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IT is a rare occasion for a law school to obtain a dean with the extraordinary ability, diplomacy, and resourcefulness of Lindsey Cowen. His dedicated service to the Case Western Reserve University School of Law has marked the turning point in our road toward greater recognition and respect. After thirty years of demonstrating unmatched administrative acumen, Lindsey Cowen is returning to the academic world of teaching and scholarly writing. We receive the news of Dean Cowen's resignation with great regret and express our sincere appreciation for his tenure as our dean.

Dean Cowen arrived at Case Western Reserve University in 1972, one year after the new law school was built. The strong feeling of progress and vigorous growth reflected by the magnificent new facilities assumed added dimensions under Dean Cowen's dynamic leadership. Since that time, Dean Cowen exceeded his expressed goals of enlarging the faculty and increasing the school's resources. The Law School attained a \$9 million resource level and established six endowed faculty chairs. Dean Cowen's plans for an enriched curriculum resulted in the establishment of such interdisciplinary perspectives as legal history and jurisprudence, applied sciences, and business.

Dean Cowen brought to this Law School a wealth of experience and proven ability. His familiarity with academia, as well as educational administration, provided the sensitivity to deal effectively with the complex problems of law school operation. A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, the Dean served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. After a brief period in private practice, Dean Cowen returned to the University of Virginia where he served for thirteen years as Professor of Law and twelve years as Assistant Dean and Associate Dean of the Law School. Prior to his arrival at Case Western Reserve University, Dean Cowen served for eight years at the University of Georgia as Dean of the Law School.

As Dean Cowen looks ahead to teaching at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, he plans to offer a seminar in

current problems before the United States Supreme Court and to teach Civil Procedure, Conflicts Resolution, and Federal Jurisdiction. A specialist in problems of federal courts and conflict of laws, Dean Cowen has published extensively in the area and plans to write a book on the law of state courts in enforcing federal rights. We eagerly anticipate his return to the Law School in January of 1983 as a full-time faculty member.

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