Tribute to Judge David Schuman

Oregon Court of Appeals Judge David Schuman dedicated thirty-five years of service to the state of Oregon. Throughout his illustrious legal career, Judge Schuman touched the lives of many, and his memory lives on through his work as a jurist, scholar, and public servant.

Judge Schuman earned his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, a master’s degree from San Francisco State University, and a doctorate from the University of Chicago. He earned his law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1984. After law school, Judge Schuman clerked for Justice Hans A. Linde of the Oregon Supreme Court. He served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice from 1985 to 1987, then began teaching at the University of Oregon School of Law. In 1994, he left the law school to serve as Deputy Attorney General for the state of Oregon.

Judge Schuman returned to teaching at the law school in 2001, and he was appointed to the Oregon Court of Appeals shortly after. Judge Schuman spent his time on the bench ardently upholding the law and maintaining a keen eye for its effect on the people of Oregon. Through his writings, he made significant contributions to Oregon constitutional law and demonstrated great care for the public. After retiring from the bench in 2014, Judge Schuman returned to teaching law once again.

Among his colleagues, Judge Schuman was known for his passion, diligence, and integrity. To his students, Judge Schuman was a supportive mentor and ally. And in all he did, Judge Schuman brought an unparalleled wit.
In this issue of Oregon Law Review, we honor Judge Schuman’s legacy, and we offer thanks for his dedication to the Oregon legal community.

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