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Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre passed away on June 22, 2011, following a hard-fought battle with cancer. She attended law school at the University of Georgia where she graduated first in her class in 1988 and served as the editor in chief of the *Georgia Law Review*. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun following a clerkship with Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. In 1994, she returned to Georgia Law and joined the faculty as a professor specializing in education law and contract law. Prior to her passing, Professor Dupre served as faculty advisor for the *Georgia Law Review*. For those reasons and many, many others, it is our honor to dedicate Volume 46 of the *Georgia Law Review* to Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre. In doing so, we will honor Professor Dupre with a short remembrance in each issue.

When Professor Dupre became ill, she buried herself in books, in true academic fashion. Spending a summer abroad following my first year, I did the same. The final passage of a particular book immediately reminded me of a beloved professor back home. In keeping with our usual correspondence, I shared it with her:

‘Live each day as if it’s your last’, that was the conventional advice, but really, who had the energy for that? What if it rained or you felt a bit glandy? It just wasn’t practical. Better by far to simply try and be good and courageous and bold and to make a difference. Not change the world, exactly, but the bit around you. Go out there with your passion and . . . work hard at . . . something. . . . Cherish your friends, stay true to your principles, live passionately and fully and well. Experience new things. Love and be loved, if you ever get the chance.

– David Nicholls, *One Day* 433 (2009)

Imagining a person who embodied passion as well as Professor Dupre did is difficult. She worked hard, not just at “something,” but at *everything* she did; and she accepted no less dedication from her students. She lived a passionate life, and through her, we lived a passionate first year of law school. It is often an overused phrase, but I know that I speak for her last section of first years, as well as all students and staff who knew her, when I say that Professor Dupre changed my life. She is the reason that her students are the successes that we are today.

Just a few days after I suggested the book, Professor Dupre had finished it. Afterwards, she told me that it, and particularly that passage, would stay with her for a very long time. For those of us who were “hers,” for those of us that she touched, it is Professor Dupre who will stay with us—for a very, very long time.

On behalf of the Georgia Law Review Executive Board 2011–2012, the University of Georgia School of Law Class of 2012, and all of “hers,”

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