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DEAN & PROFESSOR EMERITUS THOMAS EARL GEU

The Board of Editors of the *South Dakota Law Review* is pleased to dedicate Volume 69 to Dean and Professor Emeritus Thomas Earl Geu.

Thomas Earl (“Tom”) Geu grew up on a farm and ranch in Cheyenne County, Nebraska, and worked there during his high school and college summers. He received his Bachelor of Science in finance and economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and later graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Tom clerked at the United States Tax Court, the Seventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, and practiced with a firm in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Tom was on the faculty of the University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law for thirty-two years. He began as a visiting professor in 1989 and was tenured and promoted to full professor in 1996. He served as interim dean for the 2012 and 2013 school years and as “regular” dean until June of 2018. He then returned to the classroom as a professor until June of 2021.

Tom loved every facet of being a law professor. His teaching load focused on business organizations. Nonetheless, he taught over twenty different courses in a wide variety of business, transactional, and capital formation classes—from

Secured Transactions and Modern Real Estate to Regulatory Compliance and Banking Law. After serving as dean, Tom assigned himself a section of Torts. He liked first-year students and the course “a lot.”

In addition, he taught two undergraduate honors courses: Chaos & Complexity and Leadership (the latter with former Dean Barry Vickrey). He considers his highest honors to be being named the South Dakota State Bar Young Lawyers Section “Mentor of the Year” and twice receiving the John Wesley Jackson Award as Outstanding Professor of Law.

Tom’s service extended to many law school, university, national, and even international committees and partnerships. He was chair and reporter for the law school faculty report for an accreditation visit in the 1990s, and he served as Chair of the USD Intellectual Property and Conflict of Interest Committee for two terms. He helped expand cooperation between the Business and Law Schools with the encouragement of Dean Vickrey and Dean Jerry Johnson of the College of Business.

His national service included active participation in the ABA’s Business and Real Property, Trust and Estates Sections and being national reporter for the Uniform Limited Cooperative Association Act (now law in a dozen states). Tom is an elected member of the American Law Institute (the “Restatement people”). He was selected to be a South Dakota Commissioner for the Uniform Law Commission in 2007 and remains active in that organization in retirement. Finally, he twice was the Chair of the Socioeconomic Section of the American Association of Law Schools.

Tom’s devotion to the rule of law knew no boundaries. After the fall of the Berlin Wall and the removal of the last “Soviet” troops, Tom, his spouse (Carol), and his two-year-old child (Taylor) moved to Białystok, Poland. While in Poland, Tom coauthored an article with a Polish professor comparing the Polish and U.S. LLC laws.¹ Tom also taught at the China Youth University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. He coauthored an economics and law article which was published in Mandarin and wrote an analysis of the (then) new People’s Republic of China limited partnership laws.² Later, he helped establish, organize, and lead, a three-school consortium that taught both Chinese and American students at three Chinese Law Schools.³ Some of his most interesting service was reviewing laws and regulations for newly independent Soviet and Warsaw Pact states. For example, he reviewed the Economic Development Plan for the City of St. Petersburg, Russia, and he, along with two Denver lawyers, was appointed to draft a model partnership and company registration act for Afghanistan. It took into account both regional and religious tenets important in Afghanistan.

1. Thomas E. Geu, *The Economics of Small Business Organizations and a Selective Comparison of Poland and the U.S.*, 2 *Spółki Jako Formy Prawne Organizowania Przedsiębiorczości: Wybrane Zagadnienia Wraz Z Wzorami Umów I Innych Dokumentów Organizujących Spółki 1* (Stanisław Prutis ed., 1998).

2. Thomas E. Geu, *A Comparison Between China and the United States in the Legislative Background of Limited Partnership and the Independent Legal Personality*, 27 *J. CHINA YOUTH UNIV. POLI. SCI.* 82 (2008).

3. Unfortunately, the program was unable to survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tom considers his highest service, however, to be presenting CLEs at the state, national, and international level. He twice presented to the Delaware Corporate Bar. He stopped counting the number of CLE and paper presentations when they reached fifty in 2010. He is particularly proud of his service to the State Bar as the reporter for the first South Dakota LLC Act⁴ and once being chair of the State Bar's Business Law Committee.

