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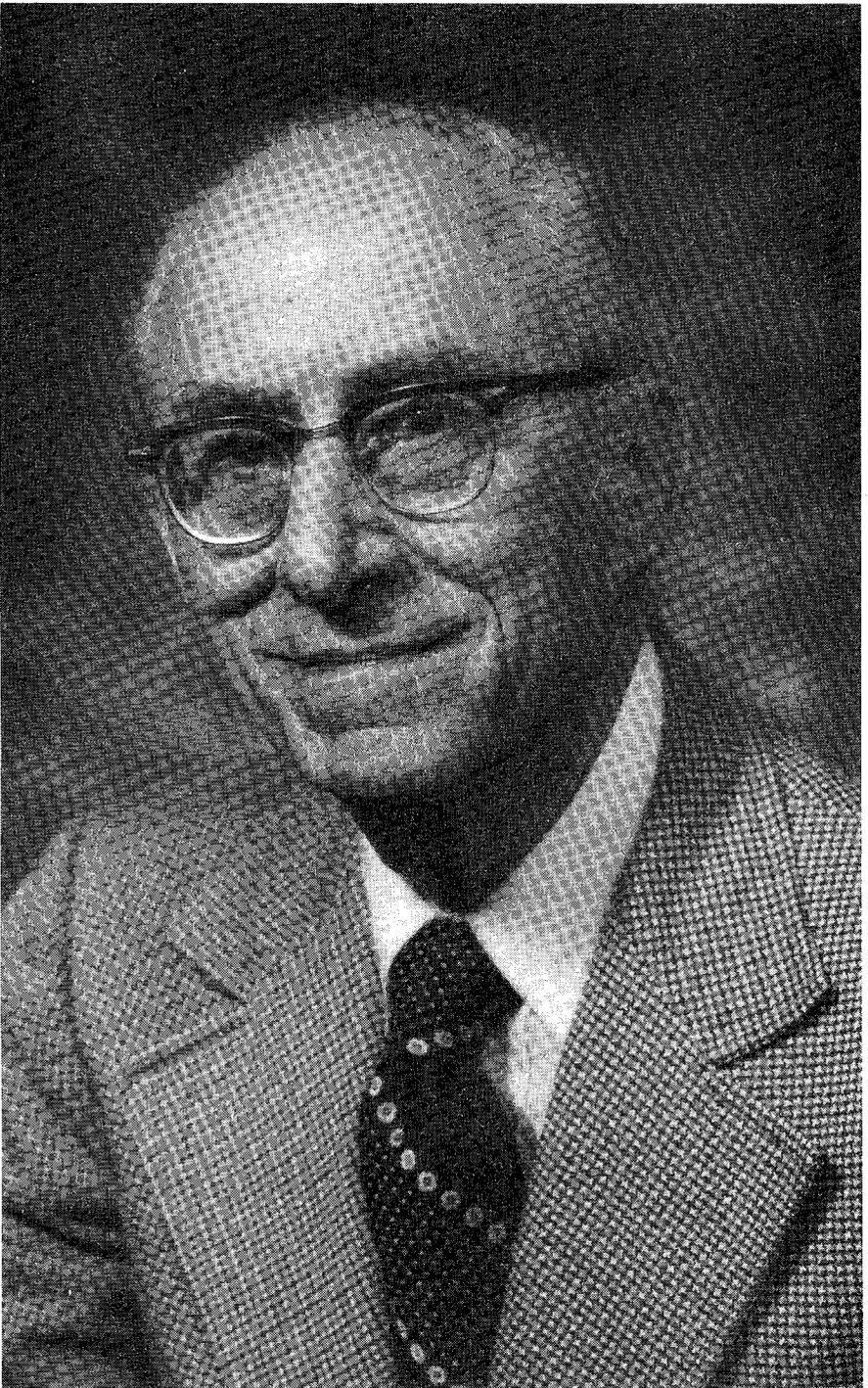
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Henry Weihofen
1904 - 1993

DEDICATION

Henry Weihofen, Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico from 1948 until he retired in 1979 as Professor Emeritus, passed away on October 24, 1993. He taught Law and Psychiatry, Medicine and Law, Legal Writing, and Constitutional Law. He also served as Acting Dean. Professor Weihofen's contribution to legal literature was enormous. His best known books are *Psychiatry and Law*, *The Urge to Punish*, and *Legal Writing Style*. Law students around the country continue to use Professor Weihofen's legal writing book. Professor Weihofen was a man of inspiration, intelligence and charm. He continues to be revered by colleagues, friends and former students.

