

INTRODUCTION

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It is fitting that the *Ohio State Law Journal* in this issue gives recognition to Professor Robert L. Wills for his many contributions to the jurisprudence of Ohio during his thirty years of service to the Ohio State University College of Law.

Upon returning to his alma mater to teach, Professor Wills brought over ten years of experience in the practice of law in Cleveland and Chillicothe and an uncommon interest in both teaching and in the development of the law in Ohio. These interests have been maintained over the years, and have resulted in enrichment of the legal education of the students of the College of Law and in lasting contributions to Ohio civil procedure. Professor Wills' expertise in the field of civil procedure is well known by his students and the legal community. In particular and especially noteworthy were his outstanding efforts in securing the adoption of summary judgment procedures in Ohio.

In addition to performance of his teaching duties, Professor Wills has provided service to the lawyers of the state through his timely scholarly articles in the *Law Journal*.¹ His public service beyond teaching includes membership on the Ohio Judicial Council and on the Civil Rules Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The Civil Rules Advisory Committee was charged with the responsibility of providing drafts of proposed rules of civil procedure to the Supreme Court of Ohio for consideration and adoption by the court and for submission to the General Assembly of Ohio. Professor Wills' talents were especially suited for the task of that committee and his active participation in that work resulted in lasting and meaningful contributions to the procedural law of the state.

In looking back over the past thirty years at the College of Law, Professor Wills can be justly proud of his accomplishments. Those

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¹ *Joinder of Master and Servant*, 23 OHIO ST. L.J. 488 (1962); *Procedure Under the Ohio Summary Judgment Statute*, 20 OHIO ST. L.J. 613 (1959); *A Proposed Summary Judgment Statute for Ohio*, 19 OHIO ST. L.J. 1 (1958); *Wrongful Death and Personal Injuries: Joinder of Causes of Action and Counterclaims*, 16 OHIO ST. L.J. 501 (1955); *The New Ohio Municipal Court Act*, 12 OHIO ST. L.J. 314 (1951); *The Effect of Improper Venue Upon the Jurisdiction of the Person and of the Subject Matter*, 11 OHIO ST. L.J. 291 (1950); Wills and Boyer, *Proposed Changes in Federal Removal Jurisdiction and Procedure*, 9 OHIO ST. L.J. 257 (1948).

of us who know him and who have worked with him over that span of time join in honoring him with this commemorative edition of the *Law Journal*.