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A TRIBUTE TO DEAN JOHN SCIULLO

John Sciullo joined the Duquesne Law faculty as a very young man. He made Duquesne Law School his life from that time on, becoming first one of our most effective teachers and finally a highly successful and beloved Dean. As he ends his career here, a gesture such as this one by the Law Review editors and staff is entirely fitting.

I first met John in the mid-1970's. I was a brand new lawyer working for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh Legal Office and attended a meeting of the Serra Club over at the Allegheny Club in what was then the brand new Three Rivers Stadium. John was very active in Serra, which was a group who worked to recruit young men to study for the priesthood, and who helped them with jobs and other kinds of support throughout their seminary training.

But Serra wasn't the only charitable activity in which John was involved. He was very active in his parish, Immaculate Conception in Bloomfield, serving on the parish council for many years as a close confidante of Father Dom Olivieri, longtime pastor of IC. Dom was really the unofficial mayor of Bloomfield and John Sciullo was one of his closest advisors and helpers. Together they made Bloomfield, where John still lives.

In his professional life, by dint of very hard work and intellectual brilliance, John built a sterling reputation as a lawyer. For years, he was a member of the City of Pittsburgh Planning Commission and the Urban Redevelopment Authority Board, compiling a body of work and precedent that helped to remake Pittsburgh into the beautiful urban expanse that it now is.

At the University, through some difficult years in our history, John rallied his fellow deans. He re-assured them, he provided a rock around which to rally, and in general helped the University to weather the storms – financial, leadership and so forth – that beset us in the 1970's and 1980's. But for all that, he managed to keep the Law School on even keel, so that when I succeeded him as dean, there was a firm deck on which to construct the future.

I could not begin to explain how deeply we, at Duquesne Law School, are in John Sciullo's debt. He has done more for us

than we even know and more than we can ever thank him for. His legacy will last here for years, not the least for the members of the faculty that he trained as law students, and for whom he was a role model as a law professor. John, we regret that you are leaving, but we know that you will never be far away. *Ad multos annos!*

Dean Nicholas P. Cafardi