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DEDICATION

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR L. RAY PATTERSON

*Kristen M. Beystehner**

The *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* dedicates this volume to the late Professor L. Ray Patterson, the Pope F. Brock Professor of Professional Responsibility at the University of Georgia School of Law. Since the *Journal's* first issue in 1993, Professor Patterson served as our faculty advisor. Undoubtedly, the success of this publication is due to Professor Patterson's service and leadership, for which we are grateful and appreciative.

Professor Patterson held degrees from Mercer University, Northwestern University, Mercer Law School, and Harvard Law School. He also served in the United States Army and graduated from the Army Language School (now known as the National Defense Institute of Language). During the Korean War, Professor Patterson served as a translator of Russian radio broadcasts. He practiced law in Rome, Georgia before returning to Mercer as a member of the law school faculty. In 1966, Professor Patterson was awarded a Doctor of Science of Jurisprudence degree from Harvard, and he came to the University of Georgia School of Law in 1986 after serving as a faculty member and Dean of the Emory University School of Law. He also taught at the University of Texas, Duke, Mercer, and Vanderbilt.

Among his many written works, Professor Patterson was the author of *Copyright in Historical Perspective* and the coauthor of *The Nature of Copyright: A Law of Users' Rights and Legal Ethics: The Law of Professional Responsibility*. He frequently provided expert testimony and advised state and national policy makers in his primary areas of expertise. Numerous courts, including the United States Supreme Court, have cited his work. As Special Assistant Attorney General of Georgia, Professor Patterson wrote the Attorney General's official opinion on fair use of copyrighted materials for teaching and research. He also was a significant contributor to the State Board of Regents' *Guide to Understanding Copyright and Educational Fair Use*.

* Editor in Chief, JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW.

Last year, the *Journal's* spring issue entitled, *Symposium: Articles in Honor of Professor L. Ray Patterson*, provided Professor Patterson with long overdue recognition for his many achievements and contributions to the legal field. In that issue, Professor Craig Joyce of the University of Houston Law Center aptly described Professor Patterson as a “Copyright Hero. Model. Scholar. Activist. Radical. Teacher.”¹ We at the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law* would like to add “friend and mentor.” He will be greatly missed.

¹ Craig Joyce, *L. Ray Patterson: Copyright (and Its Master) in Historical Perspective*, 10 J. INTELL. PROP. L. 239, 248 (2003).