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Socrates once said, "Let him that would move the world, first move himself." Robert Yegge is indeed a self-mover and by the maximum utilization of his energy and talents has indeed contributed to a better world for all of us.

We had our first encounter when I was working my way through the University of Denver College of Law, in broadcasting, and Bob was a student leader in high school and producing and directing a radio program for high school students. His writing ability, his flair for the dramatic, and his fertile imagination convinced many of us that he had a bright future in the world of entertainment and the arts. But even then, Bob had his heart in the field of the law. Son of one of Denver's most prominent trial attorneys, Ronald Yegge, Bob displayed a universal interest in almost all disciplines, but he knew in his heart he could not escape his involvement with the legal profession.

Having kept in touch with Bob throughout his undergraduate and law school days, it came as no surprise when he joined the faculty of the University of Denver College of Law as an Adjunct Professor. Shortly thereafter, the University was faced with the task of selecting a dean for the Law School. Those of us who were serving on the selection committee asked the faculty for recommendations of one of their members to serve as Acting Dean while the search continued for the permanent occupier of that position. I was not surprised when recommendations came in from those whom I considered to be the wisest and most venerable of the faculty members suggesting Bob Yegge. After a few months service as interim Dean, several of the faculty contacted me to suggest that we search no further; that Bob Yegge would be the perfect person for the permanent position.

After great agonizing and soul searching, Bob agreed to accept the position and his spectacular performance in the twelve years that he served has been nationally recognized by legal educators and the legal profession.

He has served at a crucial time in the history of legal education. With literally thousands of applicants for relatively few positions in the law schools of our nation, admission to the University of Denver College of Law has become one of the most prized

objectives of students throughout the country. Bob Yegge has developed an outstanding faculty, has created more innovative programs and clinical training than any other school in the United States, and has developed a sense of pride in both student body and alumni unequaled in the long history of the University of Denver College of Law.

We who have been privileged to observe his stewardship and have had the opportunity to work with him are grateful beyond description.

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