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WHEN I was Dean of the Law School, I wanted to see the President only twice a year—once when I presented the budget and once when he approved it. I'm glad that my successor, Lindsey Cowen, was more charitable in his views of the President. He has helped me often with wise counsel and generous support.

Being a law school dean requires many strengths. Some say one needs the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon, and the courage of Richard the Lion-Hearted. I thought a small touch of insanity was also useful. Except for the latter, Lindsey Cowen seemed remarkably well-qualified for this demanding job. He took firm charge of a growing, ambitious, vigorous school not altogether at peace with itself or with its university. With gentle force and sound restraint, he pressed for better standards, finer teaching and, most importantly, more resources.

Under his administration the Law School's name and fame have grown substantially, as has its endowment. His extraordinary achievement in establishing six additional endowed faculty chairs is testimony not only to his leadership and the school's quality, but also to his concern for the long-term future of legal education at Case Western Reserve University. His willingness to trade the pleasures of teaching and writing for the frustrations of administration and the challenges of fundraising demonstrates his commitment to the greater good for teachers and students of the law.

Among the special pleasures of my term as President was knowing that in Lindsey Cowen, the Law School would progress soundly and that in its Dean, I had an understanding and enjoyable friend and counselor. My thanks and warmest good wishes go with him as he returns to his first love after many years in the administrative trenches.

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