

Dedication

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I am delighted that the *San Diego Law Review* has decided to dedicate this issue to Professor Ronald Maudsley and to the rich legacy he has left to all of us.

I did not meet Professor Maudsley until after he was terminally ill. I had come to San Diego in the fall of 1981, to interview for the Deanship, and was meeting with individual faculty members for the first time. It was obvious when I first saw Professor Maudsley that he was in poor health. It was also clear, though, that he had an indomitable spirit and was not going to succumb easily to his cancer.

At our first meeting, Professor Maudsley scrutinized me carefully. He wanted to know about my ideas and plans for the law school if I was selected as its dean. As Professor Maudsley probed—and he did so very effectively—I learned as much about his own standards and his aspirations and priorities for the University of San Diego as he did about mine. I was deeply impressed. Ronald Maudsley did not believe in simply getting by on one's native intelligence and reputation. He expected of his students what he expected of himself: to strive always to reach one's maximum potential. Learning much more about Professor Maudsley after I came to San Diego, I became convinced that this principle guided him throughout his life: in the classroom, in his scholarship, and on the athletic field. This became evident upon reviewing the letters of colleagues from all over the world who wrote to us upon learning of Professor Maudsley's death.

My conversations with Ronald Maudsley during our first meeting, and on many occasions thereafter, helped convince me of this

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law school's strength and potential. Ronald Maudsley wanted the law school to try to achieve excellence; he wanted the faculty to set high standards for scholarship; and he wanted the faculty to be demanding but fair with students. His mere presence here helped my predecessor, Donald Weckstein, to begin to achieve these goals.

The memory of his own achievements and his plans for our University have provided inspiration to me. They will provide inspiration for future students. In Professor Maudsley's memory, his family has recently established a fund at the University to provide an annual award to a student who, among other factors, "demonstrates a commitment to reaching one's fullest potential." We are grateful to the Maudsley family—his wife Eryl, his sons Richard and Michael, and his daughter Clare—for permitting us to perpetuate Ronald Maudsley's aspirations on a continuing basis.