This issue of the New Mexico Law Review is dedicated to Professor Henry Weihofen. In his honor, we publish the following tributes which were made at a memorial held for Professor Weihofen at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

REMARKS OF PROFESSOR FREDERICK M. HART

I feel a deep sense of gratitude for having known Henry Weihofen as a colleague and as friend of our family. His presence on the faculty influenced me to come to the University of New Mexico School of Law. There are few who gave me more encouragement and support over the past quarter century.

Henry was a dear friend to our family, playing "Hide and Seek" with our children and "Keep Away" in our pool with such enthusiasm that he once broke a rib in trying to catch an errant throw. He ran with my wife in the Valentine's Day Couples Run, and gave luster to the many Thanksgiving Day dinners at our home. "As usual, I will bring the champagne" he would say, and he always did. This Thanksgiving Day my family and I missed Henry, but we will be thankful for his long life and for his friendship.

Henry Weihofen was a humble and unaffected man, despite the depth of his intellect and his accomplishments. His first book, *The Urge to Punish*, opened a new domain of legal literature, becoming the beacon for those writing about law and psychiatry. His second book, *Legal Writing Style* was the first published textbook on legal writing, and gained immediate acceptance at many of America's best law schools. Since its appearance others have written similar texts, and in each you can see Henry's influence.

Although the University of New Mexico rarely honors its own faculty, it designated Henry as an honorary degree recipient several years ago to recognize his contributions to the law school, to the community and to the legal profession. In a fashion characteristic of him, Henry refused the honor, saying that he had only "done

his job in the best way that he could," and that is what should be expected of everyone. He expected much from his colleagues and his students. He expected, and gave, even more of himself.

It is said that he who exalts himself shall be humbled, and that he who humbles himself shall be exalted. We exalt Henry. He was a humble and unaffected man.

REMARKS OF PROFESSOR ROBERT EMMET CLARK

Henry and I were close friends for 45 years and colleagues for sixteen of those years. We both joined the UNM faculty in 1948 with the second entering class of the new law school; Henry was a recognized scholar and experienced teacher at the University of Colorado. I came in his shadow as part-time instructor, ten years younger and a local lawyer in practice.

Henry was mentor, tutor, adversary and special friend from our first years in the old stadium building through our last lunch together not long ago. For years we had offices next to each other and shared the emotional highs and lows of a faculty hopeful. He searched for the wide and long view of education as he did in politics. He was happy that more students now have opportunities not available in our own youth. But he was a demanding teacher, demanding of himself, of students, colleagues and adversaries. Some of us remember him as a kind of Socrates at the other end of the log. He believed that lawyers could learn to write clear, informative prose. And he prepared a book to show them how: *Legal Writing Style* which, to his surprise, was a success and is continuing evidence of his ability and dedication. But he was also modest.

Henry had been a member of the Illinois bar for years before he came to New Mexico. Then in the 1950s he inquired about admission to the New Mexico bar and was told that he could take the bar examination, just as Dean Gausewitz had learned earlier. But Henry prepared and passed the exam to the delight—expressed in satirical humor—of two of the bar examiners who had been Henry's students in Colorado. Later, during the annual State Bar meeting in Silver City, we met with these examiners who told Henry he had written a "damn poor exam," meaning, of course, the very opposite. Henry blushed with a kind of innocence he never lost. Ojalá! that more of us would preserve some of the same feeling.