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We may be in the latter days of this particular civilization whose very fabric seems to be tearing apart. But if we should have dark days ahead, we must remember the motto of the Christopher Society, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

— Edmund Campbell, *Musings of a 95 Year Old*

*In recognition of his contributions to Washington and Lee University, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the practice of law, and society, the Editors of the Washington and Lee Law Review respectfully dedicate this issue to Edmund Douglas Campbell. Although these writings cannot convey the full extent of Mr. Campbell's many achievements, we hope that they will illustrate how many lives he touched in his ninety-six years.*

Barry Sullivan\*

I am pleased to join the Editors of the *Washington and Lee Law Review* in paying tribute to the memory of Edmund Douglas Campbell. It is most appropriate that the Editors should note the passing of Ed Campbell. Indeed, it is difficult for me to imagine anyone with a better claim to be remembered in the pages of this law review. The closeness and duration of Ed Campbell's connections with this University are themselves noteworthy, to say nothing of the extent to which Ed Campbell's character and career epitomize both the best values of the University and the finest traditions of the bar.

Ed Campbell was born on the Front Campus in 1899, the son and grandson of Washington and Lee professors. His grandfather was one of the professors who welcomed General Robert E. Lee to the campus in 1865; his father was a young boy during General Lee's presidency and often reminisced in later life about his acquaintance with the general. Ed Campbell's father served as Dean of the College; his uncle was Treasurer of the University. Ed was a graduate of both the College and the Law School, and he excelled in both places. He was valedictorian of the undergraduate class of 1918 and graduated at the top of his law school class in 1922. Most important, Ed Campbell lived a long and productive life that gave substance and particularity to the values that this University holds sacred. Ed Campbell's life was one of honor, civility, and dedication to community. It was marked by a deep concern for the public interest and the rights of others, a courageous dedication to what he deemed essential to the cause of justice, an abiding concern for the oppressed and the disadvantaged, and an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of personal integrity and professional responsibility. Throughout his life, Ed Campbell worked to build communities that were true, just, and inclusive. His successes advanced both the common good and the liberty and dignity of the individual.

There are many reasons for honoring Ed Campbell, but the congruence between Ed Campbell's life and the central values of our University makes it especially appropriate that the *Law Review* should recall and memorialize his character, career, and achievements. The ethos of Washington and Lee often is explained in terms of a community that does not in any degree tolerate lying, cheating, or stealing. In a sense, of course, that is correct. The University's Honor System has no tolerance for such acts, which are

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cause for expulsion from our community. In another sense, however, that description is too narrow. The genius of our ethos is not to lay down prohibitions, but to articulate a set of positive values by which we give definition to our community and ourselves. General Lee was able to counsel against "needless rules" because he believed that there was but one rule, that each student was to be a gentleman. What General Lee had in mind was not simply the avoidance of bad acts, but the affirmative cultivation of virtue. A person who esteems honor, civility, and community necessarily must be concerned with the well-being of others, and with the health of the community to which he or she belongs. A person of honor cannot be indifferent to the claims of justice. It is in this strong sense that the ethos of the University is to be understood, that is, as a set of attitudes and values by which the men and women of Washington and Lee light their way, not only during their years here, but throughout their lives. Above all, we honor Ed Campbell because of his faithfulness to that ethos, and to that conception of the good life.

The tributes that follow are a true measure of the man. They illustrate the concept of citizenship, in the profound sense that Ed Campbell understood and lived it, and they illuminate a true standard of excellence in lawyering and in life. I will not attempt to restate the words of those who knew him best. In closing, however, I will quote from a citation that was given to Ed Campbell more than 30 years ago, when the Bar Association of the District of Columbia honored him with its Distinguished Lawyer Award:

This Certificate is presented to Edmund D. Campbell, Esquire, . . . by the Bar Association of the District of Columbia in recognition of his distinguished service as a member of the bar and as a citizen of our community, an able lawyer, who has served the organized bar in many important capacities, a leader among men. He has given freely of his time to matters of transcendent public interest, both national and local, an individual whose devotion to the deepest principles of our society has consistently guided his own conduct and been an example to all within the reach of his influence. This distinguished man has exemplified, through his entire life, those qualities of mind and heart which have won our complete admiration, affection and respect.

