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TRIBUTE TO LOLLY

*Deborah Gerhardt * & Madelyn Wessel ***

Crystallizing what makes Lolly unique as a treasured colleague, friend and copyright guru is not easy. There are many dimensions to her generosity. For more than two decades she has crafted marvelously direct and accessible works about the profound questions for education at the intersection of copyright law and library science. She has given thoughtful scholarly attention to every important issue in this realm including the public domain, electronic reserves and fair use. Leading copyright thinkers—whether it is the Section 108 committee or a group of elite copyright scholars thinking about a principled Model Act to fix the many inconsistencies in the current statute—are eager to have Lolly on their team. She is both loved and respected by both those who share her views and those who challenge them. At its core, Lolly’s great gift to us all is that she sees and encourages the best in everyone, and encourages participation in the issues that are her passion. Lolly’s circle of friends is wide and varied. The woman who boards her dog and the man who caters events for the law school love her just as much as the top copyright scholars in the nation. That is no accident. She gives equally to us all. In the face of cancer, she administered clever banter to ease the pain of her many friends. We listened in awe, hoping that in a similar circumstance we would have the courage to display some measure of her grace. All who have been welcomed into the warm embrace of her life are the better for it.

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