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It is my privilege to write these laudatory remarks about my good friend, colleague, and idol, Bill Hawkland. He is a man of many parts—legal scholar, legal educator and teacher, law school creator and administrator, and repository of all statistics relevant to the all-American game of baseball. He is a definitive authority in each of his fields.

Bill was born in Willmer, Minnesota on November 20, 1920. He earned his B.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1942 and LLB from there in 1947. He then received an LLM from Columbia in 1949.1

I. THE EARLY YEARS AND AS DEAN AT BUFFALO

Bill has taught at the University of Tennessee, Temple University, Rutgers University, and the University of Illinois, followed by his tenure at Buffalo Law School, serving as Dean beginning in 1964. According to the history of the Buffalo Law School, his service as Dean was nothing short of spectacular with a new building in the works, enrollment problems, and the great student unrest of the 1960s to be handled. After laboring so successfully in the turmoil, the proper path was clear, so Bill returned to the University of Illinois Law School to his old position on the faculty.

The history of the Buffalo Law School records2 that:

What were Hawkland's contributions to the Buffalo Law School? He efficiently expanded the school during a period of mushrooming growth brought about by the SUNY merger. In September 1964, his first year on the job, there were 15 full-time faculty and an enrollment of 253, a staff of 4 and a library of 40,000 volumes. When Hawkland left in January 1971, the full-time faculty numbered 29, enrollment had more

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1. I have borrowed heavily for these early personal facts from Robert Schaus & James Arnone, University at Buffalo Law School, 100 Years, 1887-1987, A History (Univ. at Buffalo Law Alumni Ass'n 1992).
2. Supra note 1, at 88.
than doubled to 606, the staff had increased to 22, and the library had soared to 146,000 volumes. Under his direction, the Seven Year Plan was hammered out in 1964. This plan guided the school through the troubled 1960s and into the relative calm of the early 1970s. Hawkland also played a major role in pushing for a "separate building with a separate library," the sine qua non for a successful school.

II. BILL COMES TO LSU

It is here that I will talk about Bill Hawkland—the man, a superb human being, and doting grandfather. His lifelong work in the field of commercial law is familiar to anyone, and I do not propose a redundant reiteration of his résumé and list of publications. It is in the appendix to this article.

Rather, I should talk about Bill as I have known him since he came to the LSU Law School in 1979. I have been a very close personal friend, as well as a colleague, on his law faculty.

The LSU Law School, as we old timers know it, has had legendary deans in its history. Dean Robert L. Tullis, from 1912 to 1933 and Dean Paul M. Hebert, for whom the law center is now named, for 28 years until his death in 1978. Upon Hebert's death, the faculty reconciled itself to some successor of a more ordinary scale. Little did we realize that providence had its beneficent eye upon us and would put Minnesota Bill together with Louisiana Rosemary, as husband and wife, and thus put the train of destiny on its track to bring Bill to his ultimate work here at LSU. We are grateful for the extensive experience he had, as I have outlined above, prior to his coming to LSU, and from which he gained valuable experience to do his work here. When we chose Bill as our chancellor, there was some thought that you cannot have it all as we realized he would not know anything about France or our sacred civil law. We then thumbed through his list of publications and works only to see that he had lectured in French at Louvain-Le-Nueve in Brussels. It took Bill no time at all to become an expert in the Louisiana law in his field of commercial law. He became a regular figure in the continuing legal education circuit and overwhelmed audiences with his relentless logic and illuminating examples. His evaluations wiped out everyone on the circuit.

While the law school has always been excellent and has graduated lawyers who have succeeded very well all over the world, we had always been known as that rather provincial place down in Louisiana that still lived with Napoleon's Civil Code. Bill set out to change that. He established our Summer School in Aix-en-Provence, with a faculty exchange convention with Louvain, Louvain-Le-Neuve in
Brussels. He also established the Law Center Fellows which provided a basis for inspiring alumni support for the school and gave them a voice in charting the school’s development. He created the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame to recognize our graduates who have succeeded in a notable way. He established numerous professorships for the faculty. He was called upon by Governor Roemer to adapt U.C.C. Article 9 to Louisiana law to improve the ease of financial dealings between Louisiana and the other states. He did this single-handedly, though with full consultation of his colleagues to make U.C.C. Article 9 fit as nearly as possible with any existing Louisiana law that was not completely incompatible with U.C.C. Article 9. That work served the state extremely well until the current version of U.C.C. Article 9 was recently adopted in Louisiana with some modifications. Bill had a very strong hand in doing the second work as well.

