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A DEDICATION TO DEAN WILLIAM H. BOWEN

*Paula J. Casey**

This edition of the Law Review marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the publication and provides an opportunity to identify and honor a man who has contributed so much to the law school that is named in his honor. The Editorial Board is proud, and it is my esteemed honor, to dedicate Volume 35.1 to Dean William H. Bowen for his great contributions to the Arkansas legal community and to the continued success of the law school.

Formal legal education has existed in Little Rock for well over 100 years, culminating in what is now the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. No one could have predicted the impact that Dean Bowen would have on this law school when he graduated from the Arkansas School of Law, one of several predecessor institutions, in 1949. With the advantage of hindsight, we can now answer the question of which individual has had the greatest impact on legal education in central Arkansas: Bill Bowen.

After earning a Masters in tax from New York University, he was a successful tax attorney for the government and in private practice. In 1971, he became president of Commercial National Bank with an office located only a few blocks from the buildings that housed the law school. He led a successful merger of Commercial National Bank and then served as chief-of-staff to then-Governor Bill Clinton, during Clinton's first successful race for the presidency.

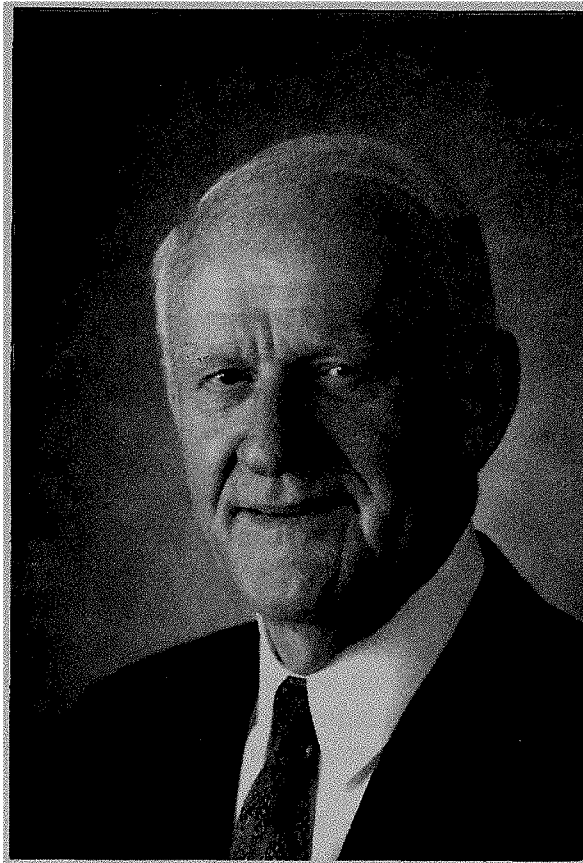
In 1995, he became dean of the law school and served in that capacity for two years. His tenure as dean was marked with many successes, as he secured endowments for the Altheimer Professorship and the Annual Benjamin J. Altheimer Symposium series (formerly the Ben J. Altheimer Lecture Series).

Permanently endowed by the Ben J. Altheimer Foundation, Symposium is an annual event in which the UALR Law Review and the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law invite prominent scholars to the school to explore topics of interest to the legal and scholarly community. The faculty and Editorial Board work together to choose timely and relevant topics for the Symposium and to plan a program that will promote discussion of and scholarship on the chosen topic. Selected symposium presenters also contribute scholarly articles to a special publication of the UALR Law Review that is devoted to the symposium topic. The topic for this year's symposium

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is *A Question of Balance: 40 Years of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and Tenants' Rights in Arkansas*, 35 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L. REV. (forthcoming 2013).

Bill Bowen has done more to support and build the law school than any other individual in the history of legal education in Arkansas.¹ This issue of the Law Review of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law is gratefully dedicated to him.



1. For a more thorough review of Dean Bowen's work and accomplishments, see 23 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L. REV. 5 (2000-2001).