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It is with the greatest of pleasure that I write a few words in honor of Louis L. Manderino upon his appointment to the bench of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by Governor Raymond P. Shafer.

Judge Manderino was born on November 16, 1929, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Manderino, in Monessen, Pennsylvania. He earned his A.B. at St. Vincent College in 1951, his Bachelor of Laws degree at Harvard Law School in 1954, and was admitted to practice before the courts of Pennsylvania in 1954. Following graduation from law school, Judge Manderino served as a law clerk to Judge Austin L. Staley of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He practiced law in Monessen with his brother, James Manderino, and since 1965 has been solicitor of the Monessen Urban Renewal Authority.

He has been with the Duquesne University School of Law since his appointment as an Adjunct Professor of Law in 1956. He gave up the private practice of Law in 1959 to join the law school's full-time faculty with the rank of Assistant Professor. He was conferred the

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rank of Associate Professor from 1961, and became a full Professor in 1964. In March, 1968, he was elevated to the rank of Dean of the School of Law, the greatest honor the Faculty can bestow on a fellow member. In 1968, Judge Manderino was elected a delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and was made a co-chairman of the Local Government Committee, where he performed brilliantly. In 1969 he was unsuccessful in his efforts to be elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as the candidate of the Democratic Party. During his long and distinguished career at Duquesne University School of Law, Judge Manderino has taught torts, evidence, trial and appellate practice, labor law, civil procedure, legal profession and equity.

On June 1, 1957, he was married in Monessen to the former Theresa Zilka, and they have three wonderful daughters: Susan, Laurie and Amy.

Judge Manderino is beloved and admired by his colleagues on the faculty, who often seek his prudent advice, and, in addition, as with a host of people from all walks of life, hold him in the highest esteem and respect. He personifies the typical American boy who has never forgotten his friends and neighbors. He thrives on helping and serving all.

In the legal profession, he is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County Bar Associations. He is a true student of the law and contributes generously of his time and efforts as a forceful public speaker. He is highly regarded by the lawyers for his bar association activities and no doubt will be by the lawyers who will practice before him. He is impartial, witty and possesses the necessary judicial temperament.

His students respect him for his knowledge of the law, his integrity, and sincerity as well as a willingness to help those who are in trouble or find the going difficult in law school. In this computerized age, the students are not mere numbers but human beings. He understands their philosophy, psychology, and needs. He has a liberal approach and will tolerate anything as long as it is not illegal, unethical and is law related. He is a man of vision, compassion and principle and appreciates these qualities in others as well.

As a law school administrator, he has no equal. He reorganized the law school administration into an effective and efficient machine. He fought many battles with the central administration for the better

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ment of the faculty and student welfare. His one aim was to make the Law School one of the finest in the country—he succeeded. His elevation to the bench means that the ultimate beneficiaries are the good people of Pennsylvania but, on the other hand, those dedicated souls still pursuing the cause of legal education will feel his loss to the bench most severely. Legal education needs more like him.

His colleagues on the bench will find that he oozes confidence, maintains decorum, has an excellent judicial temperament and is not afraid of hard work. He is intellectually stimulating, unafraid to accept any challenge and will demonstrate that he is an excellent choice for the bench.

One could continue to extoll his virtues without end but it could all be summed up by saying what a genuine pleasure it was for me to have served under him as his Associate Dean and to watch and observe the Dean in action. Thus my heartiest congratulations are in order to the Honorable Louis L. Manderino on his appointment to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania; my best wishes to him for the future; and to express my sincere appreciation for his interest in, efforts and contributions made to, and his improvement of the administration of legal education.

It is a pleasure to have had this opportunity to place these few words into the Duquesne Law Review, which, by the way, he was instrumental in founding back in 1963. The dedication of this issue is a fitting tribute to an articulate, dynamic and courageous leader about to embark on a new juristic voyage.

Bon voyage! Judge Louis L. Manderino.