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AN APPRECIATION

by Robert L. Fuerst*

I am extremely pleased that the editors of the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* have chosen to dedicate this issue to Professor Seymour W. Wurfel, and have given me an opportunity to add a few of my own words of appreciation. It is especially fitting that one of the first issues of the *Journal* be dedicated to Professor Wurfel, as his efforts have sustained and strengthened the International Law department at the Law School, as well as provided an opportunity for students to participate in the publication of the *Journal*.

As a student at the Law School, I was privileged to study International and Comparative Law under a man who brought a special insight, based on years of experience, to his teaching. His knowledge of International and Comparative Law is overpowering. Those who studied under Professor Wurfel are confident that he wishes to be respected first as a teacher. As a student, I never saw Professor Wurfel try to browbeat or embarrass a member of his class. However, if a student was called on and was not prepared, he could be sure that he would be called on again in the near future. As a result, Professor Wurfel's students came to class prepared, ready to ask questions and ready to learn, but never intimidated. I looked forward to all of Professor Wurfel's classes, as opposed to most of my other classes, because I felt that Professor Wurfel's objective was to instill as much knowledge as possible and yet maintain a relaxed atmosphere for the class. Professor Wurfel taught me more law than any other professor at the Law School, and he did it by encouraging me, not by intimidating me.

Away from class, Professor Wurfel is a man keenly interested in the lives and careers of his students, especially those students who seek to become his friend. His door is always open to them. I cherish my association with Professor Wurfel, both as a student and as a friend, and I am grateful that my three years at the Law School paralleled those of such a fine man and dedicated scholar.

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