John Peter Lulinski

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The death of John Peter Lulinski, outstanding teacher, brilliant lawyer and dedicated public servant is keenly felt by the De Paul community.

A graduate of De Paul University’s Colleges of Commerce and Law, Professor Lulinski engaged in the practice of law in Chicago until 1942, when he entered government service as a member of the staff of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois where he remained until his death.

Virtually, he became a legend in his own time. Not only was he admired and respected for his skilled advocacy and vast knowledge of the law, but also for his many human qualities of charm, cheerfulness and ready wit; his humility, kindness and generosity in giving of himself and his talents to others. He was never so busy that he would not take the time to be of assistance to anyone who sought his counsel.

In 1951 his alma mater persuaded him to share his expertise as well as his great fund of knowledge and experience with the students of the College of Law and he became a lecturer in Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure.

Having served in many capacities in the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, he ultimately became Chief of the Appellate Section of the office where he spent most of his career.

As an illustration of the high regard in which he was held and the many plaudits he received, it may be appropriate to mention that as a token of the esteem in which he was held and as a tribute to his legal ability and skill as an advocate, it became a custom of the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to reserve the first case of each of the fall terms to be argued by John; and on the 25th Anniversary of the first case he had argued before it, the Court, sua sponte, held a dinner in his honor at which it issued a re-affirmation of that decision in the form of a Testimonial Order. The entire Court, as well as most of the District Court bench and District Attorneys under whom he had served were in attendance.

By all who knew him, he will be remembered with profound admiration and deep affection. The University mourns the passing of an illustrious son, a great teacher, a dear friend and a valued colleague.

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