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"Lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart". 1 Kings 3, 12

Until the day comes—long distant I fervently hope—when all judicial decisions are made by scanning holes punched in flimsy tape, the personality, knowledge and experience of the judge will continue to mold the law.

It is just these elements which have made our Desmond great. No cloistered ascetic—he; but rather a living enthusiastic participant in the world's affairs; in the parlance of the day—he has been and is an "involved" citizen. This cannot but have informed his judgment and his judgments.

The evidence of his involvement is overwhelming. Suffice for this page, the following bits and pieces:

Biographical: Born, Buffalo, N.Y. December 2, 1896; widower (married to the late Helen Marie Ryan (a lovely and gallant lady); four children; nine grandchildren; educated, Buffalo Schools; Canisius College, A.B. 1917; LL.B. at University of Buffalo, 1920; served in U.S. Marine Corps in World War I.

The Law: In general practice from 1920 in Buffalo, N.Y. until 1940, when he was appointed by Governor Lehman to the New York Supreme Court; in that same year he was elected to the New York Court of Appeals; re-elected in 1954 by nomination of all parties to a second term which expires on December 31, 1966 at which time he will retire (*horribile dictu*) as mandated by the state of New York; became on January 1, 1960, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and on January 1, 1962, the first man to bear the title "Chief Judge of The State of New York"; Chairman, New York State Judicial Conference; member of American Law Institute; American Judicature Society; American, New York State and Erie County Bar Associations.

Writings: Numerous law review articles; two books: *Sharp Quillets of the Law* (1949); and *Through the Courtroom Window* (1959).

Educational Pursuits: Visiting Professor at Cornell Law School; member of faculty, New York University Seminar for Appellate judges; lectured at seven law schools; Chairman, Board of Regents, Canisius College; member, President's Council, D'Youville College; member, Advisory Council, Notre Dame University Law School; eleven honorary degrees.

Citations for Distinguished Service: from University of Buffalo 1954, for distinguished service to the legal profession; National Conference of Christians and Jews "Brotherhood Award" 1955.

Social and Civic Service: Chairman, Advisory Board, Sisters Hospital, Buffalo; member, New York State Board of Social Welfare (1935-1940); Chairman, School of Nursing Board; Trustee Catholic Charities of Buffalo; Trustee St. Mary's School for the Deaf; member, Board of Western New York Heart Association; member, Executive Board Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society.

This man is a Judge; this Judge is a man.

EDWARD H. KAVINOKY
Member, New York Bar

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CHARLES S. DESMOND
Chief Judge
State of New York