

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DENNIS DECONCINI

INTRODUCTION

Every year, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honors an individual who has made a significant impact on the field of bankruptcy law with the Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement. Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award include the Honorable William L. Norton, Jr. (1999), Kenneth N. Klee (2000), Frank R. Kennedy (2001), Harvey R. Miller (2002), the Honorable David H. Coar (2003), Gerald K. Smith (2004), and the Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein (2005). At our annual banquet on March 30, 2006, we had the honor of giving the Eighth Annual Distinguished Service Award to Senator Dennis DeConcini.

Senator DeConcini served in the U.S. Senate from 1977 to 1995. During that time he worked to draft the major revisions to the Bankruptcy Code. These amendments marked the most significant changes since the Bankruptcy Act of 1898. For his remarkable contribution to the field of bankruptcy law, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honored Senator DeConcini at our annual banquet.

To mark the occasion, Senator Tom Daschle gave a tribute to Senator DeConcini. With the permission of both Senators, we have included revised versions of Senator Daschle's tribute and Senator DeConcini's acceptance speech. Please join us in celebrating Senator Dennis DeConcini's significant accomplishments and remarkable contribution to the field of bankruptcy law.

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