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The Board of Editors of Volume 44 of the Hofstra Law Review dedicates this Volume to the memory of Professor Monroe H. Freedman, the second dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. A giant in the field of legal ethics, a devoted teacher, and a wise counselor, Professor Freedman inspired generations of Hofstra Law graduates and lawyers around the country. Regarded as having brought legal ethics to the forefront of the legal profession and creating a field of study where none previously existed, Professor Freedman pushed people to think differently and forced lawyers everywhere to become more thoughtful of their profession and role.

In the succeeding issues of this Volume, the Editors plan to publish a number of tributes illuminating aspects of the rich legacy he left to the profession. Issue Two will contain papers written in conjunction with our conference on legal malpractice titled “Lawyers as Targets: Suing, Prosecuting and Defending Lawyers.” Additionally, the Issue will contain pieces from three of Professor Freedman’s colleagues: Current Dean of Hofstra Law School, Eric Lane; former Dean of Hofstra Law School and current President of Hofstra University, Stuart Rabinowitz; and Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics Emeritus, Roy D. Simon. Issue Three will provide a number of shorter pieces in tribute to Professor Freedman’s work and life. We will publish submissions from legal scholars of many different fields, discussing Professor Freedman’s unique impact on various aspects of law. Issue Four will be our conclusion, containing Articles written in conjunction with a panel held by the American Association of Law Schools at its Annual Meeting titled “The Hardest Questions Today: A Conversation in Honor of Monroe Freedman.” The Articles will revolve around Professor Freedman’s work in criminal defense representation and his studies on the well-known representation issue he developed—the trilemma.
While a single volume of scholarship cannot adequately articulate how important this man was to the legal profession, we hope Volume 44 conveys just how beloved Professor Freedman was at Hofstra Law School and throughout the legal community. The widespread desire of his peers to participate in this dedication is a testament to his legacy. He will forever be remembered.

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