in judicial conferences, and writing and speaking on matters critical to the judiciary and the legal community. In short, these two judges provide modern models of judicial life worthy of emulation.

In view of their exemplary commitment to the administration of justice, their deep interest in lawyers and law students, and their abiding scholarly and practical interests in defining and refining the role of the judiciary, members of the bench and

bar thought it appropriate that the memory of Judges Jones and Tamm be preserved through a judicial lecture series bearing their names. As indicated by Justice O'Connor's inaugural lecture, the Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series at the University of Montana School of Law attracts leading jurists and scholars to the University of Montana to address a range of jurisprudential and other topics relevant to judges and our court system, including judicial ethics, selection and education of judges, and judicial decision-making. The lecture series is designed to engage students, faculty, practicing lawyers and judges in study and discussion leading to an enhanced understanding of our judicial system and the roles of attorneys and judges in that system.

JUDGE WILLIAM B. JONES

William B. Jones was born and raised in Iowa. He attended the University of Notre Dame and played football under the fabled coach Knute Rockne. On the recommendation of Coach Rockne, Helena, Montana's Carroll College hired Jones in 1931 to be the College's football coach. Jones also practiced law in Helena from 1931 to 1937. He served as a special assistant to the Attorney General of Montana from 1935 to 1937. Jones married the former Alice Danicich of Anaconda.

In 1937, Jones moved to Washington, D.C., to join the Justice Department. Jones worked for the government in various capacities and later engaged in private practice. Under the sponsorship of Montana Senator Mike Mansfield, President John F. Kennedy appointed Jones to be a district judge for the District of Columbia.

Judge Jones served as an active judge (including a tenure as chief judge) from 1962 until 1977, when he took senior status. While on the bench, Judge Jones became highly esteemed among his colleagues as well as by members of the bar.

Judge Jones once told an interviewer that one of the major responsibilities of a judge is to "control a trial and see that it is fair." He had a reputation for making attorneys stick to the important issues. He also was noted for the care and scholarship he brought to the preparation of his written opinions.

JUDGE EDWARD A. TAMM

Edward Tamm grew up in Butte, Montana, and graduated from Butte Central High School. He attended Mount St. Charles College (later Carroll College) in Helena and the University of

Montana. In 1930, Tamm was appointed Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his eighteen-year career with the F.B.I., he was involved in the famous Lindbergh kidnaping case and coordinated the capture of John Dillinger. F.B.I. Director Hoover personally commended Tamm for his supervision of the Lindbergh case, noting that Tamm contributed materially to its successful prosecution.

In 1948, President Truman nominated Tamm to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Judge Tamm gained a reputation as a trial judge of great fairness and firmness. In 1965, President Johnson appointed Judge Tamm to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger appointed Judge Tamm Chief Judge of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals. He served in that position from 1972 to 1981. Judge Tamm was a close friend of Montana Judge William J. Jameson, who often sat on panels of the Emergency Court of Appeals. Judge Tamm served as Chairman of the Judicial Conference Ethics Review Committee from 1969 to 1978, as Chairman of the Judicial Ethics Committee from 1978 to 1985, and as Co-chairman of the Joint Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct.

—E. Edwin Eck, Dean