Those words aptly describe Ed Campbell, but they also define the standard that Washington and Lee lawyers must and do strive to attain. In honoring Ed Campbell, we truly honor the very best in ourselves.



Lloyd M. Cutler\*  
John H. Pickering\*\*

Edmund Douglas Campbell, who was known as "Ed" to his many friends, was that rare blend of complete lawyer and public citizen that we treasure. For more than seventy years he served his profession, his clients, his community and his nation with distinction and courage. Active almost to the end of his long and productive life, Ed was the exemplar of what a lawyer should be.

Indeed, superlatives come readily to mind when we think of Ed. He was a lawyer of superb ability, a wise counselor and true champion for his clients, an inspiration to his associates, a scholar and a teacher who gave freely of his wisdom and experience, and a leader of the bar who did much to improve the profession and the administration of justice. He was also a compassionate and courteous gentlemen who gave pleasure to all around him. Despite his many talents and accomplishments, Ed was blessed with a sense of humility and a self-deprecating sense of humor that left him without pretense or vanity. Never one to take credit for himself, he readily shared credit with others.

Above all, Ed was a person of great moral courage and integrity. He could not stand any abuse of professional or public trust. Indeed, his last service for the profession was to serve on the disciplinary arm of the District of Columbia Bar when he was in his eighties.

Ed never hesitated in doing what he thought was right, regardless of the personal consequences to himself. A Virginian to the core, with many friends in the establishment, he did not hesitate to lead the successful fight against the massive resistance that the government of Virginia sought to interpose against the school desegregation decisions of the United States Supreme Court. And when President Nixon ordered the firing of the Watergate Special Prosecutor, Archibald Cox, Ed lost no time in urging the president of the American Bar Association to denounce that action in the strongest terms as subverting the rule of law. The ABA President, Chesterfield Smith, followed Ed's advice. His statement, on behalf of the lawyers of America, condemning President Nixon's action led to the

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appointment of Leon Jaworski, another former distinguished president of the ABA, as the Special Prosecutor to succeed Archibald Cox. That appointment led to the unraveling of the Nixon presidency.

Ed's dedication to the highest ideals of the legal profession and public service stands as a guiding light for those who follow, and we and the legal profession are infinitely the better for his presence among us.

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Benjamin W. Dulany\*

I appreciate the opportunity to write about my longtime friend and senior partner, Edmund Douglas Campbell.

In his later years, those who knew Ed Campbell and admired his many wonderful attributes were all too prone to think of him as a mild mannered and kindly "Mr. Chips." This is true particularly of his younger friends who did not know or appreciate the great moral strength and courage that he exhibited in the earlier years of his career.

To set the stage, Ed Campbell had deep roots in Virginia; his father was a professor and dean at Washington and Lee University, and his grandfather was a professor at Washington College. Ed was a lifelong and loyal member of the Democratic Party. The Democratic Virginia legislature passed a series of laws known as "massive resistance" to the Supreme Court rulings requiring the integration of public schools. A large majority of Virginia citizens favored the massive resistance laws.

Ed Campbell was approached by a group of black citizens from Norfolk, whose children were attending public schools, and was asked that he represent them in a challenge to the constitutionality of Virginia's massive resistance laws. He faced a very real dilemma. He had always thought that the ultimate solution to the problem of integration of people of all colors and religions lay in the education of all people equally. His strong moral commitment that all people be treated equally was not entirely legally based; it was an expression of his individual spirituality.

Ed discussed the offer of representation with his wife Elizabeth. They were both aware that they might be ostracized by many of their friends and neighbors and that their families might be harassed. Ed was also afraid that his law practice might be ruined and that he would never have another

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client. Parenthetically, his fear of loss of clients was not well-founded, except possibly on a short-term basis. Ed concluded that if you were ostracized or harassed by so-called friends, then you would quickly learn who your true friends were.

Ed determined that he had to do that which he felt strongly was his moral duty. With his wife's blessing, he undertook the litigation on behalf of the Norfolk children with the end result that all of the massive resistance laws were struck down. The decision that Ed made in the tenor of the times took the courage of his convictions. Yes, he did suffer being ostracized, and he possibly lost some clients on a short-term basis. It was not easy for him to stand by his beliefs when his friends, colleagues, his Democratic Party, and the legislature were all against him.

