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## **TRIBUTE TO DAVID NIBLACK**

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Long-time and beloved Professor Dave Niblack, is most recently known for his Trial Advocacy course at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, in which Dave would simulate his actual courtroom experiences, putting the students in his shoes. Afterward, Dave would explain what the court would have done, and often, what the court actually did to him under similar circumstances. Although the purpose was to train students in litigation, the process was most endearing.

Dave was a gifted teacher and storyteller who inspired legions of students during his fifteen years with the School of Law. His Trial Advocacy course consistently received outstanding evaluations from students who often considered a litigation practice for the first time after taking the course.

Throughout his career, Dave also held academic positions as Antioch School of Law's Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs (1985-1986) and Adjunct Professor and Co-Director of the E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program and Clinical Programs at Georgetown University Law Center (1975-1978). Dave was also a political writer with the Congressional Quarterly News Service.

As Chief Public Defender for the State of Wisconsin, Dave sued the State to restore funding to legal services for the indigent population. Later, Dave main-

tained an active private practice and tried over 200, often high profile, criminal jury trials.

Dave had a gift for genuine empathy and turning hate to love. His death is a loss not only among wide circles of friends, but also to hundreds of isolated men and women in prisons, cop bars, and courthouse offices, who don't know one another, but share the feeling that they've lost the one person in the world who ever took the time to really understand them.

Dave Niblack was not the sort of person you want to leave behind; he was the sort of person you desperately hope you can bring with you.