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James Castleberry's career has been marked by many honors, each one driven by a spirit of public service. That spirit and his influence upon the St. Mary's University School of Law and its students will reach far into the future. For a lifetime, he has chosen the right goals and made the right commitments that were always for the good of others.

The story begins in Chatam, Alabama, a small rural village in southwest Alabama. James was born on December 28, 1921 into a family of high achievers and of parents who were both teachers. In 1940 he left the University of Alabama to enlist in the United States Air Force. Poland and Finland had already been invaded, but Pearl Harbor had not yet been attacked. During the next fifteen years Captain Castleberry would see action in War II during the Berlin Air Lift and in the Korean Conflict. It was during those years that he discovered his ability as a communicator and developed his skill for teaching. He first became an instructor in instrument flying and later taught military law at the United States Air Force Academy.

Captain Castleberry, while serving his country in wartime and peace, did not neglect the formal education that he had postponed when he enlisted. Wherever he was stationed, he enrolled in classes until he completed his undergraduate education. Near the end of his military career, he was assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, that was where he decided to undertake the study of law. He earned his law degree with high honors from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1952.

James' first professional challenge as a lawyer was in the service of the State of Texas as an Assistant Attorney General. He worked in the department assigned to locate and eradicate fraud in the insurance industry. When he left three years later to begin his teaching career at St. Mary's, the department had forced twenty insurance companies to wind up their operations in Texas. Stringent laws and administrative rules were in place for the effective regulation of insurance companies.

In 1955 Dean Ernest Raba and Justice James Norvell, who was serving on the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals and as an adjunct pro-

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fessor at St. Mary's, approached James about returning to the School of Law as a professor. He accepted and began teaching, and teaching well, such subjects as the law of real property, personal property, community property, the law of waters, mortgages and natural resources. He was a co-writer of the monumental and scholarly seven-volume treatise, *Water and Water Rights*.

When Tarlton Inn of Phi Delta Phi was organized in 1950, Chief Justice William O. Murray, Justice James Norvell and I, as members of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, were inducted as honorary members. One of the students in that original group was James N. Castleberry. With pride and admiration we watched James go on to serve as Faculty Advisor to the Inn, then as President of Province XVI and finally, in 1977, as the thirty-sixth President of Phi Delta Phi International. He also went some extra miles by providing the leadership of the establishment of Inns at Escuela Libre De Derecho in Mexico City and at the School of Law at the University of Monterrey.

When selected to serve as Dean of the School of Law in 1978, he began what would be his greatest public service, that of overseeing the development of thousands of highly educated professional citizens. Dean Castleberry began his administration fully prepared for the tasks before him. As Associate Dean he had worked with Dean Ernest Raba and had been in charge of Alumni Affairs. He had for many years kept close contact with the faithful alumni and their local organizations throughout Texas and beyond. His years of teaching had kept him abreast of the changing legal culture, the new legal concepts, the changing demographics of law schools and the whole profession, the new techniques for the practice of law and the trial of cases, the world of technology with new methods for the retrieval of precedents, and the scores of other professional innovations. Dean Castleberry was ready; he would keep St. Mary's University School of Law on the leading edge of law school education.

Dean Castleberry, from the beginning, assembled a faculty that was strong and sufficiently numerous so as to reduce the student-faculty ratio. He worked with professors who have distinguished themselves not only by their class room instruction, but also by a growing stream of books and other research publications together with wide-ranging professional services. The students and ex-students continue to excel. During three of the last ten years, the St. Mary's Law Journal received the Texas Bar Foundation Award for the most outstanding article of the year. With eight separate competitions conducted by the

Board of Advocates and half of the students participating, skills of writing and oral advocacy are being realistically developed and sharpened.

The dean wanted to make St. Mary's a mecca for practicing lawyers who seek current information about our evolving law. Continuing education programs are regularly organized to treat such subjects as Procedural Law, Medical Malpractice, Business Torts, and Alternate Dispute Resolutions. St. Mary's, in 1984, jointly sponsored the first institute in Texas about Alternate Dispute Resolutions. The summer courses at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, have added the dimensions of international and comparative law to the available resources for learning.

No list of goals that have commanded the attention of Dean Castleberry in recent years could omit the improvements and additions to the buildings clustered together in the quiet legal community on the northwest corner of the university. The completion, in 1984, of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library not only provided the space needed for the growing library, for study by students, and for research by faculty; but also triggered two awards by the American Institute of Architects. Once completed, the former library was remodeled to provide more faculty offices, classrooms, and seminar space.

Dean Castleberry, for thirty-three years, devoted his intellectual and administrative abilities to the education of young people in the ways of fairness, equity and justice under the law. The great Dean Roscoe Pound once gave us a one-sentence definition of a profession: "A profession is a body of men pursuing a common calling as a learned art and as a public service." It is in this sense that Dean Castleberry has performed public service of the highest order. By his service as a teacher and as dean, unknown numbers of students have learned from St. Mary's School of law to go and do likewise. His is a legacy that will endure for the indefinite future.

We congratulate the dean emeritus for his many years of professional and public service.