

FOREWORD: DEDICATION TO JUDGE PITTMAN AND PROF. RYAN

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As we dedicate this Nebraska Edition of the Creighton Law Review to Judge Elizabeth D. Pittman and Professor Frances Ryan, I am reminded that two particularly important events occurred at Creighton University in relation to these two exceptional scholars twenty-five years ago.

First, in the spring of 1973, Creighton University bestowed a Doctor of Laws — *honoris causa* — upon Judge Elizabeth D. Pittman. It was apparent to all what this pioneering woman had accomplished, and that this honor had been earned many times over by Judge Pittman. Her exemplary life as an involved citizen, lawyer, and public servant — which is so eloquently set forth by Professor Smith in this issue of the Law Review — stands forever as an example for all who make their way through uncharted waters. The fact that Judge Pittman earned her law degree from Creighton University is of great pride to those of us who teach here, and it is particularly fitting that we honor her memory fifty years after she earned her J.D.

Second, in the fall of 1973, Creighton University offered Frances Ryan an appointment as Associate Professor in the School of Law. At that time, we on the faculty knew that we were adding an outstanding scholar and lawyer to the faculty. What we did not know is that we were also acquiring a great and compassionate heart. This is best exemplified by remembering how Frances immediately embraced the minority scholarship program that was established by Dean Frankino. In this regard, Dean Raful and Donald Montgomery have movingly written of her service as advisor, teacher, friend and surrogate parent to the minority students. Professor Ryan did even more than this. Not content with the resources allocated by the university to the minority program, Frances took it upon herself to find additional money. She applied for and was responsible for Creighton receiving fellowships for minority students under the Graduate and Professional Opportunities Program (GPOP) established by the federal government. For this, and many of her other lasting accomplishments, we are forever grateful.

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We no longer have the company of these wonderful women. However, we do have the memory of what they did and what they stood for. It is to their lives and those memories that this issue of the Creighton Law Review is dedicated.