

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CONRAD B. DUBERSTEIN

INTRODUCTION

On November 18, 2005, the Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein passed away at his home in Brooklyn. Judge Duberstein's life was a life of service; first to his country, then to his clients, and finally to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York. Despite repeated attempts to retire since the age of sixty-five, Judge Duberstein was ninety years old and still serving as Chief Bankruptcy Judge when he passed away.

Each year, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* gives the Distinguished Service Award to an individual who has made a remarkable contribution to the field of bankruptcy law throughout his or her life and career. Past recipients include Gerald K. Smith (2004), the Honorable David H. Coar (2003), Harvey R. Miller (2002), Frank R. Kennedy (2001), Kenneth N. Klee (2000), and the Honorable William L. Norton, Jr. (1999). On April 7, 2005, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* had the pleasure of giving the Distinguished Service Award to the Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein. To mark the occasion, we asked Michael P. Richman of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw to give a brief tribute to Judge Duberstein at our annual banquet. Excerpts from that tribute are printed in the pages that follow. In addition, Judge Duberstein graciously allowed us to print his acceptance speech.

Judge Duberstein was a kind man of great intellect, a decorated combat veteran, a loving husband and father, and, as some called him, the unofficial dean of the New York Bankruptcy Bar. He will be missed. The *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* is proud to celebrate the life and accomplishments of the Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein.

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