



PREFACE*

The 1987-1988 U.C. Davis Law Review Board of Editors dedicates this *Festschrift* to Edgar Bodenheimer on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Although Professor Bodenheimer retired from full-time teaching in 1975, to many of us he is a familiar and venerable figure, renowned for his treatise on jurisprudence and his work with Justice Jackson at the Nuremberg Trials. For all of the students at King Hall, his co-authored book, *An Introduction to the Anglo-American Legal System*, serves as a first glimpse into our legal institution. There, in his prefatory comments, Professor Bodenheimer counsels us to reflect on the guiding principles and ideals that fortify the profession that we will serve. He suggests that the "perplexing multitude" of philosophies we will discover are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Rather, it is through their synthesis that we develop a personal philosophy to serve us throughout our legal careers.

Professor Bodenheimer's own legal philosophy evolved from the classical natural law tradition. However, in his seminal work, *Jurisprudence: The Philosophy and Method of Law*, Professor Bodenheimer developed his own theory of "integrative justice," which balances the sometimes competing values of societal order with the need for equal justice. His tolerance and integration of others' viewpoints strengthens our belief that law is evolutionary and that the development of a personal, guiding legal philosophy is both possible and practical.

It is appropriate that this volume contain the work of three genera-

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tions of distinguished international scholars from the fields of jurisprudence, comparative law, and the conflict of laws. It is also appropriate that this issue contain contributions from scholars with whom Professor Bodenheimer might disagree, a further tribute to his belief that a dialogue of ideas best promotes a synthesis and evolution of legal principles. This *Festschrift* honors a scholar who has dedicated his life to the quest for "the highest knowledge and truest insight" into the function and purpose of law.

If this *Festschrift* is woven with a common thread, it is that each contribution is forward-looking. This also honors a legal scholar who believes in the future and who counsels future generations to become architects of their own professional ideals. It is for this counsel that the U.C. Davis Law Review joins with our distinguished contributors in honoring Professor Edgar Bodenheimer.

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