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JOHN ROGERS

It will always be true that words cannot adequately or eloquently describe the works of a great man. Such works are best seen in the marks of his life. Such is John Rogers, for we see his mark in the quality of the legal profession, in the quality of legal education, in the quality of life among us regardless of our race, color or creed.

John Rogers influenced and affected the bench and bar of Oklahoma for over sixty years. As a recognized authority in oil and gas, Indian titles, and probate matters, the early laws and cases of this state carry his mark. As an instructor in the law, whom many of us remember with warmth, he left with us a respect for constitutional processes.

For fifty years, Mr. Rogers served higher education, and especially legal education, as trustee, instructor, and law school dean. We see today the tangible and intangible marks that he made at the University of Tulsa College of Law. We will continue to benefit from his influence on quality education, his demand for equal educational opportunity and his respect for the law and its many institutions.

Even though all Oklahoma lawyers have, in one or more ways, experienced the many contributions of John Rogers, as advocate, as instructor, as administrator, as scholar, as civil servant, a few of us have seen him in all these roles. Through the last third of his service to his profession and the public, I had the privilege of working with Mr. Rogers as student, associate, partner and friend.

Those of us associated with Mr. Rogers feel that his greatest asset was his single devotion to quality in all endeavors. As general counsel for the Chapman-McFarlin-Barnard Interests, Mr. Rogers always found time to handle his varied legal responsibilities, and yet counsel his associates so that the craftsmanship of his firm was always recognizable. The scholar, the teacher, the warm concern for others, were always present in our association. During these years, a man of warmth, a man of loyalty to those he served, and a man who demanded more of himself than others, he thus inspired those around

him to strive for the highest standards of our profession. These are the marks of John Rogers.

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