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DEDICATION TO PROFESSOR ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ

The New Mexico Law Review dedicates this Issue to Professor Emeritus Robert L. Schwartz. Professor Schwartz played an integral role in planning the Symposium. He has also dedicated much of his career and scholarship to the issue of physician aid in dying. Professor Schwartz's vast knowledge of health law is only surpassed by his passion for teaching. Professor Schwartz has taught at the University of New Mexico School of Law for over forty years and is a beloved member of the law school community. We are thrilled to dedicate this Issue to Professor Schwartz.

Professor Schwartz graduated from Stanford University with his B.A. in 1970 and received his J.D. in 1975 from Harvard University. He originally focused on Indian law and started work at the law firm, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A. Shortly thereafter, in 1976, Professor Schwartz joined the faculty at University of New Mexico School of Law.

Professor Schwartz first became involved in health law after Professor James W. Ellis suggested that Professor Schwartz research and write about laetrile, the FDA-banned drug that was thought to cure cancer at the time. Professor Schwartz published *Laetrile: The Battle Moves Into the Courtroom*, 65 A.B.A. J. 224 (1979) and the spark of health law was planted.

Soon Professor Schwartz realized that there were no health law materials around. He tracked down other professors across the country to begin drafting a health law casebook. Professor Schwartz, with four of his colleagues, published the first casebook on health law. Quite literally, Professor Schwartz wrote *the* book on health law. Now, thirty years later, Professor Schwartz and these same four professors are about to publish the eighth edition of *Health Law: Cases, Materials and Problems*.

Since entering health law, Professor Schwartz has written countless articles, textbooks, and hornbooks. He was Chair of the New Mexico Health Policy Commission from 1991 to 1992 and a Hearing Officer in the New Mexico Department of Health hearing on medical marijuana and health care provider liability. Professor Schwartz also served as a World Health Organization consultant in Vietnam, Tonga, and Cambodia.

Over the years, Professor Schwartz developed an interest in the tension in health law between the doctor's oath to do no harm and the patient's values and autonomy in decision-making, as well as how autonomy and civil liberties transferred to the medical profession. His attention eventually turned to physician aid in dying. As early as 1990, Professor Schwartz published his work, *Euthanasia and the Right to Die* in Volume 20 of the New Mexico Law Review. In addition to serving as the New Mexico Death with Dignity Chair in 1995, Professor Schwartz served on Compassion and Choices National Board from 2010 to 2015 and was President of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico from 1995 to 2000. Professor Schwartz has also been involved in litigation regarding physician aid in dying, such as *Morris v. Brandenburg*, and in legislative efforts in the New Mexico Legislature and local city councils.

Finally, Professor Schwartz is an outstanding professor. He has won many awards, including the Law School Award for Outstanding Teaching from University of New Mexico School of Law graduating class of 2005 and the Ronald and Susan Friedman Award for Law School Teaching in 2002. Not only has Professor Schwartz

been recognized locally for his dedication to teaching, he has also received national recognition. In 2005, the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics presented Professor Schwartz with the Jay Healey Award as the Outstanding American Health Law Teacher. He invests in his students' success and encourages everyone around him to strive for excellence in the law.

We take this great opportunity to recognize Professor Robert L. Schwartz's many contributions to the University of New Mexico School of Law and the New Mexico Law Review and to thank him for assisting students in their quest to excel both professionally and personally.

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