During his entire tenure as chancellor, the state, and higher education suffered extreme financial hardship, but Bill continued building and improving the school with nothing short of financial wizardry. He led the faculty by example, setting high standards in forming the curriculum and in the devotion of the faculty to its duties in teaching and publishing.

His nationwide fame both as a legendary authority in commercial law, legal educator, and administrator was a light that could not be concealed, even under the bushel basket of so called Louisiana provincialism. The best illustration of this was the reception the LSU recruiting team enjoyed when it went to the faculty market in Chicago to interview prospective candidates. In our pre-Hawkland days, despite our very best efforts, the line of interviewees was skimpy, to say the least. Post-Hawkland, after his presence here was known, there was standing room only among those waiting to interview for LSU.

His eminence as an international commercial law scholar along with his many other works, earned him the recognition of the Boyd Professor of Law here at LSU, the highest academic distinction of the university. Recently, in his home state, the Minnesota Law School awarded him the honorary Doctor of Laws.

But the most revealing circumstances showing Bill as a person lie outside his résumé and academic history. Probably the most appropriate single word to define Bill is to say that he was selfless in all his endeavors. All of his work was to advance the fortunes of the school, the faculty, and our graduates.

When Bill looked over the scene as he arrived here, he observed that first of all, the school, its faculty, its students, and its graduates were of such quality that we should have a better opinion of ourselves, not succumbing to the notion of provincialism. With that
objective in mind, this leading intellect of the world of law became an unmitigated cheerleader, telling faculty, students and the world at large that we should be filled with pride. He documented the many ways we shined, from faculty publications to the record of our graduates. He instilled in the student body an unprecedented pride and spirit of self-confidence, visible and palpable within the school and in the enthusiastic support of the alumni.

These last monuments were of the spirit. The seeds of this spirit were firmly planted here at the school and have flourished continuously to this day. They are currently being nurtured to the fullest. Those in the school today and in times to come, though unaware, will be the beneficiaries of this spirit of Bill Hawkland. We are so fortunate to have him with us.
APPENDIX

RESUME OF WILLIAM DENNIS HAWKLAND

Date of Birth: November 25, 1920

Education:

B.S. 1942, University of Minnesota
J.D. 1947, University of Minnesota Law School
LL.M 1949, Columbia University Law School
Dr.hon.c. 1991, University of Aix-Marseille, France

Business Positions Held:


Academic Positions Held:

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Law School 1949-50.
Assistant Professor, Temple University Law School 1950-51.
Associate Professor, Temple University Law School 1951-54.
Professor, Temple University Law School 1954-56.
Visiting Professor, University of California, Los Angeles 1956.
Professor, Rutgers University Law School 1956-60.
Visiting Summer Lecturer, New York University 1957.
Visiting Summer Lecturer, Texas Law School 1961.
Visiting Summer Lecturer, Faculte Internationale Pour l'Enseignement du Droit Comparé (Strasbourg, Fr.) 1970.

Professor, University of Illinois Law School 1960-64.

Dean and Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo, September 1964 to January 1967.


Professor of Law, University of Illinois, January 1971 to June 1979.

Visiting William Lockhart Distinguished Professor, University of Minnesota 1974-75.

Chancellor and Professor of Law, Louisiana State University Law Center, June 1979 to June 1989.

Visiting Professor, Université Catholique De Louvain, 1988.

Chancellor Emeritus of Law and Boyd Professor, Louisiana State University, June 1989 to date.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Casebook, "Bills and Notes, 11 Foundation Press (1957), 504 pp.


Textbook, "Law and Banking, American Institute of Banking, (1972), 416 pp.


