TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR TIMOTHY HOFF

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The editorial board of the *Alabama Law Review* has dedicated this issue to Timothy Hoff on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as faculty advisor to the *Review*. Timothy Hoff is in his thirtieth year teaching at The University of Alabama School of Law and serves as the Gordon Rosen Professor of Law. Not only does Professor Hoff advise the Law Review, but he also serves as co-director of our Disability Law Institute and as director of our revitalized Masters Program for International Lawyers. He chaired our Curriculum Committee for years. His service activities at the Law School are abundant; he serves as a role model for students and faculty representing the values of public service.

It is important to thank people for a job well done. The institution owes a large debt of gratitude for Professor Hoff’s effective work in a leadership role with the *Alabama Law Review*. In his wise and patient but effective manner, but never interfering with the prerogatives of the student editorial board, Timothy Hoff has helped the *Law Review* only to improve over the last decade. The *Review* still serves as an essential forum for discussion of legal developments important to the State’s practicing bar and bench. But each year the *Review* now also publishes a national symposium of interest to readers both statewide and nationwide. The *Law Review* has added an additional issue and expanded its subscription list. The *Review* has become a partner with other parts of our institution, in publishing the major lectures and symposia that occur regularly at Alabama’s only public law school. For example, the *Law Review* has published the papers from our school’s major conferences on the important subjects of punitive damages, the civil justice reform act, and disability law. It has published the papers presented by the many well-known lecturers in our Meador, Black, and Albritton Lecture Series. Under Professor Hoff’s tutelage, the *Law Review* has

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become an intricate part of the fabric of the school’s academic life. Its commitment to providing cutting-edge analyses of state developments has not diminished. The Review has been essential to the school’s rise in national reputation.

The inaugural winner of the school’s teaching award, Professor Hoff is a creative and energetic educator in a variety of subjects, including Conflict of Laws, Admiralty, Civil Procedure, Law in Literature, Federal Jurisdiction, and Law and Religion. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, with law degrees from Tulane and Harvard, Professor Hoff is a learned person. He is well-read and well-versed in an eclectic array of subjects, within and without the field of law. He appreciates works of philosophy, theology, and literature. He actively participates in the school’s many faculty workshops and colloquia. He has brought all of his wisdom to bear in a variety of important essays. He is dedicated to research, writing, and publishing, and he appreciates the work of scholarly journals.

It is my good fortune to serve as dean of a law school that includes Timothy Hoff on its faculty. He frequently has provided me with friendly and wise counsel, just as he has to the Law Review. The Law Review’s idea to dedicate this issue to Professor Hoff is one of those ideas that I wish I could call my own. But I am just pleased that the Law Review has given me the opportunity to be part of an issue expressing tremendous appreciation to Professor Timothy Hoff. He deserves this recognition.