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Professor Frederic (“Fred”) S. Schwartz left Oklahoma City University School of Law at the end of the 2009–2010 academic year, though it is hardly a “retirement” in the sense of withdrawal from an active intellectual lifestyle. Fred and his wife Debra (a 1999 OCU Law School graduate) are veterans of numerous historical and architectural study trips to Europe (including personal navigation of boats on European waterways), and they are planning a significantly expanded overseas travel schedule. So this is not so much a retirement as a case of “have interests, will travel.”

Fred came to OCU in 1988 as an Associate Professor of Law, having previously served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and an Assistant Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At OCU, Fred focused his teaching on Wills, Trusts, and Estates and Property law. Before entering academia, he served as an attorney in the Office of Trust Counsel, Trust Division, at United California Bank of Los Angeles.

Fred was born in Philadelphia, but moved with his family to southern California at age eight. His intellectual prowess was evident, and he graduated from Stanford University with a major in Biological Science (!) and then went on to Harvard Law School where he received his J.D. in 1976. Later, he received his LL.M. in Urban Studies from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

Fred is a prolific intellectual, both in and outside the classroom. Fred’s publications before and since coming to OCU are outstanding contributions to his fields of endeavor.¹ Among other things, three of

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1. His publications include FREDERIC S. SCHWARTZ, A STUDENT’S GUIDE TO THE

Fred's law review articles are cited in the latest edition of a prominent law school casebook on Wills, Trusts, and Estates that is widely used by law professors nationwide (and by all such faculty at OCU).² Fred also has served as advisor to the *Oklahoma City University Law Review*.

Viewing the sophistication of Fred's academic achievements, one might be surprised to learn that Fred is also an unusually sensible, modest, and generally "down-to-earth" person. From your author's perspective, Fred has been an ideal colleague: competent and productive, contributing to the Law School and at the same time, a quiet voice of reason. I have never taken the time to tell Fred how much he is appreciated, so I am glad to have this opportunity to do so now.

Fred and Debra are fortunate to be retiring from their profession at an active and healthy stage of life (Debra is simultaneously retiring from her position as Assistant Attorney General, another loss for Oklahoma) with plans to expand their travel and related interests and activities (among these, Fred enjoys reading books (in French! egad!) on French history and architecture). This is truly the case of a loss for OCU but a gain for Fred and Debra. Bon Voyage, my friends.

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2. JESSE DUKEMINIER, ROBERT H. SITKOFF & JAMES LINDGREN, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES, at xxxii (8th ed. 2009).