

The Company We Keep

Someone once remarked to me that you cannot have too many friends. I entirely agree with that sentiment. Marquette University Law School provides powerful evidence of this.

Some of our friends you can meet in this issue of the *Marquette Lawyer*. One is Ray Manista, L'90, a leader at Northwestern Mutual, longtime member of the Law School's advisory board, and now a trustee of Marquette University; a profile (pp. 14–17) of Ray and his wife, Dawne, complements the cover story. And that story, "Practicing Business Law at the Speed of Change," draws on the insights and experience of leaders in the practice, many of them longtime friends of the Law School (pp. 4–13).

Often, the influence of our friends on us is not publicly visible. For example, the cover story itself was inspired by a strategic planning session led by a great friend of the Law School: Donald W. Layden, Jr., L'82. As chair of the advisory board, Don has encouraged the Law School's attention to the trajectory and pace of change in the profession, including that prompted by technology. I am grateful for his leadership and friendship.

We welcome new friends. Lee H. Rosenthal was already a prominent federal judge but new to us in her visit here last spring. She engaged and animated the Marquette Law School community, and her Hallows Lecture attracted new friends to us, as you can see among the reactions to the lecture (pp. 18–37). Judge Rosenthal had been warmly recommended to us by old friends—past lecturers here. Deborah W. Denno of Fordham University School of Law is also someone new to us who enriched our community this past academic year, as is evident in this issue (pp. 44–49).

We enjoy a special friendship with our alumni. Whether in the class notes or profiles (pp. 58–61) or in the alumni awards (pp. 38–43), you, too, can get to know some of them. We are so grateful for their contributions through the profession, their service in the community, their examples to our students and those of us engaged in the daily life of the Law School.

Marquette Law School has had no more generous friend than Ray Eckstein, L'49, and his wife, Kay, herself a Marquette alumna (Speech '49). Kay passed away in June 2017, as noted in a previous issue of this magazine, and so now also has Ray, this past April. The Ecksteins provided the lead gift for our new home, opened in 2010, and Ray and Kay Eckstein Hall continues to shape Marquette University Law School. The building is extraordinary in so many ways—including its ability to foster a rich and expanding network of friendships and collaboration. We remain grateful and will continue to remember and honor Ray and Kay Eckstein.

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