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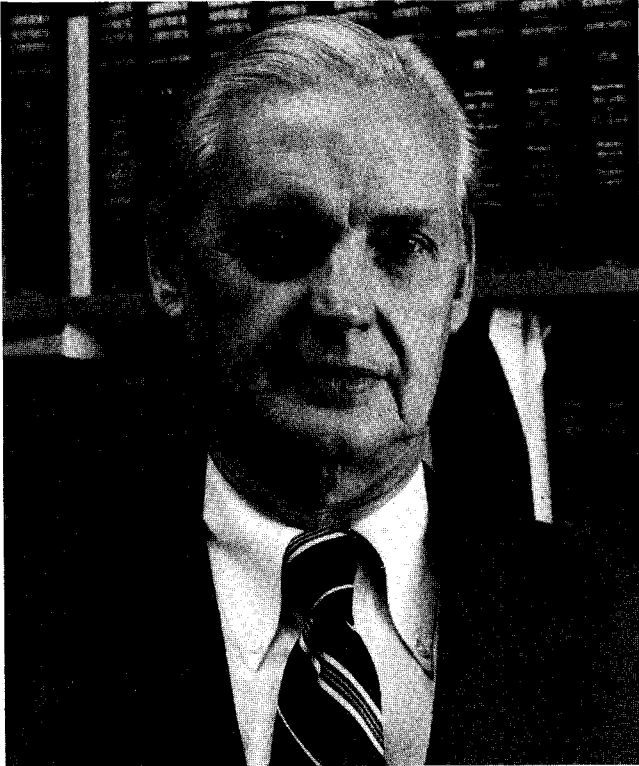
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## DEDICATION

Robert Emmet Clark is known for his many scholarly articles and books, such as the multi-volume labor of love, *WATER & WATER RIGHTS*, which have contributed so much to the more rational development of water law and water institutions. Included in his many honors and contributions has to be his parenting and continuing support of this Journal.

Professor Clark is the father of the *Natural Resources Journal*. He conceived the idea, and spent several years getting it accepted. He was convinced of the unmet need for a multidisciplinary forum for those professionally dedicated to the rational use and management of natural resources. He was concerned that the isolation in various fields of scholars who deal with resources problems was a principal impediment to understanding.

The foreword in the first issue of the *Natural Resources Journal* reflected that concern.

Many legal writers have acknowledged the non-legal origins of problems that come as grist to our professional mills. But the effort to break down the rigid lines of compartmentalized thinking has been halting and tentative. The call for interdisciplinary exchange and cooperation has been more slogan than reality. Rarely do we find the work of the lawyer and the non-lawyer appearing side by side. But to date there is no medium for the coordinated expression of various outlooks on resources problems in particular. The primary function of this new JOURNAL is to meet this need. It is not at all unusual that this JOURNAL should originate at a law school. The lawyer, the judge, and the legislator are all aware, perhaps more than most, of their dependence on non-legal knowledge for the solution of the natural resources problems that arise in their practice.<sup>1</sup>

As early as 1952, the Paley Commission said:

The time has passed when we can afford the luxury of viewing our resources as unlimited and hence taking them for granted. In the United States the supplies of the evident, the cheap, the accessible, are running out. The plain fact is that we have skimmed the cream of our resources as we understand them; the pause must not be too long before our understanding catches up with our needs.<sup>2</sup>

Robert Emmet Clark embraced this concern at a time when resources questions were not matters of grave national import, when, as he says, the word "environment" was not a tocsin, and not many were listening, anyway.

Without him, the *Natural Resources Journal* would not be.

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1. Kroner, *Foreword*, 1 *Natural Resources J.* (1961).

2. *Resources for Freedom*, Summary of Vol. 1, p. 8 (June 1952).