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In Memoriam: Edward A. Mearns, Jr.

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years afterward, notably here in Cleveland as the district court’s special expert in the long-running case of Reed v. Rhodes.\(^4\)

Both as a member of our faculty and in retirement, Ted focused on constitutionalism and the rule of law around the world. He taught at universities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Russia, and Switzerland and served as Dean of the Faculty of the World Law Institute. The international relationships that he forged in this work facilitated visiting professorships at our law school for several distinguished European scholars. Perhaps fittingly, one of Ted’s closest continental friends, Giovanni Bognetti of the University of Milan, also died last summer.

Let me close with a note about some other long-term personal connections that Ted and I shared. After almost a decade on the UVA faculty, he moved to Northwestern University. There he occupied a position previously held by Victor Rosenblum, who had assumed the presidency of Reed College. In that position, Rosenblum frequently dealt with an outspoken undergraduate named Maxwell Mehlman. Eventually, Rosenblum returned to Northwestern and became one of my mentors. Meanwhile, Ted went on to be Dean of the University of Cincinnati College of Law before coming here in 1974. Mehlman subsequently joined our faculty at the same time I did and later moved into Ted’s old office adjoining mine. Perhaps this confirms the old adage that the law is a seamless web, but I’d really rather be able to keep talking with Ted Mearns, the consummate intellectual and gentleman. We miss him enormously.

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In the early 1980s, the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine was different from what it is now. It had a new vice-dean and a genetics center still new enough to be a line item in the state budget. Ted Mearns was, to my knowledge, the first and only vice-

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Edward Andrew “Ted” Mearns, Jr. was a man of parts. That is an old fashioned way of saying he was a man of many talents and varied interests. I would like to share with you some tales of Ted, as they exemplified some of those talents and interests. I do not expect to capture the whole man in these few words—but I do expect to remind those of you who knew and loved him of what a diamond of