

FOREWORD

On behalf of the John Marshall Law School and *The John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law*, I am pleased to introduce six articles by colleagues and law clerks of the Honorable Paul R. Michel. It is with great affection that I present this issue of RIPL. As a law clerk for Judge Michel from 1997–1998, I consider that time pivotal in my career. Judge Michel’s contributions to IP law are unparalleled, and this collection of articles shows the breadth and depth of his legacy.

The first contribution is from the Honorable James F. Holderman, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Illinois. His contribution gives personal insight into Judge Michel’s historic accomplishments through the eyes of a colleague building his career at the same time.

Three contributions come from past law clerks—Matthew Dowd of Wiley Rein LLP; Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsay Androski Kelly; and Professor Elizabeth Winston of Catholic University. Mr. Dowd wrote the first contribution from a clerk’s perspective. He had the opportunity to clerk for Chief Judge Michel from 2008–2009 and his contribution provides insight into Judge Michel’s dual roles as a patriot and a mentor. Ms. Kelly clerked for Chief Judge Michel from 2005–2006 and provides a unique overview of Judge Michel’s background from outside of the Federal Circuit and away from IP law. As Kelly states, her hope is that “the next time the readers of this journal hear the name Paul Michel, they will each call to mind at least one more image of our beloved Chief Judge.” Professor Winston spent two years as a law clerk for Judge Michel. Her contribution discusses fraud on the Patent and Trademark Office and inequitable conduct, a timely issue which Judge Michel often dealt with on the bench.

The next contribution is from Herbert Wamsley. Mr. Wamsley is the Executive Director of the Intellectual Property Owners Association, a not-for-profit organization. His article highlights Judge Michel’s new roles as a Distinguished Scholar in Residence for the Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation and as a member of its board.

The final contribution is from Gene Quinn. Mr. Quinn is an accomplished patent attorney and the founder of IPWatchdog.com, which was selected by the ABA Journal as the top IP law blog of 2010. His article is a synopsis of an in-depth interview with Judge Michel shortly after Judge Michel’s retirement from the bench. The contribution discusses Judge Michel’s career “in his own words,” touching on many achievements throughout his time as an attorney and on the bench. The article also includes some of Judge Michel’s perspectives on various practices and procedures in the law.

I hope you enjoy these articles.

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