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cities. He held a joint appointment on the Law Faculty during these years, while working on the development of scientific methods of crime detection, including use of the polygraph, and while actively aiding the Chicago police. In 1938, he became Director of the Laboratory, and in that year, the institution was transferred to the Chicago Police Department, with Fred continuing as director until 1941, when he left to engage in several years of trial practice.

Immediately after World War II, Fred was called to the full-time faculty. He brought with him his wealth of practical and scientific experience, and when this was joined with his bent for research, his independence of judgment, and his sense of commitment to better law enforcement, the result is a unique and enormously productive professor.

Those who know him do not see Fred Inbau as a stony-faced zealot, but as a gentle, good-humored person, a completely cooperative colleague and one who listens carefully to opposing points of view. Nor does he equate suspicion and charge with guilt. In the midst of all his work for law enforcement, Fred has helped to train many able defense lawyers and some of

our country's most outstanding judges. And he has directly helped many accused persons to show their innocence.

I have disagreed with Fred's conclusions on court decisions more than once. But over the years, I have not only enjoyed his warm friendship and extremely helpful advice on many kinds of questions—he is one of the most constructive of colleagues in the Law School—but I have come to admire him greatly for the courage of his stand and to appreciate the numerous contributions he has made.

Fred Inbau holds the John Henry Wigmore chair in the Law School. He and Wigmore shared a common goal of turning major law school resources toward better law enforcement. There may be disagreement about some of the methods, and about where some of the emphasis should lie. It would not be academia without that. But Fred has shown us all the kind of devotion which legal scholarship and education should display—and all too often fails to display—in approaching some of society's most serious problems. If more of us could follow his example of total commitment, the law schools would greatly enlarge their contributions.

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*The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* has had a long and important history in the contribution to scholarship by dissemination of criminological research and theory throughout the United States, particularly, and the world. It is the leading journal for criminologists and has maintained high standards of scholarship since its inception in 1910.

The position of managing director, and then editor-in-chief, was eventually passed on to Professor Fred Inbau of Northwestern University Law School. For twenty-seven years he devotedly performed these roles. Since 1963 I have had the pleasure of serving as Criminol-

ogy Editor and enjoyed the fruitful association with him. Without conflict, without impediments of any kind, our relationship was always built upon cooperation.

Whatever differences we may have had about criminal law, behavioral science research or the administration of justice, never once was the scholarly merit, theoretical proposition or research conclusion of any manuscript denied publication once positively evaluated by me and our reviewers. I consider this declaration a major tribute to Professor Inbau's performance over the years.

I am pleased to participate in honoring Fred Inbau for his years of service to the *Journal*, and I am sure that all the authors who were published during his administration join me in wishing him well.

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