

ROBERT Q. KELLY

Kindness, patience, loyalty, humility; these are the words which come to mind when I think of Professor Robert Q. Kelly.

Bob was appointed Director of the Creighton Law Library in 1973 — the Director of a law library which had not had the care and direction of a professional law librarian for many years — the Director of a law library scheduled to move into a new building within a year. These tasks would have daunted a lesser person. Bob, joined by his wife, Elizabeth, a professional librarian in her own right, not only tackled the tasks of the moment, but proceeded to build a library — a library which serves not only the students and the faculty of the Law School, but also serves as an excellent legal resource for members of the practicing bar in the area.

The library has always been somewhat of a mystery to deans, as ours was to me when I became Dean. A dean must have confidence in the judgment and ability of the director of the library. I knew the library could always use money — more money than was generally available. Bob presented his requests, presented the support for those requests, and then performed admirably with what was available.

In addition to his service to the library, Bob was an active participant on many law school and university committees, including the All University Library and the Research Committees. He held several offices in the Association of American Law Schools and was President of the Midwest Association from 1978 to 1980. Bob also shared his expertise with law firms as a consultant on library questions.

Throughout his years of service, Bob maintained a devotion to his profession and a consideration for others. In a profession which requires daily contact with administration, faculty, and students, this is a notable accomplishment. We who have been the beneficiaries of his work are truly grateful. I, who depended upon Bob, am particularly indebted. Well done, Professor Kelly.

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