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DEDICATION

This issue of the Kentucky Law Journal is dedicated to Professor William Lewis Roberts, who retired from the Law School of the University of Kentucky in June, 1947.

He was born in Goffstown, New Hampshire, Feb. 17, 1877, received his A.B. degree from Brown University, 1903, studied at Harvard Law School, 1907–1909, and received his A.M. from Pennsylvania, 1915, J.D., University of Chicago, 1920, S.J.D., Harvard, 1930.


Professor Roberts was admitted to the bar of Massachusetts in 1910, to the bar of New Hampshire, 1918, and practiced law in the offices of Walter I. Badger, Boston, and Philip Falkner, Keene, New Hampshire. He is a member of the American Bar Association, of the American Association of University Professors, Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Alpha Delta.

In 1920 he came to the University of Kentucky as professor of law. Since coming to the University he was research fellow in the Harvard Law School (1929–1930) acquiring his S.J.D. there in 1930, and visiting professor of law, University of Pittsburgh, 1930–1931. Though he has taught Domestic Relations, Wills, and Constitutional Law, his work here has been chiefly in the field of Property Law.

The writings of Professor Roberts include the following:


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As chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on Significant Decisions on Real Property Law, he prepared a report for the 1946 meeting at Atlantic City, October 28th.

The Law Journal expresses its appreciation to Professor Roberts for his twenty seven years of loyal and valuable service on the staff of the College of Law and wishes for him a long and happy period of retirement.

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