In Memoriam: Dr. F. Del Wasden (1934-1999)
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This issue of the Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal is dedicated to the memory of its founder, Dr. Del Wasden, who passed away April 3, 1999 after a lengthy, courageous, and uncomplaining battle with cancer. Del Wasden was born June 22, 1934 in Scipio, Utah. He received a Bachelors Degree in Botany-Zoology, and a Masters Degree and Doctorate in Educational Administration from BYU, and a Masters Degree in Counseling/Guidance from the University of Utah. He is survived by his parents, Alma Lloyd and Nola Inez Quarnberg Wasden of Scipio, UT, his wife, Claudia Wasden, Principal of Alpine Elementary School, his five children and two step-children, Mark Lloyd Wasden, Nathan Del Wasden, Megan Robinson, Judd Wasden, Tara Ann Wasden, Jennifer Belmont, and Brandon Owens, and by his brother Lyle Wasden and 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Wasden taught high school biology for five years and was the principal of two elementary schools, including an experimental elementary school, which was an outstanding exam-
ple of the early "open" schools without standard interior walls. Beyond the physical innovation, Dr. Wasden's school was known for innovative team teaching, continuous progress curriculum, and individualized instruction. Besides being the founder of the Education and Law Journal, he co-authored the book "The Law and Teacher Employment" and several scholarly articles on educational and legal topics. He served as a consultant to many school districts on leadership, management and legal issues, and served as a hearing officer in administrative law cases in education.

In his 26 years as a professor by BYU he twice served as the Department Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership. Under his leadership, the department developed and implemented the "Stewardship Model" of education leadership, and the Leadership Preparation Program, BYU's nationally recognized and award-winning program for preparing principals as educational leaders.

Del had a deep and abiding love of the law and of the U. S. Constitution and the rights they safeguard. He was an extraordinary colleague and a gifted teacher and mentor to countless students of the law and education. None of the cold facts above adequately capture the service and contribution that characterized Dr. Wasden's life. He was possessed of a rare combination of gifts and graces including a deep and inquiring intellect, meticulous and demanding scholarship, gifted teaching ability, and great respect for action and practice that make change and bless lives. Most importantly to those of us who loved him, Del had the rare ability to forget self in service while lifting others with a quiet wisdom and warmth. Together as friends, colleagues, students, and as the Editorial Board of the Journal we honor his foresight and leadership in establishing and guiding the Journal of Education and Law. We honor his memory and the fortunate circumstance and providence that allowed us to know him.