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Dear Mary:

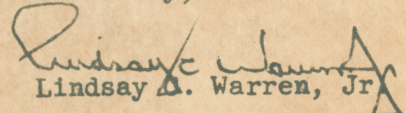
I would like for the University of North Carolina Law Library to have a record of the able and outstanding service rendered to the State by former Dean Dickson Phillips while serving as a member of the North Carolina Courts Commission.

In the general election of 1962 the people of North Carolina ratified an amendment to the State Constitution which rewrote the Judicial Article. Thereafter, in 1963 the General Assembly established the North Carolina Courts Commission. Its function was to draft proposed legislation for the full and complete implementation of the new Judicial Article. The Commission is now a continuing body and is composed of fifteen members. Dean Phillips was one of the initial appointees to the Commission, and he continues to serve as a member. The results of the Commission's work is now codified in the General Statutes, particularly in Chapter 7A. Among its more important legislative accomplishments was the enactment of legislation which established a state-wide District Court system and the North Carolina Court of Appeals, reorganized the office of District Solicitor and rewrote Chapter 9 of the General Statutes dealing with petit jurors. The Commission's biennial reports to the General Assembly should be a part of the library. These reports contain a full report of the Commission's work and its recommendations to the General Assembly.

From the beginning Dean Phillips was actively involved in the work of the Commission. He has devoted literally thousands of hours of time to its work. On jurisdictional and procedural matters his wise counsel was invaluable. As one who had practiced law in the courts of North Carolina, he understood the practical problems involved in the organization of trial and appellate courts. When the Commission was divided over difficult conceptual or policy matters, Dean Phillips frequently proposed, and the Commission accepted, sound solutions resolving difficult implementation problems. He is indeed one of the architects of our present system. As a former Chairman of the Commission, I can attest to his devotion and dedication to the law and the administration of justice. The Law School has just cause to be proud of his distinguished service to the State. It is in the best tradition of our profession.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


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