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THE HONORABLE JAMES JOANOS\*

I was really lucky to have known Steve Goldstein.

My earliest contacts with Steve came in relationship to the externship program that existed between the Florida State University College of Law and the Second Judicial Circuit when I was a Circuit Judge. Steve's enthusiasm and sincere interest in the learning experiences of law students was immediately apparent. He was great to work with. He knew the students well and always sent me wonderful students. Thanks to him, I got to work closely with a number of bright people who went on to become fine attorneys. It was easy to see that Steve's great attitude toward the law, in particular toward pro bono service, was being imparted to those with whom he was associated.

As the years passed, Steve and I shared a number of activities. When I taught a section of trial practice at the law school, Steve, who also taught the subject, was willing to pass on a lot of really good tips about working with students that were most helpful to me.

When I moved to the First District Court of Appeals, I continued to work with Steve with regard to interns. We later worked on other law school projects. He was instrumental in the relationship between the law college and the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Inns of Court. More recently, I had the privilege of working with Steve in the development of the law college's Board of Visitors. No matter how busy he was or how many things he was involved in, he was always willing to share his experiences and his time. He was also always voluntarily working toward the betterment of the law college and of the law.

Steve and I both belonged to a loosely knit group of lawyers, judges, professors and assorted others who ate lunch occasionally at the first table in Mike's Cafe in downtown Tallahassee. The discussions that arose from the table were something to behold. They included everything from A to Z, and Steve Goldstein was a major contributor. He was interested in a variety of subjects. He knew sports and he knew the law, especially criminal law. But his sincere interest in people and respect for them was his most memorable characteristic.

He meant a lot to a lot of us.

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