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DEAN JOSEPH W. BELLACOSA:

The remarks are going to be very brief because you have a wonderful speaker. The students from the *Journal* have done an excellent job in preparing this program today. One of the great gifts to me in this connection is the distinctive honor and privilege to make a unique presentation today. "Unique" is a word that is overused and often misused. In this instance it is perfectly appropriate. There have been only three Chief Judges of the United States Court of International Trade. St. John's University School of Law proudly claims all three as its own. And we honor them individually and collectively today.

I was thinking about this last night and again this morning. I tried to do a quick calculation of the years of service of all three, and not just years of service on the Court of International Trade as Chief Judge, but years of service in public life and in teaching

and in all the exceptional things that these three honorees have accomplished. I am still counting and getting close to biblical proportions. The number is mathematically huge.

I am also reminded of the fact that at one time when I was on the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, we had, of the seven judges of that court, three judges who were graduates of St. John's University School of Law, the Honorable Vito Titone from Staten Island, the Honorable Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick from Manhattan, and myself. I thought there must be something magical and wonderful about the number three. But we were on the Court of Appeals at the same time, and the other difference is that we were not "Chiefs." That is very distinctive for our three honorees today, as is their unbroken line of succession.

The inspiration for including this unique recognition today came from that lunch conversation with Chief Judge Carman. Here we are in this solarium with the natural light of a beautiful day shining especially on our honorees.

Gregory Carman and I go back to the time when St. John's was located at 96 Schermerhorn Street in Downtown Brooklyn. He had a very distinguished public career as a Member of Congress, as a practitioner, as an elected official in a local municipality, the second largest municipality in the United States and now continuing as a Chief Judge. So local, national, and international have been his worlds especially now in the judicial branch of our federal government. These are extraordinary personal and professional accomplishments in which he and his Alma Mater share great pride. He has also written extensively, and not just excellent judicial opinions. He has given us other useful, inspirational and educational works. He has lectured and he has taught and he has been honored in numerous ways. He has many earned and honorary degrees. But today is special and unique.

St. John's University School of Law is proud to recognize him today and to thank him for his accomplishments and what they mean to the public, to the bench and the bar, and to his Alma Mater. We applaud him especially for the service that he performs in being a role model for you, the wonderful students who are here. And now Chief Judge Gregory Carman, please step forward.

I am delighted to present to my classmate, a most

distinguished alumnus, this recognition of St. John's University School of Law: Gregory W. Carman, Class of 1961, in recognition especially of your distinguished career as Chief Judge United States Court of International Trade, presented on March 8, the Year 2002, the third so far of our Chief Judges of that important court.

Congratulations and thank you.

HONORABLE GREGORY W. CARMAN:

Thank you, Dean Bellacosa. This is really, from my point of view, a very, very special and exciting day, primarily because of what you, the students, are doing here today. I am very proud to have received my education from St. John's University School of Law. I received a great education here, a great boost, and I continue to use it as all of you are using it who have graduated, who are using it in your work now as students, as part of this great legal profession, of which we are all proud and privileged to be a part.

I thought of the title of today's program, *Globalization's Impact on International Trade and Intellectual Property Law*. That has happened because the students and the faculty have really made this happen. Dean Bellacosa and Associate Dean Simons have really done a great deal to bring this about. I specifically think that it would be appropriate also for me to give special thanks to the people on the *Journal of Legal Commentary*, who facilitated this process - Ann Coale, Editor-in-Chief, Michael Daly, Research and Symposium Editor, the entire Board of Editors and Staff of the *Journal*, Professor Ettie Ward, whose great work we have witnessed today, and who is the Faculty Advisor to the *Journal*, and Professor Charles Biblowit, the consultant to the *Journal* on International Law.