It is my humble opinion that all lawyers today can learn a valuable lesson from Ed's moral courage and the stand that he took.

I trust that this will give you some feel of the character of Ed Campbell, a great Virginian.

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John W. Elrod\*

Mimi and I count having known Ed Campbell as one of the memorable privileges of our time at Washington and Lee. We met Ed and Elizabeth when they received honorary degrees here in 1989. When they returned in June of 1989 for the commencement ceremony, Ed and Elizabeth stayed in the Morris House. When he walked down the steps to the first floor for a reception in honor of the honorary degree recipients, Ed remarked that he had often slid down that bannister as a child when he lived in this house, while his father served as Dean of the College and Professor of Geology.

Since that day, we often enjoyed their company when they returned to campus in the summer for alumni colleges. Conversation with Ed, who was quick of mind and wit, was always a pleasure and an exciting challenge. He loved his alma mater and in the last years of his life greatly enjoyed his time here, renewing his relationship with Washington and Lee and delighting us all with his high spirit, keen mind, and warm heart.

Member of the Washington and Lee classes of 1918 and 1922L, Edmund Campbell, civic leader and lawyer, was an exemplary alumnus. He was a man of high moral character who represented the Washington and Lee values of honor and civility.

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Quite literally a son of Washington and Lee, Ed grew up on the Front Campus in the childhood home of his father, W&L Dean and Professor Henry Donald ("Dean Harry") Campbell. He entered Washington and Lee at fifteen, graduating as class valedictorian. He served six weeks in the Army before being discharged at the end of World War I. Ed then went on to receive a master's degree in economics from Harvard University and — echoing his prior successes at his alma mater — graduated first in his class from the Washington and Lee School of Law, all by the age of twenty-three. His last degree was the honorary doctorate awarded in 1989.

During most of his career, Ed was an active trial lawyer. He was a founding partner of the Washington-based firm that subsequently bore his name, Jackson & Campbell, and in his later years, he was of counsel to the firm. In 1961 and 1962 he served as President of the District of Columbia Bar Association, and well into his seventies, Ed remained a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association.

However, it is for his brave work in the tumultuous civil rights era that Ed Campbell will be best remembered. In the mid- to late-1950s, Ed and Elizabeth were active in the civil rights movement in Virginia. In 1958, alarmed at the state's engagement in massive resistance to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on desegregation of public schools, Ed became the counsel of record in the landmark *James v. Almond* case that eventually overturned the massive resistance laws. He recalled taking the case: "I felt that my life and career as a lawyer were on the line. But I wanted that case. I wanted to do something that I felt was the right thing to do."

Later he argued another landmark case — this time before the U.S. Supreme Court — that ordered the reapportioning of state legislatures on the basis of population in 1964. After his death in Arlington in December 1995 at the age of ninety-six, the *Washington Post* wrote: "In life as in court, Ed Campbell fought injustice with a passion, insisting that freedom be accorded citizens without regard to color or belief. 'Liberty is the right to be yourself,' he wrote, 'to do what you want so long as you do not injure society.'"<sup>1</sup>

During his long life, Ed Campbell did much to further the cause of freedom and justice for all Americans. On the basis of that record alone, we at Washington and Lee can remain proud that he was one of ours.

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<sup>1</sup> Editorial, *Edmund D. Campbell*, WASH. POST, Dec. 17, 1995, at C6.

## Honorable Thomas Penfield Jackson\*

I will state that it is an honor for me to preside over these proceedings. I, too, know well the lawyer whose memory we honor this afternoon.

Ed Campbell was admitted to the bar of this court in 1921. For more than a third of its long history, he graced it with his presence among those who practiced before it.

No member of its bar was held in higher esteem. Ed was universally respected and admired, and by many beloved. The qualities he possessed in abundance are those we associate with the preeminent figures of our profession. He was a scholar and a statesman of the law. He was a trusted counselor and a worthy adversary in the best sense of that adjective.

In public or private, he never spoke unkindly of an opponent. He never broke a commitment or pursued a cause his conscience told him was unjust. His personal code of ethics was chivalric, and as a man of chivalry, he was a true champion of those who were in quest and deserving of justice.