Tom's research was extensive.⁵ It focused on business law, and he wrote one of the early seminal articles on LLCs.⁶ He tried, however, to publish something for each course he taught. For example, he wrote two articles on employment law and was co-author for updates on a "loose-leaf" treatise on Secured Transactions.⁷ His self-described "pin-headed" research involved using complex adaptive systems and evolutionary science to analyze law and the legal process.⁸ He shared this interest with Professor Tom Horton, and he fondly remembers many after-hours conversations with him.

Tom's tenure as dean covered a time of national disruption in legal education and a watershed for the Law School. Nationally and locally, applicant enrollment dropped, bar passage rates plummeted, and law schools entered hybrid and on-line education. Moreover, the Law School facilities were aging, and the faculty reached a generational turnover. These events led Tom to oversee the implementation of new curricula and the hiring of new faculty. He also staffed a controversial task force to assess moving the Law School to Sioux Falls. Tom says two things about his tenure as dean: (1) "Like swimming ducks, there was a lot going on beneath the surface that couldn't be seen by the public"; and (2) "It was one of my most satisfying experiences, but it wasn't necessarily, or always, fun."

Tom considers himself to be the luckiest person alive to have taught, served, researched, and administered at the University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law. He cannot think of a higher privilege and thanks the faculty, South Dakota lawyers and students (from whom he learned much), Deans Driscoll and Vickrey for their unending support, and all the library and administrative staff for their remarkable service above and beyond all reasonable expectations. His greatest thanks, however, go to his parents Earl and Evelyn, his parents-in-law Betty and Bill Cook, Jr., and his sisters Pam and Jan for all their advice and support. Most of all, he thanks Carol and Taylor for their love, patience, and encouragement

4. Its current form is found at SDCL ch. 47-34A. It now is very similar to the latest version of the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act for which he was an advisor.

5. Tom's articles have been downloaded over 6500 times in over thirty countries (for free) according to "Readership Commons." The service neither counts downloads from fee services like Lexis and Westlaw nor does it include all of Tom's articles.

6. Thomas E. Geu, *Understanding the Limited Liability Company: A Basic Comparative Primer (Part One)*, 37 S.D. L. REV. 44 (1991).

7. See, e.g., Thomas E. Geu, *Are Employee Appraisals Making the Grade?: A Basic Primer and Illustrative Application of Federal Private Employment Discrimination Law*, 47 S.D. L. REV. 430 (2002).

8. See, e.g., Thomas E. Geu, *Chaos, Complexity, and Coevolution: The Web of Law, Management Theory, and Law Related Services at the Millennium (Parts I & II)*, 65 TENN. L. REV. 925, (1998).

through a career that included both successes and failures. He adds that none of the foregoing people should be “blamed for his shortcomings and mistakes!”

Tom continues to drop by the law school from time to time and continues working on law reform with the Uniform Law Commission and maintains very interested in the rule of law.

THOMAS C. BARNETT†

It began with a phone call. Late spring, 1992, State Bar staff advised me, “Dean Driscoll on line two.” Staff and I were very busy preparing for annual meeting, but one always takes a call from our Law School dean. After a few pleasantries, Dean Driscoll advised me that notwithstanding that assistant law professor Tom Geu had drafted the bulk of proposed legislation to enact Limited Liability Company legislation for the State Bar membership’s consideration at the annual meeting, Geu, perhaps inadvertently, had been omitted from the lineup of speakers. Dean Driscoll said, “It would only be fair to allow him to participate as a presenter, and after all, nobody knows LLCs as well as Tom Geu.” (Tom Geu never knew about this phone call.)

Now, Dean Driscoll and I go back a long way . . . he was my Torts Professor in 1973 and 1974. In class I couldn’t say “no” to Professor Driscoll and I certainly wasn’t going to say “no” to Dean Driscoll. Staff and I had not yet gone to the printer for the annual meeting program, so I told Dean Driscoll that his request would be accommodated. And that phone call precipitated an almost 30-year relationship between me and Tom Geu.

