

Dedication

Professor Edgar Bodenheimer

It was with pleasure that I received the information that Vol. 11 of the *UCD Law Review* is being dedicated to Professor Edgar Bodenheimer. It is with equal pleasure that I respond to the invitation to write this brief introductory comment concerning him.

Professor Bodenheimer and I first met in 1949 when I became his colleague on the law faculty of the University of Utah. Within a short time, I came to respect his quiet, analytical approach to law and to legal problems. In an age when emphasis was being placed on the immediate and the pragmatic, I noted that Professor Bodenheimer had the ability to take the longer look and the knowledge to place things in historical perspective. More importantly, he had the capacity to teach courses such as jurisprudence and legal history and make them alive and meaningful for students whose natural bent was to bow to the god called "relevance."

Because of these qualities, I applauded enthusiastically when in 1965 Dean Barrett persuaded Professor Bodenheimer to join our efforts in starting a law school in Davis. Since coming to this school, Edgar's scholastic endeavors have continued at an uninterrupted pace. The result has been numerous books and law review articles that have won him worldwide recognition and acclaim. Furthermore, during his tenure at Davis he has broadened the horizons of numerous students and he has inculcated them with an increased respect for law. It is superfluous to add that he has had a comparable impact upon those of us who have been fortunate enough to be his colleagues.

Persons acquainted with Professor Bodenheimer will appreciate the significance of the preceding comments. To those not familiar with his background and scholarly endeavors, it is hoped that enough has been written to reveal why this issue of the *Review* is dedicated to him. It is a symbol of appreciation for a man of learning, a teacher who loves and respects his subjects and his students. In his retirement we wish him well. It is our hope that his interest in law, his love of legal theories and his concern for knowledge will continue to make his life rich and meaningful.

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