His more famous cases have been much celebrated of late since his death. Most of us know of his courageous efforts — there is no other word to describe it — his courageous efforts for racial justice and for fair electoral representation in Virginia.

I intend to speak briefly about the Ed Campbell I knew personally. In my personal acquaintance with him, I saw firsthand how he practiced his profession in less prominent circumstances.

Early in my career as a lawyer, I was privileged to write part of an appellate brief under his tutelage when his firm and mine collaborated on an appeal to salvage the reputation of a public official who had become a scapegoat for evils he did not create.

A few years later on, my firm was engaged in intensely public political litigation. Deception and duplicity were rampant, and even the lawyers were consulting counsel of their own. I became concerned that I should, too. "Go talk to Ed Campbell," I was advised, and I did. When I had finished, Ed said to me, "Now tell me what it is that you think you have done that is wrong." I thought for a moment and then replied, "Nothing that I know of." "I agree with you," said Ed. "Come back when you have done something you're ashamed of." Fortunately, I never found it necessary to do so.

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\* Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On December 19, 1995, Judge Jackson delivered these remarks at a memorial ceremony in honor of Edmund D. Campbell held in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the United States Courthouse for the District of Columbia.

A few years before I became a judge, when I was a senior trial lawyer for my firm, and Ed's firm and ours had joined forces, I suffered the worst courtroom defeat of my career. As co-counsel with me on appeal, Ed patiently coached me to find the most significant issue for an appeal and simultaneously restored my confidence in myself. It was an act of exceptional kindness, but altogether in character for Ed Campbell and one for which I will be forever thankful.

Some might be surprised that my father, Thomas S. Jackson, and Ed Campbell would eventually lead their firms to merge to become what is now Jackson & Campbell. I was never surprised. Ed Campbell was a Virginia-born gentleman, a lifelong Democrat. My father was of upstate New York Yankee stock and a Republican. Ed's historical heroes were Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. My father was the only person I ever knew to read the whole of *The Memoirs of U.S. Grant*. But they had more in common than their differences. They had an absolute trust in one another's judgment and integrity — a rare commodity nowadays. And they loved, both of them, the practice of law in the chivalric tradition.

A few years after my father's death in 1989, and quite a while after I became a judge, the firm invited me back to attend a luncheon that they gave for Ed Campbell. There a photographer took a picture of Ed and me alone in deep conversation. That photo is a treasured memento of mine. But I always knew that there was one thing wrong about it. It appears in the photo that I am giving advice to Ed Campbell. That never was the case. Ed needed no advice from me. I always needed and always heeded his, because it was always wise.

The motion to adjourn in memory of Ed Campbell is, of course, granted, and the court will adjourn today in respectful memory of Edmund Douglas Campbell. We sorrow at his passing. We are grateful, indeed, to have had the immeasurable benefit of his life in the law before this court.

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Kenneth Wells Parkinson\*

I have lived in Washington all my life and practiced law here for over forty years. It seems like I have known of and about Ed Campbell all my life. He was a friend of my father and a close friend of many of my senior

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partners. He was without doubt the most moral and ethical lawyer that I have ever been associated with.

I was directly involved in the merger of our firms of Jackson, Parkinson & Jackson and Douglas Obear & Campbell, which became Jackson, Campbell & Parkinson and now Jackson & Campbell. I had negotiations with him, practiced law with him, and during the Watergate matters he represented me. Through his efforts I was ultimately acquitted of all criminal charges and cleared of any unethical matters. His advice was practical, correct, and of great benefit to me. He had a quick, incisive mind. He drove directly to the heart of a set of facts or legal problem. He had that great talent that few lawyers have of simplifying everything. He had a delightful sense of humor and was kind and considerate to his law partners, associates, and legal staff. He simply was an extraordinary human being.

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Sharon Percy Rockefeller\*

I am grateful for the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all that Edmund Campbell has done to enrich my life, both professionally and personally.

