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DEAN CHARLES E. ARES:

AN INTRODUCTION

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I have been invited by the Editors to introduce our new Dean to the readers of the *Arizona Law Review*. In accepting this agreeable assignment, I am of course aware that the Dean needs no introduction to many of you. But inasmuch as the law review is taking proper notice of his return to Arizona, in a new and important capacity, it is appropriate that it should do so with all traditional honors — which indubitably include an introduction.

Of the many highly qualified persons whose credentials were considered and reconsidered by the university last year in its search for the best possible law dean, a name which kept coming up first, by whatever standards, was that of Professor Charles E. Ares, of the New York University School of Law. For one thing, Professor Ares understood Arizona like a native — which he is. At the same time, his appointment would be free from any taint of parochialism, by reason of his legal and educational experience in other parts of the country.

His past achievements bore eloquent witness to his abilities. He had been a brilliant student in the law college, a member of the inter-scholastic moot court team which won a national championship for Arizona in 1951, and a United States Supreme Court law clerk during the 1952 term. As a busy Arizona practitioner he had earned the respect of the bar and the community. And as a lecturer in the law college, and an associate professor, later professor, in the New York University School of Law, he had acquired a reputation as a singularly lucid and stimulating teacher, and had been a recipient of the Lindbach Foundation Award for distinguished teaching. A burgeoning national reputation in the field of criminal procedure rested in part upon his well-known work as academic director of the Manhattan Bail Project,

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one of the more significant and successful ventures in criminal procedural reform in recent years.

About the only obstacle to the appointment, as a matter of fact, was that Professor Ares seems to have been at first unaware that he wanted to be a Dean. For having corrected this unaccountable obtuseness, on the part of one generally so perceptive, the law college is indebted, as it has been so often, to the efforts of President Harvill. And so it happens that, on behalf of faculty and students, the *Arizona Law Review* is now able, and proud, to present to its readers, Dean Charles E. Ares, of the University of Arizona College of Law.

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