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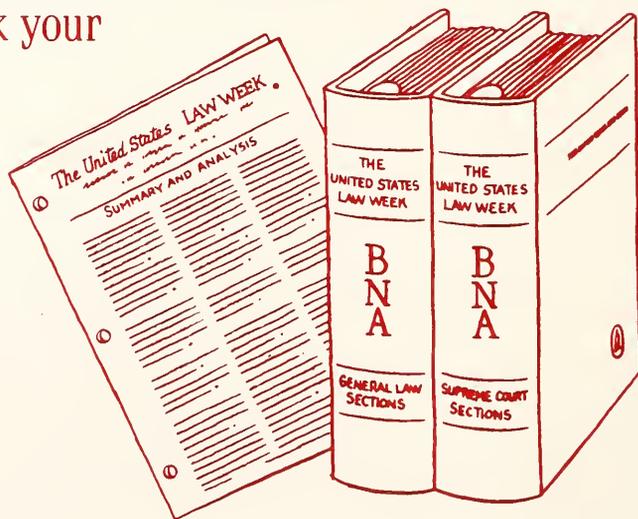
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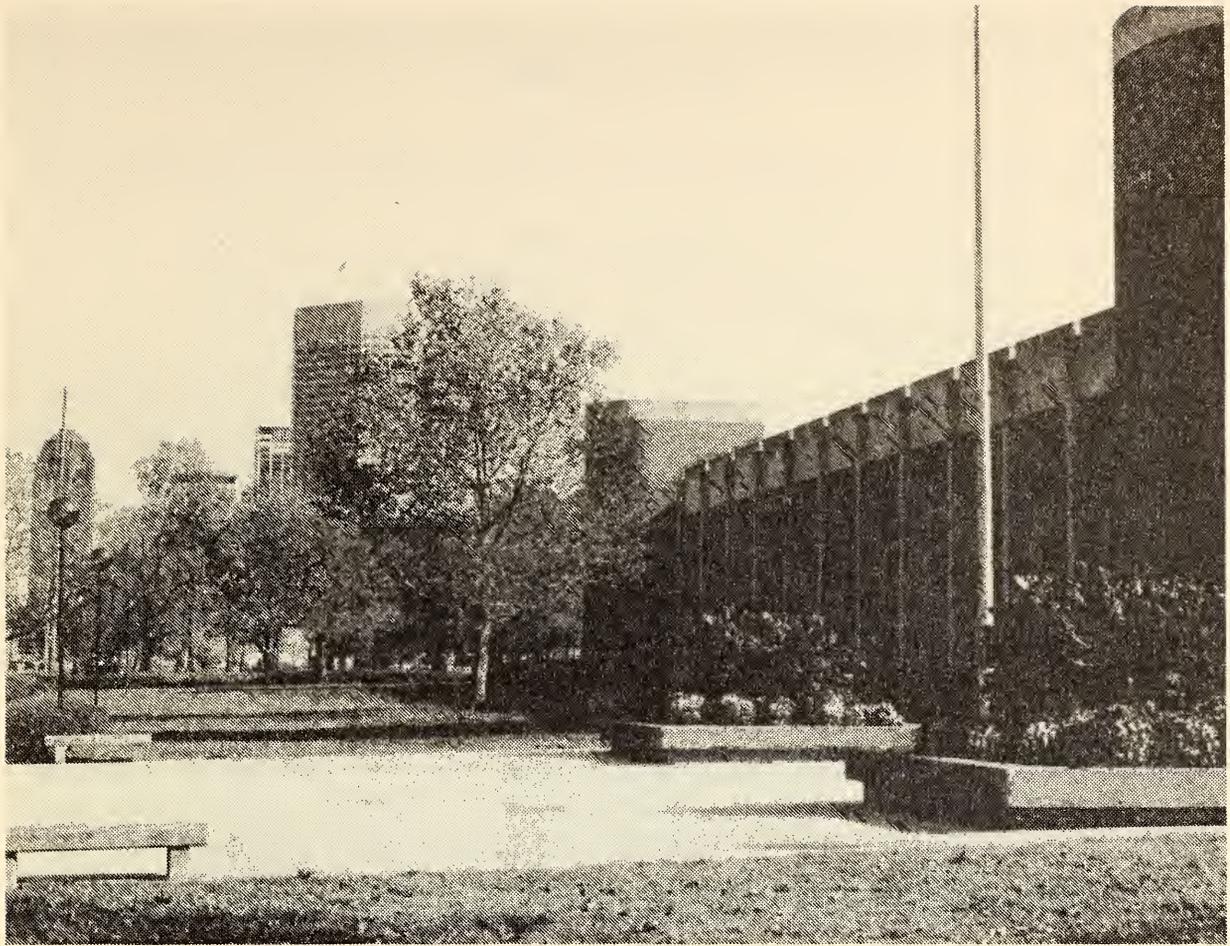
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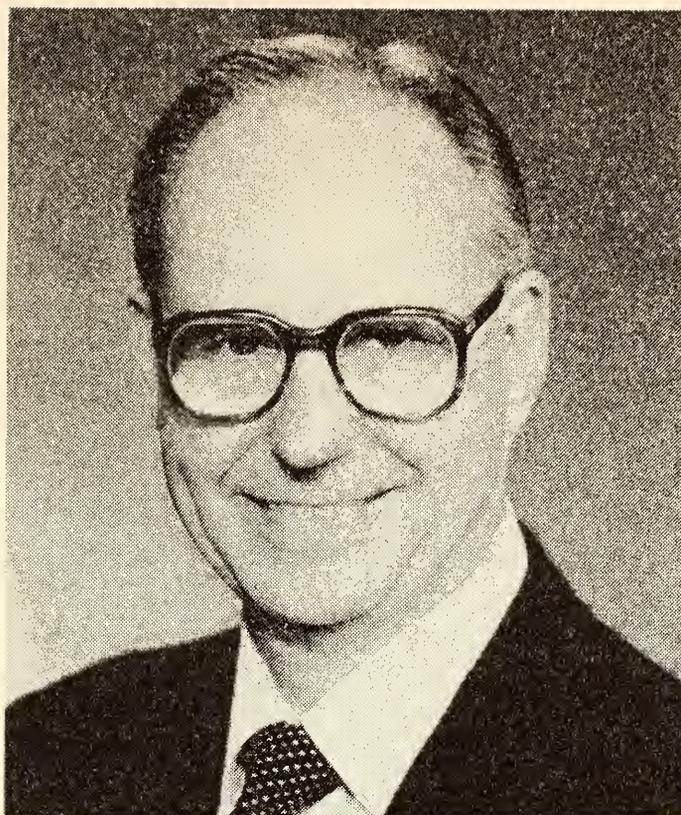
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TWO LIVES IN LAW

