

In Memoriam Professor Philip C. Sorensen

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Introduction

This Issue of the *Ohio State Law Journal* serves as a tribute to Professor Philip (Phil) C. Sorensen, who ended his battle with Hodgkin’s disease on February 12, 2017. Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Professor Sorensen attended the University of Nebraska, where he attained his undergraduate and law degrees. Professor Sorensen graduated *cum laude* from the University of Nebraska’s law school in 1959.

Professor Sorensen began his vibrant legal and political career as a law clerk for Judge Robert Van Pelt of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska from 1959–1960. He subsequently spent five years practicing law until 1965, when he was elected as the Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska, a position he served faithfully until 1967. As Professor Sorensen was managing his career as a politician and lawyer, he also found his passion for teaching. His teaching career began in 1960, when he became an instructor at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Beginning in 1965, he served as a lecturer for the University of Omaha, and in 1974 Professor Sorensen began his tenured career as a law professor at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.¹ While at Ohio State, Professor Sorensen served as the President’s Club Professor of Law, director of the Socio-Legal Center, and associate dean. On top of his academic, political, and legal success, Professor Sorensen had commendable experience working for nonprofit organizations, including his positions as executive director of the Cummins Engine Foundation, executive director of the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, and chairman of the Project on Corporate Responsibility.

Professor Sorensen was preceded in death by his mother, Annis Sorensen, his father, Christian Sorensen, and his brothers, Robert, Tom, and Ted Sorensen. Professor Sorensen is survived by his greatest life achievements, his children, Rebecca Bowers, Allan Sorensen, Karen Sorensen, and Josephine Sorensen, as well as his beloved wife, Janice Sorensen, and his sister, Ruth Singer. Professor Sorensen was also a grandfather of five to Mark Bowers, Jeffrey Bowers, Christian Sorensen, Allan Sorensen, and Abigail Sorensen. Although words cannot express the impact that Professor Sorensen had upon his family, friends, colleagues, and students, the *In Memoria* tributes that follow serve as a testament to the love and admiration of those who knew him.

¹ Formally known as Ohio State College of Law.

