

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR DOUGLAS G. BAIRD

INTRODUCTION

Each year, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honors an individual who has made a significant impact on the field of bankruptcy law with the Distinguished Award for Lifetime Achievement. Previous 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), the Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein (2005), Senator Dennis DeConcini (2006), and the Honorable W. Homer Drake (2007). At our annual banquet on March 27, 2008, we had the great privilege of honoring Professor Douglas Baird with the Distinguished Service Award.

Professor Douglas Baird is the Harry A. Bigelow Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, where he has been a faculty member since 1980. Professor Baird's prolific bankruptcy scholarship makes him one of the nation's leaders in the field of bankruptcy. Some of Professor Baird's many accomplishments include being named a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, serving as the Vice-Chair of the National Bankruptcy Conference from 1997 until 2005, and serving as Dean of the University of Chicago Law School from 1994 until 1999. For his tremendous contributions to the field of bankruptcy law and education, and to his community, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honored Professor Baird at our annual banquet.

To mark the occasion, Morris Macey gave a rousing tribute to Professor Baird. With Professor Baird's permission, we have included a revised version of his acceptance speech. Please join us in celebrating Professor Douglas Baird's significant accomplishments and remarkable contributions to the field of bankruptcy law.

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