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**MILTON M. HARRISON**

*This issue of the  
Louisiana Law Review  
Is Respectfully  
Dedicated to  
Professor Milton M. Harrison*

## RETIREMENT PROFESSOR MILTON M. HARRISON

Milton M. Harrison is retiring from the University this Spring Semester after having served LSU for 37 years. It is especially appropriate that the staff of Volume 43 of the *Review* dedicate this issue to him, for he served both as a student editor of the *Review* (Volumes 2 and 3, 1939-41) and as a faculty editor (Volume 9, 1948-49).

Milton's retirement is of course an occasion to review his accomplishments and to thank him for his dedicated service. But, it is much more; Milton's retirement marks an important transition in the history of the law school and the University.

He arrived at LSU as a law student in 1938, one of 23 students who completed the freshman curriculum that year (he ranked 1 of 23). The Tullis era had ended in 1935, the short but dramatic expansion of the Beutel period was completed and the deanship of Paul M. Hebert had just begun. He was a student of and, after his service in World War II, a colleague of the giants of the LSU Law School — Professors Bennett, Daggett, Dainow, Dakin, Flory, Malone, McMahon, Reynard, and Smith. Milton and his wife Genie rented quarters for a time from Mrs. Daggett, with whom they often played bridge. As Mrs. Daggett was a pivotal transitional figure into the Hebert period, Milton represents the transition from the Hebert era into the present. He is the last of the giants to retire, and his departure leaves George Pugh as the senior member of the faculty. George having been Milton's student and then his colleague, the continuum goes on.

In recent years, Milton has been the keeper of our collective history. He remembers why a particular academic rule was adopted — and usually the student who provoked the rule. He is the person who invariably remembers this or that event, be it the details of the Louisiana scandals or how a governor treated the University. It will be our loss not to have Milton on the faculty to remind us of these important elements of our past. However, Milton did much more than simply watch and record these developments.

Milton was an important part of the improvements made at LSU in the '50s and '60s. Soon after his military service in World War II was completed, he returned to the law school, served as reporter for three titles of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and edited a large part of the remaining titles. He was dean of the law school from 1957 to 1959 when a major modification of the curriculum was adopted, that curriculum remaining basically in effect now. When he returned to the law school as associate dean after having completed

his service on the main campus, he was the person primarily responsible for the development and design of the new law building.

Milton also made important contributions serving the broader University. He was assistant to President Troy H. Middleton from 1951 to 1957 and then vice-president for academic affairs of the University from 1959 to 1961. He was one of the key advisors to the president during the time LSU solidified the haphazard expansion of the Huey Long years and moved from the academic backwaters into an important graduate institution. In this important service, Milton typified the good lawyer. His precision, his objectivity, his thoroughness, his ability to analyze made his administrative service all the more worthwhile and important to the University.

It is also those traits that highlight Milton's important contributions to the students he taught. He always demanded precision in analysis of cases and thoroughness and clarity in analysis of problems. In that regard, he represents the best that one can expect of a teacher of the law.

To their friends, Milton and his wife Genie also have been an admired couple. They have dealt with life with an equanimity, a good humor, and a belief in God that is an example to us all. We hope for Milton and Genie a pleasant and long retirement.

*Lee Hargrave*  
*Chairman, Law Review Committee*

MILTON M. HARRISON

*Personal:*

Born October 15, 1915, Gibsland, Louisiana  
Married to the former Eugenia Taylor  
Three children: Kay, Jane and John Taylor

*Education:*

B.S.—Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, 1935  
LL.B.—Louisiana State University, 1941 (Order of the Coif)

*Experience:*

High school teacher, 1935-38  
Special Lecturer, LSU Law School, 1946  
Assistant to the Dean and Assistant Professor of Law, 1946-50  
Assistant Coordinator and Reporter, Louisiana Law Institute,  
Revised Statutes Project, 1946-50  
Assistant to the President of LSU—1950 to 1957  
Dean, LSU Law School—August, 1957—July, 1959  
Vice President, Academic Affairs, July, 1959—December, 1961  
Associate Dean of the Law School, December, 1961—February,  
1971  
Professor of Law—February, 1971

*Military Service:*

Enlisted, Army of the United States, September, 1941  
Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Adjutant General's Corps, March,  
1943  
Stationed Patterson Field, Ohio, and Hill Field, Utah  
Served as Military Personnel Officer & later as Civilian Personnel  
Officer  
Served as Air Corps representative on Utah War Manpower  
Board, 1944  
Pacific Theater (1945)—(New Guinea, Philippines, Japan)  
Served in Legal Division, Headquarters, Supreme Command Allied  
Powers, Tokyo, assigned to War Crimes, October, 1945 to  
January, 1946