I first met Ed in the 1970s when I began my own career with public broadcasting. Indeed, Ed and his wife Elizabeth were considered two of the pillars of our industry. Upon meeting Ed, I was impressed not only by his distinguished credentials, but perhaps more importantly, by his sincere respect for his fellow man. Without Ed's careful and consistent tutelage, WETA would not enjoy the tremendous reputation for which it is now known. Ed knew the value of public broadcasting and our county's need for this tremendous service. He remained a steadfast supporter in good times and in bad, and was always there for so many of us when we needed legal advice, intervention with a disgruntled community group, or merely a sounding board for our own ideas.

Throughout his life, Ed reminded us that it was less important that we be remembered for the awards and accolades which have been bestowed upon us, but rather by the number of friends we have made and the people whose lives we were able to change for the better. On the day of Ed's

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memorial service last December, the line of friends who came to pay their respects stretched for as far as I could see.

In all that he did, Ed Campbell always gave the best of himself and he, in turn, expected us to do the same. Ed has been a wonderful role model for me and I am a better person for having known him. Simply put, without Ed, WETA would not be the first-class organization which it is today.

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Dr. Samuel Reid Spencer, Jr.\*

Edmund D. Campbell changed the course of my life in a very direct way, for it was he, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who persuaded me to throw in my lot with him and with Mary Baldwin College for eleven years as its president.

The progress of any college depends in a major way on the relationship between the leader of the board and the president. As a man of great moral stature and as a friend, Ed provided the essential encouragement and support for the expansion and continuing growth of Mary Baldwin as an educational institution.

In doing so, he followed the lead of his great-grandfather, Rufus Bailey, founder of Mary Baldwin, and his father, Dean H.D. Campbell of Washington and Lee University, whom Ed succeeded as a Mary Baldwin trustee. His deep devotion to family gave him great pride in these forebears of his. He loved children — his own and others — and they responded wholeheartedly to him. Partnership with his wife, Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, whom he met when she was the Dean at Mary Baldwin, more than doubled his loyalty to the College and to the many good causes they served so energetically throughout their life together.

In matters of college policy, Ed took his responsibilities as Chairman of the Board very seriously. A strong churchman, he fully supported the renewal of Mary Baldwin's relationship to the Presbyterian Church in the 1950s. His high competence in legal matters provided wise guidance as the College (and others like it) became involved with federal programs and regulations during the same era. In the civil rights decisions faced by all institutions, he proved to be on the right side of the curve of history; his

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\* Interim President of Hollins College, 1990-91; President of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, 1983-88; President of Davidson College, 1968-83; President of Mary Baldwin College, 1957-68.

advocacy of full citizenship and equality for African Americans aided a young college president also convinced that Mary Baldwin should move as quickly as possible toward integration.

Ed was a man of faith, but not of blind faith. A leading Episcopalian throughout his life, he worked out for himself thoughtful answers to questions that trouble many believers. His *Musings of a 95 Year Old* (a small book of essays on subjects such as "The Nature of Forgiveness" and "Who, Where, and What is God?") demonstrated not only his reverence for spiritual matters, but also his questioning, critical mind.

His good nature and ready sense of humor made him good company and a warm-hearted friend. "He never missed an opportunity to do a friendly deed," says Martha S. Grafton, longtime Dean of the College. Superior intelligence and humane instincts, combined in a beautiful balance of head and heart, fitted him admirably for leadership of a college board. Mary Baldwin owes him a lasting debt, and so do I.

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Alan R. Swendiman\*

I welcome your invitation to talk briefly about the man who hired and mentored me as a young lawyer, Edmund D. Campbell.

Ed Campbell hired me as a first-year associate for his law firm, Douglas Obear & Campbell, in 1974. I had completed a clerkship with Judge Edward S. Northrop, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. For over twenty years and to the date of his death, Ed Campbell served as a mentor to me, both professionally and personally. In that role, he exhibited a number of qualities which left a legacy with me and with other young lawyers.

Ed Campbell was always willing to listen. The art of listening is not an ability that lawyers are generally known to possess. We are taught the skills of argument — that is, to be advocates. Yet it is the successful lawyer who listens, and Ed Campbell was willing to listen. No matter how busy, he would always stop what he was doing if you needed to talk with him. He made you feel that you were the most important person to him and that no problem was too trivial.

