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PROFESSOR FRED CHEEVER—BELOVED TEACHER AND TRUSTED ADVISOR

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I was deeply touched to find out that the *Denver Law Review* is dedicating its first issue to our beloved teacher and trusted advisor, Professor Federico Cheever, who passed away on June 10, 2017, while vacationing with his family in his home state of Colorado.

Professor Cheever was universally adored by his students. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to be one of them. From the moment Professor Cheever walked into my first-year Property class with a beaming smile on his face and an “I ♥ Property” mug in his hand, the entire class was drawn to his compassionate demeanor and contagious enthusiasm for the law. At that moment, we knew nothing about adverse possession, easements, or the rule against perpetuities, however, we all knew one thing beyond a shadow of a doubt—by the end of the semester, we would love Property, too.

Sixteen weeks and one ten-hour take-home exam later, the class was even more enamored with our funny, brilliant, and humble professor than before. It was blatantly obvious that one class with Professor Cheever would not be enough. Some students, even those pursuing careers in corporate or criminal law, enrolled in his Federal Wildlife and Public Lands courses, while others followed Professor Cheever to the *Denver Law Review*.

It’s true, I wrote onto the *Denver Law Review* largely because of Professor Cheever’s involvement as a faculty advisor. He was an enthusiastic supporter during my 2L year as a Staff Editor, and during my 3L year, he was the guiding light that helped me navigate my role as Editor in Chief. When the journal secured a prestigious author or met a publication deadline, Professor Cheever was my go-to cheerleader who celebrated our success. And when it felt like the weight of the world was on my shoulders, Professor Cheever was my go-to confidant who helped carry the burden. When current law review editors ask for advice and guidance, I still find myself thinking “Oh, you should ask Professor Cheever about that.” I truly don’t know what I would have done without him.

Professor Cheever profoundly impacted my life, as he did the lives of all his students. Therefore, I know I speak for all of Professor Cheev-

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er's students when I say thank you. Thank you for teaching us, thank you for inspiring us, and thank you for making the world a better place.