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I am honored to have the opportunity to write this brief note commending Victor Streib. While others writing about Vic and his many contributions to legal education and the legal profession undoubtedly know Vic more closely than I do, I have the unique perspective of having worked with Vic on the national level when he served as “Visiting Faculty in Residence” at the Association of American Law Schools (“AALS”), where I then served as Executive Director.

While at AALS, Vic demonstrated his many talents, including a great sense of humor and an ability to work with the many diverse people and constituencies of AALS. Vic could always be counted on to defuse a tense situation with his wry sense of humor while simultaneously advancing the objectives of the AALS through the many committee members with whom he worked.

Vic also represented AALS to its many external constituencies, often representing AALS at Consortium of Social Science Associations meetings, American Council of Learned Societies, and American Bar Association meetings in this capacity.

Vic did all of this for AALS while maintaining his abiding commitment to advocating the end of the death penalty and helping others through his representation of their interests in court, including, often, the Supreme Court of the United States.

Vic was also fun to go to a baseball game with and just “hang out.” The number of excellent scholars and teachers who also know how to have fun and relax is far too small. Vic is one of those people. I thank him for enriching my life, the life of legal education and the legal profession and, most importantly, our democratic society through his many contributions.

Good luck in your future endeavors, Vic, and keep in touch with all of us!

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