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## Roger D. Groot: A Dedication

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## **Jim Turk\***

Roger Groot is a dear friend and colleague to so many of us for the same reasons. His love and passion for criminal law has been a blessing to all who have looked to him for inspiration, assistance and guidance with our capital cases. He was truly the “one and only” ideal choice to succeed Bill Geimer as Director of the Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse. Roger has proven to be a wonderful mentor for all students fortunate enough to serve under his directorship. His love for his students and desire to make their service meaningful and a terrific learning experience has been his greatest contribution to VC3. He has shown his students the benefit of hard work.

Roger’s dedication and devotion to advising, assisting, and guiding lawyers throughout the entire State of Virginia has been priceless. We are extremely proud of what he has accomplished and grateful for the time that he has devoted to each of us in our cases. We are forever thankful for the spirit he has shown throughout his directorship at VC3. His character, judgment, and most importantly, friendship, have been such a positive influence on so many of our lives.

I am honored and privileged to express a very special thank you to Roger Groot for all he has done and continues to do.

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