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IN MEMORIAM  
TIMOTHY D. BREWER  
1957-1987

Timothy D. Brewer, Class of 1982, died in a tragic automobile accident on November 10, 1987. All of us whose lives he touched shall miss him more than we can say.

I first met Tim in August 1979, when we began our first year of law school together here at UALR. He was 21 years old and looked like a young Abraham Lincoln. He quickly became one of the most popular members of our class—he was quiet and thoughtful, with a quick, penetrating mind, rock-solid judgment, and a gentle sense of humor. Tim took his law studies very seriously, but he always had time to discuss cases or principles that confused one or another of his classmates or to share a wry observation on the quality of life of law school freshmen. He never passed a person in the hall or in the library without smiling and exchanging a friendly hello or nod.

Tim was remarkably mature for his years. (I remember how amazed I was to learn that he was the “baby” of our class.) He was accustomed to hard work. The third and youngest son of Elwyn and Madene Brewer of Enola, Arkansas, Tim grew up on a farm and learned early the necessity for, and the rewards of, hard work on a job worth doing. After attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for a year, he transferred to the University of Central Arkansas, where he was recognized as the outstanding general business administration graduate of his 1979 class.

Predictably, Tim’s powerful intellect and willingness to work hard made him a very successful law student. After his first year, Tim was invited to join this Journal and became a member after writing a case note that was selected for publication: Note, *Criminal Procedure—The Automatic Standing Rule in Possession Cases is Overruled*—United States v. Salvucci, 448 U.S. 83 (1980), 4 UALR L.J. 327 (1981).

Not content with merely accepting the honor of publication, Tim determined to do whatever he could to establish the UALR Law Journal’s reputation as a first-class review. During the remainder of his second year of law school, Tim served as an assistant research editor—one of the most thankless jobs on the Journal, double-checking and correcting citecheckers’ work. Following his second year, in

the summer of 1981, Tim was appointed Survey Editor of the Journal. As Survey Editor, Tim was charged with organizing, managing, and editing the Fifth Annual Survey of Arkansas Law, which appears at 5 UALR L.J. 89-201 (1982). He co-authored the *Business Law* section of that survey. Further, Tim decided that Arkansas lawyers needed a thoughtful review of new legislation and that the Journal should institute a Legislative Survey covering significant Acts passed by the Arkansas General Assembly during its biennial sessions. Accordingly, he designed, managed, and edited (and wrote a substantial part of) the first Legislative Survey published by the Journal. It appears at 4 UALR L.J. 577-614 (1981).

While one might suppose that Tim's studies must have suffered while he was working virtually full time on the Journal, his grades remained uniformly high. In addition, he found time to clerk some twenty hours per week and to serve as magister of the Phi Delta Phi honor fraternity.

In fact, about the only thing that Tim *didn't* do in law school was fall in love. That didn't happen until 1984, after he had received his J.D. with honors in January 1982, written the top paper on the Arkansas Bar Examination administered in February of that year, and joined the legal staff of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It was there, while working on complex telephone rate litigation and writing another law review article, Brewer, *Jurisdiction in Single Contract Cases*, 6 UALR L.J. 1 (1983) (cited in *Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz*, 471 U.S. 462, 478 n.21 (1985)), that he met his future wife, Stacy Sells.

Stacy and Tim married on June 1, 1984. In 1985 Tim left Southwestern Bell and joined House, Wallace & Jewell, P.A. as an associate in the Corporate Law Section. The law firm recognized Tim's unique talents almost immediately and made him a partner in September 1987. In October 1987, Tim passed two more milestones in his life—he turned thirty and he and Stacy became proud parents of a lovely baby daughter, Allyson Elizabeth.

At the time of his death, Tim, in addition to keeping up with his busy law practice and getting to know his new daughter, was writing another major article for the Journal, one that would explain to Arkansas lawyers the changes worked in our State's corporation law by the Arkansas Business Corporation Act of 1987. That article, entitled *An Overview of the 1987 Arkansas Business Corporation Act*, was completed by the members of the Corporate Law Section of House, Wallace & Jewell, and it appears in this issue of the Journal, beginning at

page 431. It is Tim's legacy to the profession that he loved and served to the fullest during the too-short time he was allowed. By dedicating this issue of the Journal to Tim, we attempt, in the only way we know how, to thank him for his friendship, for his devotion and service to our profession and community, and for the example he set.

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