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## IN DEDICATION

MAURICE H. FREY\*

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Maurice Frey's career has been notable for his thoroughgoing obedience to two cardinal rules for the complete professional (obligatory in theory, but too often honored in the breach): first, to improve the calling to which he devotes his life; and second, to instruct the neophytes. Both these ends "Mo" Frey has served faithfully, especially in his origination and administration for 20 years of the clinical courses in trial techniques, first at the old University of Buffalo Law School and now at the law school of State University of New York at Buffalo.

Time was when law school dons looked down their noses at "trade school" courses, or insisted that their crowded curricula could not possibly spare room for training in office and courtroom law practice. In the last 10 years there has been an almost complete reversal of this thinking. Now the same law school people boast of their seminars and work experiences intended to put the student into activities which at least stimulate legal experiences. In this new teaching trend Maurice Frey was ahead of his time. Despite pioneering difficulties, he evolved—really invented—a workable and useful program built around simulated trials by students under the supervision of experienced local practitioners.

Maurice Frey has served his profession and his locality in other ways including assistant prosecutor, law secretary to judges, and Conciliation Commissioner; but his enduring monument will be his clinical courses. It is most appropriate that the Law Review of the school to which he has given so much for so long should do him honor.

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\* Professor Frey, who served this school for many years, retired in December, 1974, in order to become confidential clerk to newly appointed Judge John T. Elfvin of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

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