

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR BARBARA GREEN

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Prof. Barbara Green is an outstanding educator. This straightforward statement is perhaps the most fitting tribute to her and her fine career here at the Creighton University School of Law.

Barbara graduated with an A.B. from Smith College in 1966. She then received her J.D. and L.L.M. from Boston University, the latter earned in that institution's distinguished tax program. Barbara was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts in 1971 and practiced law there until 1980, the last year also lecturing at Boston University.

In 1980, Barbara was appointed an Associate Professor of Law at Creighton University. Then-Dean Shkolnick's recommendation to the University President regarding the appointment at an advanced rank cogently noted that, "her practice and teaching experience and graduate study in taxation make appointment at this level appropriate." In 1984, Barbara was awarded tenure and promoted to full professor, one of the first women at Creighton University to hold this rank.

Barbara principally taught courses to which many students do not gravitate. Taxation, Tax Practice, Estate Planning, Trusts and Estates and Estate and Gift Taxation are among the many courses that must be included in any fair summary of her career. Notwithstanding the challenging subject matter, students were always drawn to Barbara's courses by her humane touch and sense of humor. Yet, she was able to draw students in without compromising the rigor of the subject matter or the educational demands of law school.

As one would expect of any person possessing her intellectual capabilities, Barbara made important contributions to the legal literature, the development of the law, and the community. Yet, to my mind, her outstanding contribution to our School and the lives of so many of our graduates was, is, and always will be as an educator.

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