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In seeking advice from him, Ed Campbell was never judgmental. He did not give advice unless he was asked. And even in those instances, after listening he would ask questions in such a way that you would resolve the issue without his telling you, "This is what I think you ought to do." Often, you reached the conclusion which you knew deep down in your heart was the right answer, but were reluctant to accept.

In that regard, Ed Campbell took a personal interest in you. It was not just how you were developing professionally, but how you were doing personally. In the last year of his life, he spent more time away from the firm, and I saw him less frequently. Whenever he did come into the office, however, the first words out of his mouth were, "How are you doing and how is the family?" He never lost sight of you as a person.

From our discussions, I came to understand the quality of wisdom. Ed Campbell was a wise man. His breadth spanned not only the law but also insight into human nature and all of its frailties. For this, many people, both lawyers and laypeople, sought his counsel and wisdom.

Above all else, the one thing that comes to mind when speaking of Ed Campbell was his integrity. All who knew him, whether colleague or opposing counsel, were aware of it. As an associate and later as his law partner, I had deeply impressed upon me that there can be nothing but integrity in the law. In addressing the court, you had to speak the absolute truth as you knew it. A short story illustrates this point: Ed was working with an associate on a case before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia many years ago. I do not recall the nature of the matter nor the particular facts. I do remember that Ed Campbell appeared in court and was asked by the judge to explain the facts of the case. After he had done so and sat down, the opposing counsel jumped up to respond. The judge immediately cut him off saying: "If Ed Campbell says those are the facts, then those are the facts." I think that says it all.

Since Ed's death, many have dwelt on his numerous legal achievements. Those events preceded my association with him. But even if he had accomplished none of those things, the qualities that he exemplified made him a great lawyer and a great man. I am honored to have been allowed to join in this tribute to him. May his qualities be passed on to your generation of law students at Washington and Lee, an institution he dearly loved.



Dr. Cynthia H. Tyson\*

Edmund D. Campbell — "Ed" — was associated with Mary Baldwin College for a long time. This year, 1996, marks the sixtieth anniversary of his marriage to Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, who was Dean of this College when the two met, and who left Mary Baldwin in 1936 to marry Ed and to move to Washington. As early as 1938 he provided much-needed legal counsel. He was a trustee of the College during the tenure of five Mary Baldwin presidents, from 1942 to 1976, then an Associate Trustee from 1976 until 1989, and Trustee Emeritus from 1989 until his death in December of 1995. He served as president of the board and then as general counsel for Mary Baldwin College.

Ed's lifelong commitment to Mary Baldwin College was a deeply felt, personal one. It was also a commitment that had its roots in his family history. His great-grandfather, Rufus W. Bailey, was the minister and teacher from Maine who founded the Augusta Female Seminary in 1842 and served as its first principal. The Augusta Female Seminary, of course, was renamed for Mary Julia Baldwin, one of the seminary's earliest students and its principal from the tough years of the Civil War through the end of the nineteenth century. It eventually became the Mary Baldwin College that Ed loved and served for so much of his life. At the Founders' Day Ceremony in October of 1955, Ed honored his great-grandfather at the dedication of the residence hall that would bear Bailey's name.

So, it was natural and appropriate that I would get to know Ed and Elizabeth Campbell after I became the President of Mary Baldwin College in 1985. I am tremendously grateful to both of them for all they have done through the years to help make this College the vital and forward-looking institution it is today — and not least for Ed's personally convincing Dr. Samuel R. Spencer in 1957 to become its visionary and capable fifth president. Ed did, indeed, in very many ways, shape Mary Baldwin's history.

But my fondness for Ed and Elizabeth goes far deeper than our professional association, my respect for them, and my gratitude for their positive influence on this institution which has now become so much a part of me. When I think of them, very special personal memories come to mind — moments that I treasure. Not long before Ed died, I had lunch with the two of them at their club in downtown Washington. Ed took great pride in showing me through the club. Of particular interest to him was the library. But to my eyes, at first, it seemed somewhat musty and dusty — paneled,

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dark, full of leather, reminiscent of ancient universities and historic clubs throughout the world. Walking at that time was not easy for him, but he insisted that he show me this courtesy. His total relish of the task, despite my concern for him, was infectious, and I began to see that place through his eyes and relished the experience with him.

