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David Getches, Dean, Univ. of Colo. Law School,
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Court Peterson was one of the best friends the Law Review ever had. His heritage here runs deep.

He was a graduate of CU and Colorado Law class of 1953. After studying in the Netherlands and the University of Freiberg in Germany he earned a Masters of Comparative Law, then joined the Law faculty here in 1959. He was Dean from 1973-79, and – for better or worse – hired me during that time. He later was appointed Nicholas Doman Professor of International Law, and in 1996 he became Professor Emeritus.

His connection to the law review, as he says in the piece he wrote for its 75th anniversary, began as a student in 1950 and continued for the rest of his life.

With us tonight is Sue Peterson, Court's wife of 44 years. Sue and Court, who had a wonderful partnership, enhanced law school life by entertaining graciously in their home. And Sue, with Court, was here with us at Law Review banquets nearly every year.

One of the highlights of the annual banquet for the past 30 years has been the tradition of recognizing the Court Peterson Award winners for the best student article and for leadership. When this award began, Court's mother, the late Courtney Peterson, was proud that it would be named for her son. But she knew a mother's pride might not be replicated in the honor felt by a student without more than a dry certificate. She said the award would be more coveted if "wet." So she established a small account from which Court funded the awards year after year.

Last fall, as Court's health declined he called and asked me to come to the house. He wanted to make sure that the awards continued. He gave me the fund his mother had established. After he passed away he and his family asked that contributions be directed to the law school in his honor and we have added these donations to that account so that the Court Peterson Fund now has reached \$18,000. When it reaches \$25,000 it will be eligible for investment as an endowment and its income will be used in perpetuity to continue these awards.

We lost Court on November 1. We remember him tonight, and we give thanks for all he did for the School and especially the Law Review – where his connection continues and always will.

David Getches