The LLC proposed legislation was presented to over 400 lawyers and judges. I stood listening in the back of the room, and Dean Driscoll joined me. I remarked to him that Professor Geu seemed a little nervous during his presentation. Dean Driscoll replied that it was one thing to teach law students but quite another to teach a room full of lawyers and judges and that Tom Geu was most probably the “brightest” law professor he had on the faculty. Dean Driscoll introduced me to Professor Geu after the presentation, and of course, our membership approved the LLC proposed legislation.

Later in the afternoon, Professor Geu and I met for coffee. During our conversation he revealed that although it was not yet public knowledge, Geu and his wife were expecting their first child and he expressed nervousness because he “knew nothing about babies.” I told him that I was nervous about lobbying this new revolutionary legal entity of LLCs. And then I proposed a deal: I’ll teach you everything you need to know about babies, and you teach me everything I need to know about lobbying LLCs. Geu replied that he knew nothing about lobbying.

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My reply: I was trained to lobby by some of the best—the Honorable Charles Kornmann, Robert Frieberg, and John Murphy—and that his sole responsibility was to ensure that I knew more about LLCs than anyone else in the Legislature. Thus, we struck a deal and agreed to confer shortly after the annual meeting.

When Professor Geu and I met, I told him that I would go first and teach him everything he needed to know about babies in under five minutes and then he had five months to teach me everything that I needed to know about LLCs.

Now, first-time expectant parents frequently have self-doubts but as the second oldest of 12 children and having raised three of my own, I believed I had some expertise. I told Geu that babies are great teachers and that they suffer not from subtlety. Babies will in no uncertain terms let parents know when they are unhappy and that a new parent merely tries to placate the baby until parent stumbles onto the cause of baby's distress . . . and "that's all you need to know." Geu asked me if it was that simple, and I replied that I didn't say it was simple; rather, you will learn quickly.

For the next five months, Professor Geu taught me everything he thought I needed to know about LLCs, including Wyoming and Colorado versions of the law. I had numerous questions and Professor Geu responded to my dozens of phone calls timely, as in same day. In addition to teaching me substantive law, Professor Geu knew the legislative history from other states. He anticipated legislators' questions and prepared me with the appropriate responses. Eventually, the South Dakota legislature enacted Limited Liability Company legislation and such was directly attributed to Professor Geu.

If one reviews business law portions of our Code, you will note that the Business Law Committee of the State Bar was very active. In the 90s and early 2000s. Our success with LLC legislation established great credibility with the legislature enabling the State Bar to successfully propose and secure enactment of many business organization legislation, including LLPs, LLLPs, uniform LLCs, UCC updates/revisions, and others. I can advise the readers of this introduction that Professor Geu was my tutor and mentor on each and every one of these proposals. No single lawyer or professor has had more influence on bringing modern business organization to South Dakota than Professor Geu—and I know—I lobbied the legislation and could not have done so without his expertise and tutorship.

Even among lawyers, few are aware of the existence of the Uniform Laws Commission (NCCUSL). In South Dakota our Commissioners are appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. That said, because of the paucity of lawyer legislators, the State Bar has always had substantial influence in the selection and appointment of our South Dakota Uniform Laws Commission. In 2007, it was a distinct honor to help facilitate Professor Geu's appointment to the Commission, a position he holds to this day. I might add, it was not the facilitation of the State Bar that secured that appointment; rather, Professor Geu's unmatched credentials.

Upon the retirement of Dean Vickrey, Professor Geu was selected as interim dean of the Law School, and subsequently, dean of the Law School. From that point through his tenure, if there was a gathering of lawyers, Dean Geu showed.

His efforts to build and maintain a close relationship with the legal profession was unparalleled. There is a “university” adage “publish or perish.” A review of Geu’s resume reveals an incredible list of publications he wrote and so many presentations (including numerous National meetings) too numerous to recite. Further, he did so notwithstanding his responsibilities and demands as dean of our Law School.

