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*On the occasion of his  
retirement as Associate Judge of  
the New York State Court of Appeals  
the Editors respectfully dedicate  
this issue to Adrian P. Burke*

## ADRIAN P. BURKE

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I join with the Editors of the *St. John's Law Review* in this well-deserved tribute to Judge Adrian P. Burke upon his retirement from the New York Court of Appeals. His has been one of the long tenures of the court, spanning some 19 years. His contribution to the development of the law during that time will be measured by generations yet to come. Those of us who remain, together with those judges newly appointed to the court, will miss sorely Judge Burke's wise counsel.

Throughout his service on the bench, Judge Burke has always shown an appreciation for the needs and demands of modern society. To that he adds his lifelong dedication to the problems of the young and community organizations concerned with youth. In the past 19 years, new demands have been made upon the judicial system to readjust and redefine social relationships. Judge Burke has helped the court to respond to change, and to make it a flexible engine in the advancement of society.

It is a measure of the man that Judge Burke has left the court to begin a new career as Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. At a time when most men think of retirement, Judge Burke has answered the call to duty to assume yet another role in government, and an exacting and burdensome one at that. It is indeed the very post he left almost 20 years ago when he came to the Court of Appeals.

To the office of Corporation Counsel and the eight million clients it serves, Judge Burke will bring his fine qualities of character and mind. In whatever branch of government he serves, Judge Burke will

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always have the highest esteem and warm affection of his colleagues. The people of the City of New York have been enriched in gaining so wise and forceful an advocate.