Like graduates of most colleges, Mary Baldwin alumnae gather in places around the world to celebrate their alma mater — happy, crowded affairs filled with alumnae of all ages. When such events were to occur within a reasonable geographic distance of their home in Arlington, Elizabeth and Ed were invited. And the marvel was, they came. It is my job to make remarks at such gatherings — a pleasant task — and I would invite comments from the Campbells as well. The younger alumnae, in particular, delighted to hear firsthand their stories of the early days, and were inspired by their accomplishments, generosity of spirit, and vital spark.

Always when we talked, Ed spoke of Mary Baldwin College as being one of the formative influences in his life, for it was here that he met Elizabeth. His sense of Mary Baldwin was therefore all-encompassing. As a trustee and president of the board he dealt with the business of the College rationally and reasonably as the astute business person he was. But he was bound up with the place emotionally in a way that transcended trusteeship and family history. Elizabeth did that for him.

And so it is appropriate that the memorial to Ed that we chose to place on our campus is one that will live and grow for many years to come. On April 12, 1996, an Autumn Purple Ash tree was planted in his honor in front of our science center, and it is our hope that it will provide grace and shade for generations of students to come. The ceremony at which it was planted was a simple one, for great pomp was not Ed's style. But it was attended by friends and family, College staff and faculty, and trustees including Anna Kate Reid Hipp, who was a student at Mary Baldwin while Ed was president of the board and who is now the chair of the board herself. And so the legacy continues and is fruitful.

A great man has passed from our midst, but our memories of him, of his intellect, his achievements, and his stature as a gentleman will live on. I am grateful that in coming to Mary Baldwin I have been able to know him, and to know Elizabeth. They both, together and separately, represent all that is good about humanity.

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Robert L. Weinberg\*

Ed Campbell, surely the best and best-loved BADC president in living memory, died last year at ninety-six years young.

To Ed's wife of almost three score years, Elizabeth, to their family, and to Ed's partners and friends at Jackson & Campbell, our Association extends its condolences, and its admiration for Ed's remarkable contributions to our professional community for more than seventy years.

Ed was a leading figure in so many walks of community life, on both sides of the Potomac River, that we all have been touched by different facets of his life and labor, and we all remember him in our own personal way.

I first met Ed at my first BADC meeting, in 1961 at the Mayflower Hotel, when President Ed Campbell extended his greetings from the chair to each of the new, young members of our Association present that night, as he invited us each to rise and be recognized. My wife Wendy and I later became neighbors of Ed and Elizabeth in the Rock Spring community of Arlington, where Ed was a civic and political leader of the county. In 1952, Ed won the Democratic primary for Congress in the newly created Tenth Congressional District of Virginia covering the growing Northern Virginia suburbs. In the 1952 general election, Ed lost the Tenth District by a handful of votes to Republican Joel Broyhill, who was carried into office by the Eisenhower landslide and remained in the seat for eleven terms. Almost four decades after his own race, Ed kindly encouraged me to run for that same Tenth Congressional District seat; and I met the same fate as Ed in the Democratic primary and the general election of 1988.

Ed's avoidance of a Capitol Hill career ultimately enabled him to render even greater public service as a leader of the bar and an advocate for the equal rights of all citizens. He represented the prevailing plaintiffs in Virginia's "one man one vote" case, ending decades of discrimination against the voters of Northern Virginia and other urban areas. He represented minority citizens of Virginia in winning suits to desegregate its schools, and to restore to the voting rolls of Arlington County the names of black citizens purged by a white registrar.

But of all Ed's many pro bono clients, the one I remember most vividly came from the humblest circumstances of all. D.C. Municipal Court on a Monday morning, when I started practicing there in the early 60s, would

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witness a pitiable site: a courtroom where there appeared dozens of derelict alcoholics who had been locked up over the weekend, under a law enforcement system which then treated alcoholism as a crime rather than a disease. Leaders of the bar believed that these defendants too deserved legal counsel, and that lawyers should volunteer to accept court appointments to represent defendants in these cases. When the first case in this newly established pro bono program was called the next Monday morning, the first lawyer appointed by the court to represent the first indigent client was, of course, Ed Campbell.

Ed Campbell's clients, from the poorest to the most privileged, always deserved and received the best our bar can provide.





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