

CHARLES ARES, A RETROSPECTIVE

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I first met Charles Ares in 1954, when I was a student in the second year class in code pleading at the University of Arizona College of Law. Our professor, Claude Brown, became ill, and Dean Lyons brought in a rather frightened, very young-looking man to substitute for the rest of the semester. That young man was Chuck Ares, who had recently returned to Tucson from a clerkship with Justice William O. Douglas on the United States Supreme Court.

I have known Charles Ares ever since and in different capacities. I have been and continue to be his student, his colleague, and, most important, his friend for these many years. I have been his companion in good times and in bad, and in the hardest of times for both of us.

Charles Ares is best described as a "teacher," rather than a "dean" or a "professor." He is the best kind of teacher because he does not simply instruct, though he can do that very well, but instead sets an example for all that lawyers should be: fair, patient (usually), prepared, objective, tolerant of dissenting views (provided they make sense), intellectually honest, highly intelligent, concerned with the public good, motivated by moral principle, and respectful of legal institutions. By his example, he has taught all of us what it really means to be a lawyer.

I am not comfortable calling this a tribute. After all, Charles is with us and hopefully will be for a long time. We know that he will never really retire, only work without salary. As I said at Charles' retirement dinner, there is a Judaic tradition of twelve just men: twelve men whose learning, morality, and respect for the rights of mankind form the pillars of justice on which the world rests. I have always thought that if we were required to name twelve persons who would make up this group of the just, Charles Ares would be among the first selected.

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