I want to mention just a couple of other matters that, for me, are very special. If you think about what a really remarkable set of circumstances this is, at least for me. My former professor, who is a co-honoree here today, Chief Judge Emeritus Edward D. Re, Distinguished Professor, is a professor you all know. But there are some things about him that you don't know, and actually, his great contributions to the United States Court of International Trade are remarkable. One of the reasons for the Court's current standing is due in no small measure to his

individual contributions to that effort. You will hear him talk about the United States Court of International Trade having all of the powers in law and equity, as any United States District Court. You know how that came to be. He worked hand in hand with Congress, with Chairman Rodino of the Judiciary Committee, and did a magnificent job.

And another co-honoree who, unfortunately, is not here today, is former Chief Judge Dominick L. DiCarlo, but his family is with us today. I had known Dominick since the early '60s when I was a student at St. John's Law School, working as a student assistant at the U.S. Attorney's Office, and observed a young lawyer, named Dominick DiCarlo trying drug cases. And what a remarkable example he was. And I feel that one of the reasons I am so excited about this occasion is that it offers you an opportunity to be a part of this tradition of service. That is really what each of us does as human beings – try and give service one to another as we go through life.

The program we are involved in today is so important. Something I plan to say—and you will probably hear me say it several times during the afternoon discussions, and following what transpired this morning - these agreements in which we are involved are going to work, they have to work. There is no alternative to having them work. And we are a part of it here at St. John's, part of a tradition that is in scholarship, in service, in caring about one's fellow human beings. How proud I am to be a part of all of you. Thank you very much.

DEAN JOSEPH W. BELLACOSA:

I next wish to recognize posthumously an esteemed former Chief Judge of the Court of International Trade, Dominick DiCarlo. His family represented by children Robert and Barbara, and other friends and family are here, and we are so pleased that you should honor us with your presence as we honor your beloved Dominick DiCarlo. We are doing this in proud remembrance of a dear friend. As Chief Judge Gregory Carman just acknowledged, he knew Mr. DiCarlo and I knew Assemblyman DiCarlo before he was Chief Judge DiCarlo. I knew him when I went to Albany to be associated with the Court of Appeals in the mid '70s and saw and heard about this extraordinary debater and legislator who created reforms and moved the legislative process of this

state forward and made it better. He then moved on to the United States government in significant posts that brought him to the highest reaches of the State Department and extraordinary international responsibilities.

Dominick DiCarlo was a special public servant in the St. John's tradition. His service was recognized by his appointment to the Court of International Trade by President Reagan and then later his appointment as Chief Judge by the first President Bush.

This gentleman, Dominick DiCarlo, has gone to his eternal reward. But what he did for as long as he was with us lives brightly on. He was an exemplar, another model of public service, a man of professional dignity with the kind of intelligence that this school values and that this school seeks to impart to its students. We could not be prouder to recognize all those fine qualities and to celebrate them with his family and his friends here among the faculty, and among the students, in the midst of a very, very special and a very important program on international law today.

I ask that his son Robert, Senator DiCarlo, step forward and accept this recognition of his dear father. I recognize as well the members of the DiCarlo family and the special friends, including John Walsh, who was counsel to Dominick DiCarlo and remembers those Albany years even better than I do. Senator DiCarlo, and daughter Barbara, will you join us, please.

St. John's University School of Law posthumously recognizes the Honorable Dominick L. DiCarlo, Class of 1953, in recognition of his distinguished career as Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, presented on March 8, Year 2002. Congratulations to his family.

DEAN JOSEPH W. BELLACOSA:

To magnificently round out our extraordinary trio, we have the original, the inimitable, and because of his violin years, the maestro. Of course Chief Judge, Distinguished Professor Edward D. Re, and I suppose I could add another title of dear friend and granddaddy, is the honoree of whom I speak. Some of Judge Re's family are here – Mary Ellen and her husband, Kevin, and dear wife Peggy. Thank you very much for honoring us as well with your presence.

