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This issue of the *Law Review* is dedicated to our recently retired Dean, David Dow.

After six years of distinguished service in that office, Dean Dow has decided to devote full time to his first love—the teaching and refining of the law. Dean Dow came by teaching honestly. His father, Earle W. Dow, was Professor of History at the University of Michigan and his maternal grandfather likewise was a professor at that school. It was after seven years of the practice of law and two years of work with the federal government that Dean Dow turned to the occupation which has since engrossed his life—instructing and inspiring future lawyers of Nebraska.

Dean Dow was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on August 24, 1915. He spent his early life there, and after graduating from Ann Arbor High School in 1929 continued his education at the University of Michigan where he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with an A.B. degree in 1933. In the fall of that year Dean Dow entered law school at Michigan where he was a member of the *Law Review*, and from which he received a J.D. degree in 1936.

Soon after law school Dean Dow went into practice with the New York firm of Cadwallader, Wickersham, and Taft. A year later he married Sarah Pierce. Their first child, Philip Sunner, was born in 1941 and their second, Alice Pettee, in 1944. Dean Dow continued his practice in the New York firm until 1943 when he became administrative assistant to J. Robert Oppenheimer at the Los Alamos Project. In 1946, he joined the University of Nebraska College of Law faculty. Two years later his wife, Sarah Pierce Dow, died.

In his early years at Nebraska, Dean Dow taught contracts and a practice laboratory which included the fields of evidence, trials, and appeals. He has also taught a course in pleading and jurisdiction.

In 1950, he married Breta Peterson. Their child, Jean, was born in 1954.

Through his years at Nebraska, Dean Dow has also actively engaged in the development of Nebraska jurisprudence. His articles in this publication have consistently clarified and evaluated Nebraska law and practice. He has also dedicated much of his time and energy to the activities of the Nebraska State Bar Association, serving on the Committee on Continuing Legal Education, the

Section on Practice and Procedure, and as coordinator with the Committee on Cooperation of the Nebraska State Bar Association with the Nebraska Law School. In addition he has participated on numerous special committees and presented various papers and discussions through the bar association, and is Reporter to the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions.

In 1960, Dean Dow became Dean of the College of Law. During his six years in that office and under his leadership, the law school moved forward steadily, growing in prestige, number of students, faculty, and programs. The present and future lawyers of this state can look forward to many more years of continued service, guidance, and inspiration from David Dow as a professor. To him this issue of the *Nebraska Law Review* is dedicated with pride.

THE EDITORS