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Dedication: Colonel Clarence E. Ransick

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This issue of the *UALR Law Journal* is dedicated to Colonel Clarence E. Ransick, a long-time faithful steward of the business of the organized bar in Arkansas. It goes without saying that over the past fifteen years, he has had more to do than anyone with conducting the affairs of the Arkansas Bar Association and with making certain that things were done properly and on time. He has also provided leadership and ideas for the officers of the Bar. In so doing, he has been instrumental through his work with the leaders of our legal profession in making our association one of the strongest in the nation. His work with the Arkansas Bar Foundation has had the same result. Through the efforts of "the Colonel" and those who have been active in the Foundation, this organization has grown to

one of which we can be justly proud—and one which has been particularly supportive of legal education and the law schools.

In his work as Executive Director of the Bar Association, the Colonel is due a great deal of credit, in particular, for his support for continuing legal education and his work with members of the Bar in developing the practice systems which so many lawyers rely upon today. These “systems,” as they are called, not only have generated a great deal of income for the Association but also have been most helpful in improving the quality of practice in Arkansas, particularly with regard to young lawyers and sole practitioners. Colonel Ransick played a primary role in the development of these systems.

Over that same period of time, our state bar has been involved in the increasing development and improvement of programs designed to continue the education of the profession. The Arkansas Institute for Continuing Legal Education, an institute involving law school and bar participation has become the vehicle for continuing education. AICLE’s task is likely to increase as the certification of specialists spurs the need for more institutes and seminars of a specialty nature. Colonel Ransick has been heavily involved in the development of continuing education of the bar in Arkansas.

Our bar publication, *The Arkansas Lawyer*, has also served as a vehicle for the Colonel’s efforts. The *Lawyer* combines commentary on substantive legal topics of current interest, discussions of professional developments, information about lawyers, continuing legal education and the law schools, and feature articles. The *Lawyer* is basically the product of the Colonel, and he is the one who has seen to its regular publication, editing almost every issue.

Most of the achievements of the Colonel, however, have not been so visible as bar publications or continuing education programs. Utilizing his obvious managerial skills, he has conducted the work of the Association and the Foundation most efficiently. The work that has been and is being done is remarkable for an organization with such a small staff. Yet on the eve of his retirement, Colonel Ransick leaves us with a very strong and active bar association and bar foundation.

This work has been the Colonel’s third career within the legal profession. His first was that of a practicing lawyer following graduation from Chase Law School in Cincinnati in 1937. After several years of practice, this first career was cut short by World War II. During World War II, he instructed officer candidates and then served as provost marshal and security intelligence officer for a large

ordnance depot, for which he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Also, during that time, he married Clarine Leonard of Edwardsville, Illinois. He remained in the service after the war, and in 1947 served as Assistant Chief of the Texas City Claims Branch of the Office of the Judge Advocate General following an explosion which leveled Texas City, Texas. His work there led to another Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. At this point, he completed additional studies to become a maritime law specialist, taking courses at Tulane Law School. Following that, he was named chief Legal Officer with responsibility for the administration of military justice in seven major army commands. This assignment was in Germany, where he was awarded the Legion of Merit for establishing a preventive law program. He also received an Army Commendation Medal with second Oak Leaf Cluster for his program of confinement and clemency. In 1966, he was named chief Judge of the Army's highest tribunal, and his work brought him a second Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.

The Colonel's third career—the one with which we are most familiar—began in 1968 when he was named Executive Director of the Arkansas Bar. Active nationally as a bar executive, he has been named Trustee Emeritus of the National Association of Bar Foundations and received a special Citation of Merit from the National Conference of Bar Foundations at the 1983 annual meeting of the American Bar Association. He was also honored with a special award by the Arkansas Bar Foundation at the annual meeting of the state Bar Association.

Clarence E. Ransick leaves behind him an enviable record of success in his professional endeavors. He has truly been a servant of the legal profession in Arkansas and has never been content to let our Bar Association or Bar Foundation be anything short of the best. He is deserving of our sincere gratitude and congratulations for a job well done.

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