

## Louis Prashker (1891-1959): A Memorial Tribute

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cals and was the author of *Prashker on New York Practice, Cases and Materials on New York Practice, Cases and Materials on Partnership, and Cases and Materials on Corporations*. In the latter editions Professor Prashker enjoyed the active collaboration of his wife, the former Sarah Solomon, who was admitted to the bar in 1949, and the encouragement of their lawyer-children Herbert and Carmel (Mrs. Lawrence Ebb).

Former students will always recall Professor Prashker's classes and the careful, meticulously accurate preparation which they manifested. His contribution to legal education at St. John's in the classroom, in his office, in meetings of the faculty and of the Committee on Curriculum of which he served as chairman for several years, through his voluminous writings and as adviser to the *Law Review*, is well nigh incalculable.

Louis Prashker is mourned not only by his family but by all who knew him as friend, teacher, colleague or counsellor. May he rest in peace.

REV. JOSEPH T. TINNELLY, C.M.\*

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It was a great shock to me to hear, on the morning of January 22, 1959, of the sudden death on the previous evening of my good friend and colleague Louis Prashker. Only two days earlier I had spoken with him on the telephone regarding a school matter and he had told me that, although he was not feeling quite well, there was nothing to be concerned about.

Professor Prashker and I worked together since the first years of the Law School and were for the past year or two the only remaining active members of the faculty who had taught the first graduating class in 1928. And it was from the first edition of his casebook on *New York Practice* that I taught one of the evening sections of this course. If my memory serves me right there were four of us then teaching this subject. Louis Prashker and William Tapley, who died

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in 1950, had charge of the morning and late afternoon classes and James B. M. McNally, now an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, and I, taught the evening sections.

Louis and Bill, as members of the full time staff, also gave many other courses and they, under the able leadership of the late Dean Matheson together with the late Vice Dean Maloney and Frederick A. Whitney, now Vice Dean Emeritus, worked hard toward the building of the young Law School.

In addition to his outstanding contribution to the School in the field of practice, Louis Prashker also devoted much time as a Consultant to the Judicial Council in the revising of practice provisions in the Civil Practice Act, many of his learned studies appearing during the years in the annual reports of the Council. Lately he served with his accustomed ability and devotion as a member of the staff of the Advisory Committee on Practice and Procedure in the drafting of a proposed new Civil Practice Act.

Professor Prashker's interests, however, were not confined to the field of procedure. He also found time to publish books on Corporation and Partnership Law. In fact he was at the time of his untimely death assisting a Joint Legislative Committee on a proposed revision of the corporation laws of the State of New York. His interest in the *St. John's Law Review*, of course, was always very keen, having been one of its founders, a frequent contributor, and the Review's faculty adviser during several periods of its existence.

The Law School has lost a dedicated and outstanding scholar. The members of the Faculty have also lost a devoted friend.

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My association with Professor Louis Prashker commenced when I studied under him at *St. John's Law School*

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