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The Honorable Eugene A. Cook  
Justice  
The Supreme Court of Texas  
P.O. Box 12248  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Justice Cook:

Thank you for your splendid letter of December 22, 1989, and for the copies of the pamphlet on "The Texas Lawyer's Creed--A Mandate for Professionalism." I wholeheartedly endorse the Creed and particularly its emphasis on the need for civility and courtesy in the litigation process. I congratulate you and the other members of The Supreme Court of Texas and The Court of Criminal Appeals on this pathbreaking effort.

I believed that the standards set forth in "The Texas Lawyer's Creed" are critically important and that law students should learn these professional standards while still in law school. To this end, I have asked Barrett Reasoner, Chairman of the Board of Advocates (BOA), to secure an ample supply of the pamphlets and to distribute a copy to each participant in BOA-sponsored activities each year. The BOA is the student organization that oversees all advocacy competitions at The University of Texas School of Law, and more than two-thirds of the student body participate in such activities each year. Given the breadth of the advocacy programs, no student will graduate without receiving a copy of the pamphlet.

I also wish to request an additional 100 copies of the pamphlet so that I can give a copy to each of the 57 regular members of the faculty and the 40 or so adjunct professors from practice and the judiciary whom we employ each year.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark G. Yudof".

Mark G. Yudof  
Dean and James A. Elkins  
Centennial Chair in Law

cc: The Honorable Michael J. McCormick  
Presiding Judge  
The Court of Criminal Appeals