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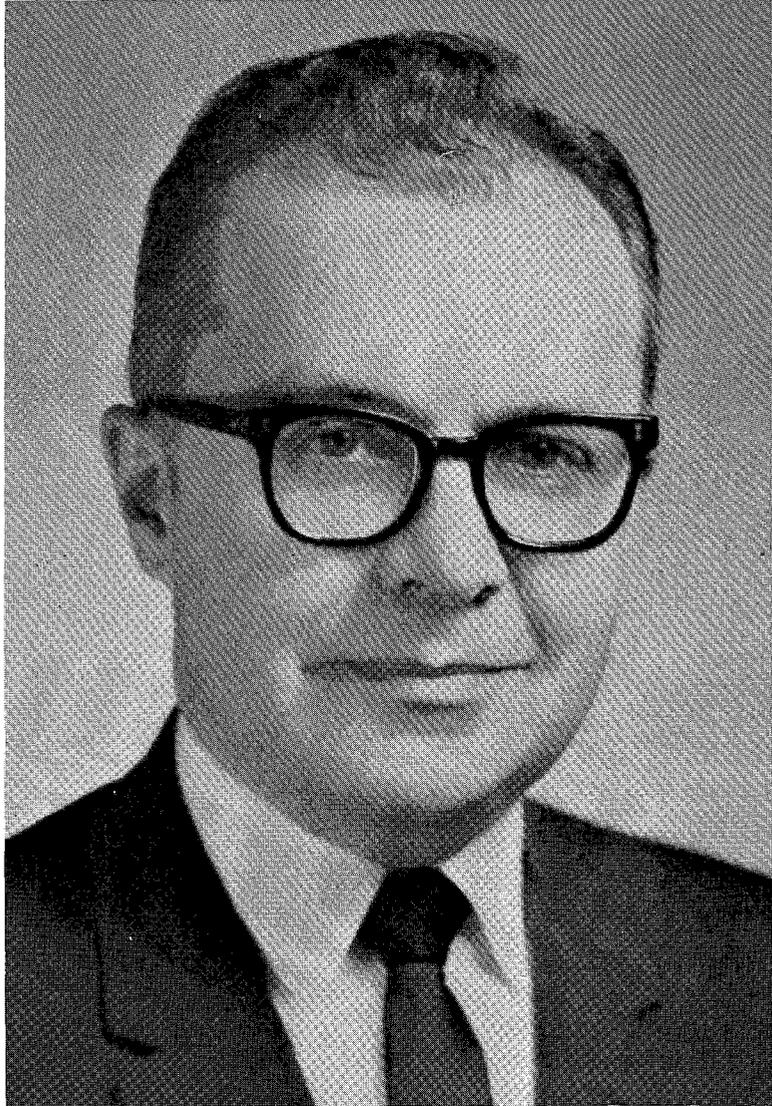
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The student editors of the Marquette Law Review have chosen to dedicate Volume No. 54 to a man who has excelled in his profession and in his service to the University over a long period of time.

Professor James D. Ghiardi is this year completing his twenty-fifth year of service as a member of the faculty of the Marquette Law School. It is a happy coincidence that his twenty-fifth year at Marquette is also the same year in which he serves the Bar of Wisconsin as the first President ever elected to that high office by the lawyers of the state from the ranks of full-time law professors. The concurrence of a Silver Jubilee with a year as the leader of the state's bar makes it entirely fitting and proper that Professor Ghiardi be honored in this volume of the Law Review.

Professor Ghiardi's association with the Law School antedates his quarter century of service on the faculty, for he was a student here between 1939 and 1942. Returning from military service, he joined the Law School faculty in 1946. I first knew him when I was one of 160 terrified freshmen students entering Law School in the fall of 1949. As a student I came to respect him as a fine teacher. As a fellow member of the bar, a fellow Marquette alumnus, faculty colleague, and finally as his Dean, I have come to respect him as a gentleman and a scholar. Few are more zealous in their loyalty to the University and to the profession. Few also have the industry and capacity for work that manifests itself every day in Professor Ghiardi's vigorous and devoted attention to the responsibilities which he has assumed in the Law School and in the many other related activities which he has undertaken.

In a quarter century of teaching of tort and insurance law, Professor Ghiardi has come to be recognized nationally as one of the academic leaders in this area of the law. Since 1962 he has served as Research Director of the Defense Research Institute, the national research and educational arm of the defense bar. He is often called upon to address legal organizations throughout the country in the field of his expertise, and his long record of publication in the leading bar journals of the country is a further manifestation of his accomplishments in legal scholarship.

Professor Ghiardi has worked tirelessly at all levels in the affairs of the organized bar. His election as President of the State Bar of Wisconsin follows a distinguished record in that organization which included

four years as a member of the Board of Governors. He also serves in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association and as a director of the American Judicature Society. This year he was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and he will make a substantial contribution in the deliberations of that body.

Despite all of his bar and public service activity, his research and writing, Professor Ghiardi has never lost track of his principal responsibility which is, of course, to his students. The freshman student entering Marquette soon learns that he is a tough taskmaster, but as quickly appreciates the excellence of the instruction he receives as a first year student in the law of torts.

Professor Ghiardi has brought honor and distinction to Marquette University in twenty-five years of service. We are pleased to respond in dedicating this volume of the Law Review to him. We wish him well in all of his endeavors, certain in the fact that he will continue for many more years to reflect the highest ideals of his University and his profession.

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