When Geu was elevated to dean from interim dean, he negotiated a salary less than offered because as interim dean, he was well aware of the chronic limited financial resources of our Law School. Around 2015 or so, a perfect storm occurred regarding the bar exam. Nationwide, a dramatic decrease in successful passage rate of the bar exam swept the country—that decrease included a substantial majority including Ivy League and some of the most prominent law schools. South Dakota was no different. Despite limited resources, Dean Geu was under substantial pressure to increase matriculation as a way to increase revenue. Like a good soldier, he complied and guided the Law School through this storm.

This introduction described in some detail the foundation of my relationship with Professor Geu, personal as portions may be. What I can advise is that Professor Geu became a colleague, close friend, and mentor. Assistant Professor, Professor, Dean, and Emeritus Professor Tom Geu, served the Law School and South Dakota legal profession with dedication, honor, and distinction.

COLIN BERNARD†

Teacher and Friend

I was fortunate to identify my interest in business and transactional law prior to arrival at USD’s School of Law because that decision led me into Professor Tom Geu’s classroom for nearly every class he taught. I was doubly fortunate for the experience as his research assistant during my time as a law student because, among other reasons, working with him on his nearly 150-page law review article on the Uniform Limited Cooperative Association Act taught me that I would be better suited to litigation.

My greatest fortune, though, was the opportunity to develop a friendship with Professor Geu, a man who cares immensely for his students and their education. On one of my early visits to his office, I was struck by the fact the books littering his desk were not law books or copies of mind-bendingly esoteric uniform corporate codes. Rather, his desk was covered with books on education theory and practice. Professor Geu’s immense capacities lend themselves to easily

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understanding the law. However, he also knows that a career developing legal knowledge is only half the battle. Professor Geu’s concern goes beyond his intellectual understanding of the law and into how to thoughtfully share that knowledge with his students, for their benefit and the benefit of the bar at large.

Professor Geu’s interest in me and my career extended beyond law school. Two years after my graduation, Professor Geu, knowing my clerkship was coming to an end, took it upon himself to reach out to a former colleague to help me find the next landing spot. It worked. With Professor Geu’s endorsement, I was able to start my private practice career (as a litigator).

Professor Geu’s enduring dedication to his students and their education manifests in the material he teaches and the methods by which he teaches. He understands the law and dedicates himself to learning how to connect with his students and best teach them what he knows. While he taught me about corporate structure and securities laws, he more importantly taught me the value of preparedness, the rewards of hard work, the strength of professional relationships, and ultimately, how great a fresh pair of gator cowboy boots can look. Professor Geu was one of the finest instructors at USD during my time there, and I am proud to call him teacher and friend.

HANNAH HAKSGAARD†

A Thank You Poem

Geu was key in hiring me.
Gave me a job when he was still dean.
I was young and novice.
Had to learn the office.
When I got tenure, he chose to flee.

CHRISTINE HUTTON†

A Force for Good

A few thoughts about Tom Geu, fellow faculty member, Dean of USD School of Law, and friend. In no particular order:

3:00 a.m. USD Security on patrol. Lights on in a law school faculty office. “Probably nothing. Seems to happen a lot lately.” A quick check shows Tom Geu

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hard at work. A smile from Tom, and “Yeah, deadline tomorrow. Come on in and visit a while.” Tom is a well-known scholar, long-time contributor to the Uniform Laws Commission, and author of more commentaries on LLCs than most lawyers can appreciate. He is an expert on chaos theory, as well. Typical that he is working until the wee hours to research and edit. He is meticulous with his scholarship, whether for an article or the Commission.

“Eclectic interests” doesn’t begin to capture Tom’s heart and personality. A scholar of corporate law who reads so widely he can speak to anyone whether the topic is politics, farming, philosophy, small town life, or sports of all kinds. As an alum, Tom is passionate about Nebraska football even in the lean years. At the same time, he is conversant and appreciative of the arts, whether on Broadway or in the USD art gallery to observe works by his elegant and creative wife, Carol. Sometimes adventure beckons—who else do we know who has spent a year in Poland, a stone’s throw from Belarus, as a visiting scholar?

