

In Memoriam Professor Robert M. Krivoshey

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Introduction

This Issue of the *Ohio State Law Journal* is dedicated to Professor Robert M. Krivoshey, who regrettably passed away on August 16, 2016. Born in New York to Max and Ann Krivoshey, Professor Krivoshey received his undergraduate degree from Yeshiva University in New York City. He went on to obtain both a master’s degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago before attending law school at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.¹

Professor Krivoshey was a gifted storyteller, a skilled trial lawyer, and a devoted teacher. After receiving his law degree in 1978, Professor Krivoshey worked in private practice as a criminal defense lawyer. Ten years later in 1988, Professor Krivoshey began teaching at The Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law, where he dedicated nearly three decades to training students to prosecute and defend criminal cases. Shortly after beginning his tenure at Moritz, he proposed and founded both the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Criminal Prosecution Clinic. Professor Krivoshey also taught Trial Advocacy, Jury Selection, and Evidence at Moritz, and coached Moritz’s National Trial Advocacy Team. Generations of graduates from the Moritz College of Law appreciated Professor Krivoshey’s mentorship, and generations of students to come will benefit from his dedication to the Moritz community through the Robert M. Krivoshey Clinic Scholarship Fund at the school. Students and faculty alike “loved to hear his stories, to get his advice, or to hear his frank appraisals.”² He cared deeply about his students and took great pride in the alumni that will continue to embody his wisdom.

His instructive influence on the legal community extended well beyond the classroom, through his impact upon trial advocacy scholarship. He edited four books on trial advocacy: *Instructions, Verdicts, and Judicial Behavior*; *Juries: Formation and Behavior*; *Opening Statement, Closing Statement, and Persuasion in Trial Advocacy*; and *Presentation of Evidence to Juries*. He was

¹ Formally known as Ohio State College of Law.

² The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Faculty, *College Mourns Loss of Professor Krivoshey* (Oct. 27, 2016), <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/briefing-room/faculty/college-mourns-loss-of-professor-krivoshey-2/> [<https://perma.cc/7PGW-5J7V>].

also the editor of a four-part anthology of scholarly articles, *Readings in Trial Advocacy and the Social Sciences*.

Professor Krivoshey is survived by his wife, Goldie Shabad, whom he met when they were both Ph.D. candidates at the University of Chicago, and their children: Mira Krivoshey, and Ariel and Jennifer Shabad Krivoshey. He is also survived by his sister: Lynn Bakst; his nephews: Joshua Bakst, and Daniel and Morgan Bakst; and his grandnephew: Bennett Shey. The *In Memoria* tributes that follow reflect, in small measure, the inestimable effect Professor Krivoshey had on the legal community and the Moritz College of Law as an advocate, colleague, mentor, and beloved friend.