As we all know, the distinctive place held by the University of Buffalo Law School is the result of many years of devoted service rendered to our School by lawyers of unusual ability.

No one contributed more to establish and carry on its traditions than Carlos C. Alden during his fifty years of service. He not only taught in the School but during most of its history, as Dean, he was chiefly responsible for the selection of Faculty members, the scope of its curriculum and the administration of its affairs. The prestige that he brought to the School was greatly enhanced when, in 1908, Governor Charles E. Hughes appointed him to the post of legal counsel to the Governor. Of all the men who have been associated with the School, none exerted a more far-reaching influence. Not only was he an accomplished teacher, but the fine qualities of his personality gave character to everything that he said and did. With his consistent attitude of high-mindedness and his singleness of purpose he made the Law School his Life interest. The example of his patience and wisdom in dealing with one generation of students after another should always serve as an example to the rest of us. He fulfilled the finest standards of the teaching profession and of true nobility in all his personal relationships. The School should always be grateful for his memory!

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