

COVEY T. OLIVER

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I first met Covey Oliver during his period of study for the J.S.D. degree at Columbia. As a member of my seminar on Counseling in International Transactions, he soon revealed his expertise. His participation was particularly valuable because the seminar marked the inception of a transnational approach to law practice, now well established. Covey was, and continues to be, admirably equipped to crossweave areas of public international law, conflict of laws, and comparative law to produce teaching and writing exciting in scope and content.

We have met frequently over the years. I have found him ever willing to spill over his knowledge and experience into rewarding moments of clear insight and tempered reflection. The duller the meeting, the more necessary his presence; the truly productive conferences reflected his ability to lead ideas into meaningful conclusions. His only weakness has been his inability to create enemies.

This Renaissance Texan cannot retire in any sense of the word. He can only breathe fresh life into whatever activity he will be pursued by. Whatever he decides to do, he carries with him the warm affection and admiration of a colleague and friend, speaking for all of us.

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