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Bernard G. Segal is a cherished personal friend of many years. We were undergraduates together at Penn, graduating with the Class of 1928. Every member of that Class holds him in genuine and deep-seated affection and basks in the warm glow of his national recognition as distinguished lawyer and foremost American citizen.

Time has a habit of diminishing fame. But Bernie’s extraordinary contributions as lawyer and citizen have indelibly carved his place among the remembered of his profession. And his compassionate and humanitarian efforts for the less fortunate have earned him a secure place in the hearts and minds of countless people he has helped so much.

In an age of specialists, Bernie is a phenomenon. He sparkles in many fields—as superb and outstanding advocate; as an unusually effective champion of law reform, both in judicial administration and substantive law; as public servant; as University Trustee, and as humanitarian. He will be particularly remembered and honored as the driving force behind the program that brought able lawyers from all over the country to the battle for racial justice in the area where that battle was fought most fiercely.

One wonders where Bernie finds the strength and time to do so many things so superbly. For he does them all while at the same time carrying on one of the country’s most active and influential practices as senior partner in one of the nation’s great law firms. His stamina and seemingly inexhaustible energy are legendary. He is indeed the symbol of our profession at its very best. He has touched it with greatness. In honoring him, the Law Review honors not only one of the outstanding lawyers of our time, but also a truly great citizen.

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