Casebook, "Debtor-Creditor Relations" (with Pierre Loiseaux), Bobbs-Merrill (1979), 959 pp.

Casebook, "Sales" (with Marion Benfield), Foundation Press (1980), 589 pp.

Casebook, "Sales" (with Marion Benfield), Foundation Press (1986); 2nd ed.

Casebook, "Sales" (with Marion Benfield), Foundation Press (1992); 3rd ed.

Uniform Commercial Code Series, 1984-87 by Callaghan Co. [15 volume treatise supplementing annually].


Contribution to Books:

Published annually, since 1956, the article entitled "LAW" in Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year.


Preface to "Louis Casimir Elisabeth Moreau Lislet: Foster Father of Louisiana Civil Law" by Alain A. Levasseur, (LSU Law Center Publications Institute 1996).

Articles:

Extracurricular Legal Teaching Methods, 20 Tenn. L. Rev. 728 (1949).

Control of Foreign Corporate Activity by State of Incorporation, 6 Miami L.Q. 41 (1951).


Articles 1, 2 and 6 of the Uniform Commercial Code, 28 Temple L. Rev. 511 (1955).


Commercial Law, Rutgers L. Rev., Vol. XII, No. 1, Fall 1957.


Curing Improper Tender of Title to Chattels, Past, Present and Commercial Code, 46 Minn. L. Rev. 697 (1962).


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Article 9 Methodology, 9 Wayne L. Rev. 531-536 (1963).


Remedies of Bulk Transfer Creditors Where There Has Been Compliance with Art. 6, 74 Comm. L. J. 257 (1969).


Depositary Banks as Holders in Due Course, 76 Comm. L. J. 124 (1971).


The Proposed Amendments to Article 9 - Part II: Proceeds 77 Comm. L. J. 12 (January 1972).


The Proposed Amendments to Article 9 of the U.C.C. Part 4: The Scope of Article 9, 77 Comm. L. J. 79 (March 1972).


The Seed of Sniadach: Flower or Weed?, 78 Comm. L. J. 245 (1973); reprinted, 79 Case and Comment 2-23 (February 1974).


U.C.C. Concordance (with Professor Peters Maggs) 1974 U. of Ill. L. For. 1.

Accommodation Lending Under the U.C.C., 1 Lending Law Forum 1-52 (1975).

The Trouble With Article 6 of the U.C.C. Some Thoughts About Section 6-102, Section 6-103, Section 6-104.


Revision of Article 6 of the U.C.C. (not yet published).


Proposed Revisions to U.C.C. Article 6, 38 Business Lawyer 713 (August 1983).


Daloz, Precis Daloz, le droit des etats-UNIS, 1989.
Compliance with Revised Article 6 of the Uniform Commercial Code, 41 Ala.L.Rev. 605 (1990)


Miscellaneous Other Books And Articles:


"Sales," Center for Creative Educational Services (1975 & 1979), (Spoken Recording).


Work in Progress:

Keeping current my treatise, Hawkland, Uniform Commercial Code Series.

Keeping current on materials for my annual Encyclopedia Britannica article.

Bar and Professional Associations:

Admitted to Practice of Law: New York, Minnesota and Illinois.

Admitted - Eastern District of Pennsylvania Federal Court.

Admitted - Eastern District of Illinois Federal Court.

Admitted - Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Admitted - Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

American Bar Association.

American Law Institute.

Minnesota Bar Association.

New York State Bar Association.

Illinois Bar Association.
Louisiana Bar Association.
Baton Rouge Bar Association.
Erie County Bar Association.
American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers.
Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Military Service:
Lieutenant, USNR 1942-1946.

Honor Societies and Other Honors:
Order of the Coif.
Editor, Minnesota Law Review.
Scribes (A.B.A.).


Teacher-of-the-Year, University of Illinois College of Law 1972.

Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Minnesota School of Law 1975.

Teacher-of-the-Year, University of Illinois College of Law 1976.

Boyd Professor LSU, 1989. This university-wide professorship is the highest and most distinguished professorship LSU awards. It is based on national and international recognition of excellence, as determined by an independent board.