This gentleman, Edward D. Re, is a servant of God, a servant

of his country, a servant of St. John's University and his School of Law. For many years, he has been a servant especially to his beautiful and large family. He is a unique friend to me personally. I concur entirely with Chief Judge Carman's comments about Judge Re's mentoring, his teaching role, and what he meant to all of us. He was a teacher to all three of us. Judge DiCarlo, Judge Carman, and myself, and to thousands more. I am back to biblical measurements in the number of students and lawyers who are so grateful to have been pupils of this maestro. He is not only marked by grace and intelligence, and a deep dedication to ethical principles and morality, but a love, and I am unashamed to use that word, of the institutions he has been associated with. We know him personally and from the resumé that is in program. We know him by all of his distinguished accomplishments – author, teacher, diplomat, international and public leader, and most significantly for today, a most judicious judge and Chief Judge. His key Presidents – if I may refer to them as key Presidents, because it seems like he knew them intimately from the conversations and stories that he tells – were Kennedy, who appointed Professor Re to go to Washington, when I was a student; then Johnson, in a very extended and special way; and later Carter. They all appointed him to higher and higher posts. Judge Re's curriculum vitae, if I were to go on, would fill the rest of the afternoon. Yet, we must leave time for our keynote speaker and the program you have for this afternoon.

So I am going to dispense with further recitation because I have expressed from my heart what I feel about this extraordinary gentleman. Without further ado, I ask Chief Judge Emeritus Edward D. Re to please come forward, and I thank you Distinguished Professor Ed for bringing Peggy and Mary Ellen and others of your family to be with us today.

St. John's University School of Law presents this recognition to the honorable Edward D. Re, Class of 1943, for his distinguished career as first Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, presented on March 8, and the Year 2002. Congratulations Chief Judge, Distinguished Professor and dear friend.

Honorable Edward D. Re:

Thank you so much Dean Bellacosa. Thank you very much for those kind words and congratulations on your ability to have summarized a long life in such a brief and meaningful way. I am glad you read my book on Brief Writing and Oral Argument.

It is a joy to have with us today my former pupil and friend, Chief Judge Gregory Carman, as well as the family of my former pupil and friend, Chief Judge Dominick DiCarlo.

I use the word "pupil" in its classical sense, because having married a pupil, I know that the word pupil is an important word especially when we speak at an academic, scholarly gathering. The latin words have been mistranslated into English as "master and servant." In their most accurate sense, the original latin words are not "master and servant." The latin words are magister and discipulus, i.e. school-master or teacher and pupil, i.e., "master" only in the sense of being the leader or mentor. As such, a teacher not only teaches but also instills values, skills and moral norms.

I am delighted to be here together with representatives of the DiCarlo family and my dear friend and colleague, Gregory Carman. The great privilege that I had with relation to Judge Carman and Judge DiCarlo is that I was privileged to have administered the oath of office to both of them as United States Judges. You cannot imagine the joy of a teacher when you see someone who was a "pupil" who is now before you to take the oath of office as a United States Judge of an Article III Court who will hold judicial office in the language of the U.S. Constitution "during good behavior," which, in the ordinary course of events, means "for life."

At the outset, I wish to congratulate those members of the *Journal* who prepared the program. They have worked hard and have prepared an interesting and valuable symposium on a very important subject. Our discussions today will deal with a very important topic of interest to all members of the legal profession as well as all consumers and citizens.

I should also like to congratulate and thank our Dean. We are very happy that he is here with us. A word of thanks is also deserved by those students who guide the destiny of the *Journal of Legal Commentary*. Hence, a special word of thanks to Ann Coale, Robert DelGiorno, Denis Brogan and Michael Daly, and to

all of the staff members; and also, of course, the faculty advisors. Hence, I accept my responsibility as a true son of St. John's, always grateful for all that the University has done for me, and, all that I can add, is that, whenever possible, I will do whatever I can in return, as a manifestation of my gratitude and appreciation. Thank you all so very much.