Tom has the Nebraska farmer’s inspiration on how to handle a drought or locusts. Or your new house inundated by the Missouri River floods the very day you take over as Dean of USD Law School. Stay calm and carry on is too British but the point is apt: Tom hunkers down and thinks, “many people have it worse and we can handle this,” all while keeping a sense of humor. Funny how Tom’s jokes improve as the disasters mount.

Some consider Tom “old school” in that he has a sense of things being done the right way. Drive six hours to meet with a law school alum because meeting in person is the right way to do things. Then drive right back to be at school for the morning class. Follow a meeting or conversation with a cigar and beverage. Cover law school funding deficiencies from one’s own pocket. Make oneself available at any hour for a student or faculty member who needs to talk, or is in trouble, or needs a helping hand (possibly including bail money, but I have no details). Tom does not tolerate racism, misogyny, or mistreatment of any group.

Most importantly for the Law School, profession, and society as a whole, Tom believes in the law as a force for good. For order. For justice. He works every day to make that a reality.

With gratitude for Tom’s many years of service to the Law School, my thanks to him and to the Law Review for dedicating this volume to Tom Geu.

VERONICA KNUTSON†

A Force from Day One

On that Monday morning, August 9, 2021, at 9:30 sharp, a figure entered the classroom—a tall, white-bearded man sporting round glasses and a crisp pair of Nike Air Force 1 sneakers. His demeanor was a blend of firmness and empathy as he surveyed the room of eager first-year students. “Good morning, and welcome to USD Knudson School of Law,” he declared. “My name is Professor Geu.”

As the class unfolded, Professor Geu unveiled his characteristic approach to teaching. He outlined his method of cold-calling, where students were to stand for their recitals when prompted by his distinct phrase, “for the bell tolls for thee,” followed by the ringing of a bell before calling on a student to present the case. While sitting there, absorbing this unique style, I wondered whether this would be the norm for all law classes ahead.

Professor Geu didn’t stop there. He laid a bare foundational principle—there would rarely be a singular definitive answer in law; rather, he emphasized the notorious legal proverb: “it depends.” As a wide-eyed 1L, the revelation that the law was not a world of absolutes—right or wrong, black or white—hit me rapidly.

Our first-year naivety swiftly dissipated as Professor Geu dove deeper into the complexities of the law. He illuminated the influence of our perceptions and personal experiences in the practice of law, cautioning us about the inherent biases in our viewpoints. He recognized that the class had a diverse background, and emphasized that while our perceptions were influential, they were uniquely ours—not a universal truth.

Throughout the semester, Professor Geu’s teaching method transformed the dynamics of our class discourse. His unique approach wasn’t just about testing our knowledge; it was a tool to challenge our interpretations. He would often play devil’s advocate, pushing us to defend our perspectives or to understand our mistakes. Throughout this time, he would remind us that we learn by “trying, failing, and trying again.” This constant intellectual challenge made me a better student. It forced me to dig deeper in my understanding, to question assumptions, and to articulate a response with clarity and assurance.

Beyond the intellectual challenge in the classroom, Professor Geu’s impact extended far and wide. Whether it was a passing moment in the breezeway, or a casual encounter elsewhere, his warm greeting of “Hi, how ya doin’?” was more

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than a formality—it was said with genuine care and compassion for each person he spoke to. He was routinely available outside of the classroom, to answer questions from class, or to lend an ear and talk about an interesting and funny encounter he had as of late. This accessibility that Professor Geu provided, coupled with his interest in his students’ well-being and success, created an environment where students could feel valued and supported beyond academics.

The blend of intellectual challenge in the classroom and unwavering support outside of it defined Professor Geu’s teaching style. He did not just show up to class to educate; he fostered growth for his students, both academically and personally, which created a community where learning was not confined to textbooks but thrived in everyday interactions.

DYLAN NOVAK†

I was never fortunate enough to know Dean Geu while he held the position of dean at the USD Knudson School of Law; I only knew him as Professor Geu. Coming to law school in the fall of 2021, I admit I was nervous upon learning that my torts professor was the former dean of the Law School. I expected him to assign a hundred pages of reading each night and, frankly, to be boring. However, it quickly became clear that Professor Geu was not your “traditional dean.” I first encountered him when he walked into our 9:30 a.m. torts class wearing baggy blue jeans, the whitest pair of Nike Air Force 1 sneakers I had ever seen, and sipping on a Monster energy drink. If I had to guess, that was likely his way of showing his students that he was just like us in an attempt to try to ease some of our nerves.

