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Dedication

The Yale Journal of Law and Feminism is honored to dedicate this volume to John Frank, a distinguished lawyer, law professor, and individual. John Frank received his J.S.D. from Yale in 1947 and taught here from 1949 to 1954. While at Yale, one of John Frank’s students was the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., who worked as John’s research assistant. Judge Higginbotham later recalled of his law school days, “John Frank seemed to know I was struggling. He offered me a job. . . . But for John Frank, I wouldn’t have been able to eat.”

Upon moving to Arizona, where John Frank joined the law firm of Lewis and Roca, he became a leader of the bar. He was instrumental in providing representation to a host of litigants. Notable among them was Ernesto Miranda, the petitioner in the canonical criminal procedure case of Miranda v. Arizona. Illustrative of his remarkable lack of selfishness, Mr. Frank gave his law partner the opportunity to argue the case before the Supreme Court. Similarly, when Anita Hill was facing questions from the United States Senate about her experiences working alongside Clarence Thomas, John Frank volunteered his services to her as an adviser. Professor Judith Resnik has written, “Over and again, he demonstrated his profound hopes that we would live up to the promises of American constitutionalism and his realism when we did not.”

Mr. Frank continued his intellectual leadership on the nature and shape of law as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Council of the American Law Institute. He also served his local community tirelessly. As Professor Boris Bittker, one of John Frank’s lifelong friends, commented, “I can think of no other lawyer of his generation who combined notable success in private practice with such an outstanding record of uncompensated public legal service in a host of areas.”

The Editors
It is appropriate that this issue of the *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism* be dedicated to the memory of John P. Frank of Arizona, who taught for many years at Yale Law School. His greatest and most memorable professional work was probably the amicus brief on behalf of 200 law professors in *Sweatt v. Painter*, the precursor of *Brown v. Board of Education*. In Phoenix he strove to open the practice of law to women and minorities. He fought for the rights of organized labor. Outside the hall where his memorial was held was a huge wreath in John’s memory from the Phoenix Fire Fighters’ Union.

We hope this volume will help perpetuate his legacy.

Janet Napolitano,
Governor of the State of Arizona

Mary M. Schroeder,
Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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