Some Professional Listings:
Who's Who in America
Who's Who in World
Who's Who in American Law
Who's Who in American Education
Directory of American Scholars
Outstanding Educators of America
Directory of International Biography
National Register of Prominent Americans
and International Notables

Continuing Education, Lectures and Activities:

Lectured to the bench or bar of about 40 states on the Uniform Commercial Code (Mainly sponsored by A.L.I., A.B.A., P.L.I., State Bar Associations and Judicial Conferences).

Lectured to various banking groups, including regular teaching at Stonier Graduate School of Banking (Rutgers), Southern Banking School (L.S.U.) and Northwestern Banking School (U. of Wis) (Mainly sponsored by A.B.A. and A.I.B.).

Directed and arranged television programs for CBS entitled "Summer School" (1954).

Conceived and Helped Initiate Skills Training Program to Replace Apprenticeship Program in New Jersey (subsequently directed by Professor Eli Jarmel) (1958). Planned 16 thirty-minute television series entitled "In the Law Library" (delivered four lectures) (1966).

Planned and moderated six one-half hour television series entitled "Constitutional Convention" (1967).

Delivered lectures for television series, "In the Law Library 111" (1968).

Directed a Skills Training Program for Young Lawyers 1966.

Directed several Continuing Legal Education Programs at Buffalo, N.Y., 1964-1969.

Other Professional Activities (mostly past activities; some current):

Director of American Arbitration Association.
Chairman, Committee on Law School Administration Association of American Law Schools.

Appointment to the American Bar Association Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code September 1969-70; Reappointed 70-71; 71-72.

Directed Study of U.C.C. for the New Jersey legislature and assisted the Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana and Missouri legislatures in their study of the U.C.C.

Advisory Committee, Erie County Department of Mental Health, Forensic Psychiatry Service, 1969.

Board of Directors John Howard Society.

Board of Directors Government Research Institute of Western New York.

Board of Directors La. Archives Commission.

Member of committee to develop departments of religion in the various campuses of the State University of New York.

Chairman of the Section on Implementation of Programs in the Field of Crime Prevention and Control of the American Bar Association 1968 - Reappointed 1969.

Editorial Consultant to the Boston College Industrial and Commerce Law Review.

Assisted the Medical School of the State University of New York in developing proposed legislation to facilitate the development of computerized health data pool.

Editorial Consultant to the Commercial Law Journal.

Advisor State Department of the United States with regard to various commercial treaties.


Chairman, Committee for Revision of Art. 6 of the U.C.C. (A.B.A. committee working with Permanent Editorial Board of U.C.C.).

Uniform Law Commissioner, State of Louisiana.

Member of the Permanent Editorial Board of the U.C.C.

Member of Louisiana State Law Institute Council.

Co-Director with Professor Tom Harrell on the Revision of Security Devices (Suretyship) for La. Law Institute.

Reporter, to revise Article 6 of the Uniform Commercial Code [joint project of the American Law Institute and the Uniform Law Commissioners].

Reporter, to revise the Puerto Rican law of Secured Transactions in Movable Property, sponsored by the Adacemia Puertorriquena.

Resolutions for Board Action
-- June 30, 1989

Recommendation to designate Mr. William D. Hawkland, Professor of Law at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, as a Boyd Professor

WHEREAS, the recommendation for conferring the University's most prestigious rank of Boyd Professor on Mr. William D. Hawkland, Professor of Law, has been endorsed by the faculty of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and Regulations, the Louisiana State University System Boyd Professorship Review Committee has determined that Professor Hawkland has attained national and international distinction as a teacher and a scholar in the field of commercial law; and

WHEREAS, Professor Hawkland has distinguished himself for several decades by his contributions to the development, enactment, and understanding of the Uniform Commercial Code, as a member of the Permanent Editorial Board of the Uniform Commercial
Code and Commissioner on Uniform Laws, and by his influence on the direction of the law in the courts and in the legislatures; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation has the approval of the Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President of the Louisiana State University System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that Mr. William D. Hawkland, Professor of Law at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, is hereby designated a Boyd Professor effective June 30, 1989.