Anyone who has had a class with Professor Geu will easily recall the feeling of hearing their name called for one of his famous cold calls. Getting a cold call is bad enough, but Professor Geu knew how to intensify the situation. As luck would have it, I found that out on day one. My name was called, and, as Professor Geu required, I stood to begin my very first law school cold call on *Weaver v. Ward*.⁹ I felt a little nervous, but I had read the case and felt prepared. How bad could it be? However, I didn’t get far into Professor Geu’s peppering of questions before I could no longer answer what he was asking of me. While this might sound like mental torture turned public humiliation to someone who hasn’t gone through law school, Professor Geu’s method of questioning students wasn’t meant to make us feel inept; it was designed to make us think on our feet (literally), and to test our true understanding of the law.

After a few weeks of class with Professor Geu, I found myself not only relating to his background and upbringing but also developing a type of friendship with him. I would go to his office hours to ask what I thought was a quick question about negligence, and suddenly, an hour had passed. I had forgotten to even ask

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9. 80 Eng. Rep. 284 (K.B. 1616).

my question, and we were talking about a new picture he was excited to hang on his door. When I reflect on why I was drawn to Professor Geu the most, it's because of how he took his time to explain things that clearly weren't making sense. He was never mean or belittling towards someone for providing an incorrect answer, and he genuinely cared and wanted the best for every student he has ever crossed paths with. Professor Geu has always been one of the most approachable professors at the law school, likely because of his demeanor and kind attitude towards everyone.

While I have countless stories and experiences to share from the short time that I have known Professor Geu, both inside and outside of school, I simply do not have enough space in this one dedication. As I said at the beginning, I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dean Geu while he was dean, as so many have. I did know him as Professor Geu, and now, like so many who are reading this, I know him as my friend, Tom Geu.

TOM SIMMONS†

A Childhood Truncated by Tax Court

There once was a child from Sidney
 who puzzled on co-ops with glee
Puget Sound Plywood
 ended his childhood
 It fed tax-based queries in he

BARRY R. VICKREY†

Julius Caesar might have said that all of a law professor's life is divided into three parts: teaching, scholarship, and service. As a faculty member during my time as dean and since, Dean & Professor Emeritus Tom Geu conquered all three of these areas of professional responsibility.

During each of my eighteen years as dean, I observed Tom in the classroom and met with him in an annual evaluation conference. Tom was a dedicated and innovative classroom teacher. He understood that good teaching involves more than just knowing your subject matter. He studied and thought about teaching methods. He wanted to do more than teach; he wanted his students to learn.

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Tom was also a prolific and adventurous scholar. He published not only on business organizations, his primary area of expertise, but also on the cutting-edge application of chaos and complexity theory to the law. He co-authored with other faculty members, which requires interpersonal as well as intellectual prowess. He published articles in the *South Dakota Law Review* and in other law reviews and professional journals across the nation and even in Poland and China.

Tom also gave tirelessly of his time and expertise to professional organizations, including the State Bar of South Dakota. Perhaps his most notable professional service has been as a South Dakota commissioner to the Uniform Law Commission, which has produced most of the uniform statutes adopted by state legislatures for more than a century.

In addition to his faculty service, Tom served the Law School diligently as dean. He did so at the most difficult time to be a law school dean in my lifetime. Various factors had created an unprecedented national downturn in law school applications, and this national phenomenon affected applications to USD. Declining applications present particularly difficult management issues for small law schools like USD. Tom successfully navigated the Law School through these stormy times.

I know Tom would agree that any recognition of him requires acknowledgement of the support provided by his wife Carol. She was a pioneer at USD in online instruction, which undoubtedly helped prepare USD for the use of this instructional method during the COVID-19 pandemic. Carol was a valuable member of the Law School family and a good friend to my wife Mary and me.