

DEAN PAUL MARCUS

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I met Paul Marcus early in 1983 during the dean search and thought him "talented, enthusiastic and too young." Former Dean Charles Ares assured me that the job itself would cure the latter.

I had taken office as President of the Law College Association that June. The Association had a special goal in 1983-84 because University of Arizona President Henry Koffler had pledged matching funds for all the money we raised in excess of the prior year. Despite the Executive Committee's concern that a late start would cost us money, we decided to delay our planning for the annual fund-raising campaign until the new dean arrived.

Our decision to wait turned out to be the right one. Paul Marcus hit the ground running when he came to the College of Law, bringing his wife and two daughters from the relative comfort of a southern California summer into the blast furnace of Arizona August. Dean Marcus was full of ideas and enthusiasm for the fund drive: a Student Phon-A-Thon in the fall, alumni luncheons and meetings in cities throughout the nation, and many gatherings at his home and at the Law College. He had the ideas plus the will and capability to implement them.

The new dean was everywhere, making new friends for the College. He kept us posted with a virtual blizzard of memos telling of each successful contact made in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Washington, D.C. and Phoenix. At his home, as at the College, he was a charming and gracious host for hundreds of alumni invited to meet lecturers and dignitaries. Paul brought the practicing bar and the faculty into a closer relationship, and made contributing to the College seem a natural response.

The Student Phone-A-Thon was Paul's idea, and has become an annual fall activity at the College, complete with T-shirts. More than 100 students participate each year, contacting graduates who failed to respond to the initial letter request to contribute. The student effort has raised a total of \$50,000 over four years, and the student body has benefited directly from Law College Association funds through awards, grants, and scholarships, and through the enhanced curriculum made possible by faculty development and visiting professorships.

The fund drive was an enormous success that year, and has been each year since. Contributions have grown from \$50,000 in 1982-83 to \$300,000

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in 1986-87. The Law College Association's net worth has increased during the same period by approximately 600 per cent. In addition to those dollars given directly to the Law College Association, nearly \$1,000,000 has been donated to the University of Arizona Foundation for the benefit of the College. We who have worked with him through these years know the extent to which he is responsible for the phenomenal growth. And yet, Paul Marcus has generously continued to credit the Law College Association presidents with the successes.

I can only write of Paul Marcus' work with the Law College Association. I know he also taught and wrote and administered, filling the role of a teaching dean to the fullest extent. As there will be a loss for faculty and students when this dean steps down, so too will the Law College Association and those of us who have worked closely with him suffer a loss. Thank you, Paul Marcus, for your energetic, enthusiastic contributions to the College of Law. It has been a pleasure working with you. You have made the job of working as Law College Association president a gratifying experience. Perhaps you are too talented, too enthusiastic, too young to leave so soon.