

a gift from Julianna Ebert and Frank Daily

by Julianna Ebert, L'81

When we were asked a couple of years ago to consider a gift to enhance the Law School facilities, we were enthusiastic about participating and immediately thought it would be an opportunity to honor my grandfather, Arthur L. Ebert, who graduated from Marquette Law School in 1918.

Grandpa was born in Milwaukee in 1897 of immigrant parents. He attended Spencerian Business College after graduating from eighth grade and became a legal stenographer for John H. Paul whose offices were in the Cawker Building at 108 West Wells Street. (Among the legal matters Mr. Paul handled were evictions of tenants from Jones Island to make way for the sewage treatment facility.) After a few years, Mr. Paul called my grandpa's father at his work at Pabst and asked to meet with him regarding his son.

Grandpa related that that night he got quite a "licking" from his father, anticipating that any meeting at the request of his son's boss could only be bad news about his son's performance. Rather, at the meeting, Mr. Paul talked about my grandfather's intelligence, ability, and potential and indicated he wanted to help my grandfather attend Marquette Law School. Marquette had agreed to admit him even absent a high school or college diploma, provided he had extensive tutoring from Judge Swietlik. Grandpa entered law school in 1915, at age 18, graduated in 1918, and went to work for Mr. Paul.

Grandpa applied a great deal of human insight as well as his intellect and learning to his law practice. He focused his efforts on finding ways for the law to solve people's problems. For his clients' convenience, he held office hours at his downtown office every day and twice a week in the evenings on Green Bay Avenue and later on Capitol Drive.

His clients knew they could depend on Mr. Ebert. Grandpa also served his community and his family. His special interest was assistance for the blind, and he helped sponsor annual Christmas parties for blind children through the Lions Club. His 10 grandchildren



Arthur L. Ebert, L'18



Frank Daily, L'68, Arthur L. Ebert, Jr., the late Howard Eisenberg, and Julie Ebert, L'81, preside at the ribbon-cutting of the new Law Review Room dedication in 2001.

loved and respected him. And just as he spent his life discovering, exploring, learning, and growing, he urged all of us to "learn something new every day."

So when Howard Eisenberg asked us to consider a gift, we thought it would be an appropriate way to honor my grandfather, as well as his sons, my father and uncle, and my brother, all of whom were inspired by Grandpa's example to follow him in the practice of law.

Even though my grandfather, father, and brother are all deceased, we were very pleased that my Uncle Art could represent the family at the ribbon-cutting at the law school when the new Law Review Room was dedicated. We had a special interest in the Law Review Room since my husband, Frank (L'68), spent many hours in the old law review office during his time at the Law School and I also had contributed to the Law Review.

We hope our gift will encourage others to consider a gift to the Law School so that it can continue to provide the kind of wonderful opportunities it provided to my grandfather and my family, my husband and me, and so many others. •

Julianna Ebert is Marquette Law School Class of 1981. Frank Daily is Class of 1968. Read about gifts from his classmates beginning on page 24.



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