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## A DEDICATION TO CHIEF JUSTICE JACK POPE

On the occasion of his retirement from the judiciary, St. Mary's University School of Law is proud to honor Chief Justice Jack Pope of the Supreme Court of Texas for his many years of outstanding and distinguished service to this school of law, to the State of Texas, and to the United States.

Chief Justice Pope received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934 from Abilene Christian University. He then entered the University of Texas School of Law where he achieved an outstanding academic record, served as a member of the editorial board of the Texas Law Review, and was graduated with a LL.B. degree in 1937. Thereafter, he entered private law practice in Corpus Christi from 1937 until 1946, except for two years of service in the United States Navy during World War II.

His outstanding and distinguished judicial career has extended for a continuous period of thirty-eight years, which is longer than any person presently serving in any elected district or state office in Texas. This service has touched all levels of the judiciary, beginning in 1946 as a District Judge of the 94th Judicial District Court in Corpus Christi, Texas. Four years later, he was elected Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Fourth Supreme Judicial District, San Antonio, Texas, and served as a member of that court until 1964. Chief Justice Pope has served with particular distinction as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas since 1965 and as Chief Justice for the past two years.

The outstanding judicial service of Chief Justice Jack Pope has extended beyond his service on the bench. He has unselfishly contributed a considerable amount of his time and expertise serving on the Committee on Family Law of the Judicial Section (1952-55), as a member of the Legislative Committee of the Judicial Section (1959), as Chairman of the Judicial Section (1961-62), as Chairman of the Appellate Judges Section (1972), and as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Judicial Section (1972-73).

Chief Justice Pope has been acclaimed nationally for his many outstanding contributions as a legal scholar through his authorship of more than one thousand published judicial opinions, as Chairman of the Board of Editors of the authoritative treatise on "Appel-

late Procedure in Texas," and as author of more than seventy highly meritorious articles, many of which have been published in national legal periodicals, including the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. For three consecutive years (1979, 1980, and 1981), Chief Justice Pope was the recipient of the annual award of the Texas Bar Foundation for authorship of the most outstanding law review article of practical value to the practicing bar. His distinguished service to the practicing bar includes the Presidency of the Nueces County Bar (1946), Chairman of the Citizenship Committee of the State Bar of Texas (1952-53), Chairman of the State Bar Committee on Rules and Statutes (1959-60), Chairman of the State Law Library Board, and member of the Nueces County Bar, San Antonio Bar, Travis County Bar, Hill Country Bar, American Judicature Society, American Bar Association, Law-Science Institute, and American Society of Legal History.

In his civic work and service, Chief Justice Pope is an active member of the Church of Christ, having served as an Elder of the Jefferson congregation in San Antonio (1957-64), and is currently a member of University Church of Christ in Austin. His service as a Trustee of Abilene Christian University now exceeds twenty-nine years.

Chief Justice Pope has also made valuable contributions to legal education as a lecturer at the School of Law of St. Mary's University and as author of significant law school course material in the area of evidence and procedure. Justice Pope's outstanding contributions to the furthering of Christian higher education have been recognized by the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from his alma mater Abilene Christian University, Pepperdine University, Oklahoma Christian College, and St. Mary's University of San Antonio.

Additionally, Chief Justice Pope has been the recipient of several awards and honors. These include the Silver Beaver award from the Alamo Council of the Boy Scouts of America, honorary membership in Tarlton Inn of the International Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi, and the Rosewood Gavel Award (1962) and St. Thomas More Award (1982) presented by St. Mary's University School of Law.

We, as members of the legal profession, are deeply indebted to this distinguished Texan who has so generously contributed so much to the improvement of our profession and the legal process as a practicing lawyer, jurist, teacher, author, historian, and civic

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leader. His lifetime of conscientious devotion to the highest standards and ideals of the legal profession is a monumental example and source of inspiration to all of us.

It is, therefore, our great privilege and honor to dedicate this issue of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* to Chief Justice Jack Pope.

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