DAVID A. FUNK*

My journey through twenty-one years of law practice and twenty-four years as an Indiana law professor, may provide hope to anyone in a similar situation.

I was born in Wooster, Ohio, on April 22, 1927. My great grandfather wanted to be a lawyer but did not have the education; he became an insurance and real estate agent in Wooster, Ohio. My grandfather practiced law in Wooster from 1885 to 1921, and then became an appellate judge in Akron, Ohio, for fifteen years. My father practiced law in Wooster from 1919 to October, 1972, when he died unexpectedly.

Preparation

In Wooster High School, I was active in intermural extemporaneous speaking and debate. After graduation, I served one year in the United States Navy and was sent to the NROTC programs at the University of Missouri and Harvard College, respectively. After being discharged, I had almost finished a B.A. at The College of Wooster, Ohio, (majoring in economics but leaning towards philosophy) when I enrolled in the Western Reserve University School of Law. The following summer, between my first and second years of law school, I completed my B.A. requirements. In my fifth semester at Western Reserve, I added two history courses (medieval English and modern Far Eastern).

From Practitioner To Professor

After graduation from law school, I joined my father in the practice of law in Wooster, Ohio. The first five years I emphasized real estate transactions and did the things a young lawyer gets asked to do. The next seven years I mostly represented small, often feuding, corporations. The last nine years I emphasized estate planning and administration.

During this period, I studied adult education Russian for two years. In the 1962-63 school year, I taught a course in U.S. Constitutional Law in the political science department at The College of Wooster. In 1963, I first visited Scotland, which had been a special interest since college.

In 1964, I embarked on seven years of part-time graduate study. The first four years I completed an M.A. (largely in political theory) at The Ohio State University, 100 miles away. The next three years I completed an LL. M. (largely in jurisprudence and international law) at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, sixty miles away.

In 1972, I left practice to pursue full-time graduate law study at Columbia University in New York. At Columbia, I studied mainly jurisprudence, legal history, comparative law and legal education. I also outlined and started *Group Dynamic Law*.¹ Wolfgang Freidmann, whose jurisprudential reputation had drawn

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me to Columbia, immediately comprehended and approved the outline for my project. The book was published in New York by Philosophical Library in 1982, and a symposium celebrating its theme was published there in 1988.²

Indiana Law Professor

Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis offered me a position in 1973. The previous professor of jurisprudence and comparative law had just left, so I was able to teach those courses. I was also able to teach sociology of law. When the legal history teacher retired in 1976, I converted that course into world legal history.

Along the way I also taught various traditional courses to second and third year students. Of almost 4000 students, about two-thirds were in my practice-oriented courses and about one-third were in one of my perspective courses. Also, about two-thirds were in the day division and about one-third were attending at night. About 950 wrote senior essays for my courses

The Future

After retirement, I will be spending more time with my wonderful wife, Sandra. Then, when my home "research institute" is operating, I can finish writing "Traditional Jewish Jurisprudence: Justifying Jewish Law and Life," the next chapter for my book in progress on *Oriental Jurisprudence*. In addition I will do some serious reading *not* for a client, class, or publication. Also, I can resume some former musical interests (playing and listening) that I had to give up when I undertook graduate study and entered teaching. Finally, I can participate more actively in Scottish-American, German-American, historical, and religious activities.

For those who have followed my story thus far, a final thought. Autobiography exudes a certain inevitability. Often the things that just happened to me turned out well. Many awful things that could have happened did not. I can only conclude that this journey required both God and me. I hope that He will look out for each of you, too, as you wend your ways through the successes and disappointments of your lives in the law.

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