HOMICIDE AS AFFECTING THE DEVOLUTION OF PROPERTY

With the present state of the law, it may be said that the conclusion arrived at has left our jurisprudence in a deplorable condition. A view such as has been taken by the majority opinion shocks the moral sense of right-thinking people, and that fact in itself would suggest that it is wrong in law, morals and justice. The courts are unanimous in the opinion that the conclusion arrived at is regrettable and that the only remedy rests with the Legislature. The law should be otherwise, and the Legislature ought to awaken to the fact that they still have a duty to perform.

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Marquette University, College of Law, thru the medium of The Law Review, announces with regret the withdrawal of Edward W. Spencer from its faculty. In view of his long association with both the Marquette College of Law and its predecessors, respectively the Old Milwaukee Law Class, and the Milwaukee Law School, we, the editors, feel that a short sketch of his life to date is appropriate at this time, since a little deserved praise to the living is better than flowers to the dead.

Edward W. Spencer was born in Milwaukee, December 24th, 1865. He was educated in the schools of Milwaukee, received his commercial and academic training in Cleveland, Ohio. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1892. About that time he began teaching classes in Business Law in his father's school, The Spencerian Business College, of which he is now President. The following year, 1893, he began delivering lectures to the Old Milwaukee Law Class, later reorganized by the students as the Milwaukee Law School. From that date he remained a member of the faculty until the school was purchased by Marquette University, when he became Associate Dean under the headship of Judge James G. Jenkins. He remained in this position for about two years, and continued teaching various branches of the law, particularly Contract Law, until the end of the school year in 1919.

Mr. Spencer has, during the past years, given to the bar many valuable books on various topics, among which are his Manual of Commercial Law, now used in many of the leading universities of the country in connection with their Commerce Courses; a volume on Domestic Relations; and a Treatise on
Suretyship, the latter being published in 1917. A student of handwriting for many years, he has frequently rendered opinions on questioned documents and writings. He has also contributed an exhaustive article on this subject to the Marquette Law Review.

It is nigh impossible to detail the various benefits which Mr. Spencer has conferred upon the various students who received instruction from him. But we who have been so fortunate, and who have had the opportunity to witness the achievements of those who preceded us, regret exceedingly the fact that his ever-increasing law practice now compels him to devote his entire future time to it. However, we shall always endeavor to live up to the high ideals which he at all times sought to inculcate, and to maintain the lofty standard of personal honesty and integrity which he at all times maintains. We miss his infectious smile, his keen witticisms, his learned lectures, but the lessons that he taught will ever remain with us. Our sincere thanks go out to him for the favors we have received at his hands, our best wishes go with him in his practice; that the rich measure of success that has crowned his efforts in the past will continue to crown them in the future, we are confident.