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A TRIBUTE TO JULIUS STONE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHALLIS CHAIR OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

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The City of Sydney may, geographically, be half a world away from Syracuse; but the dedication of this issue of the Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce to the honoring of Sydney University Law School’s most distinguished faculty member and Australia’s most distinguished law professor testifies to the world-wide influence of Julius Stone’s publications and teaching.

Julius Stone assumed the Challis Professorship of Jurisprudence and International Law in 1942 with his great reputation as a scholar, teacher and publicist already firmly established. In the thirty-one years which followed, he brought world-wide recognition to Sydney University through a series of preeminent publications which have decisively contributed to the clarification and development of international law and legal philosophy. In addition, innumerable academic honors, in recognition of the unique contribution of his writing and teaching, have been accorded him from many disparate parts of the globe and in many diverse areas of human justice.

As a former student of Julius’s, I recall how warmly and understandingly he gave of himself in the classroom and thereafter in discussions with individual students and groups who sought to canvass the ideas he had stimulated. This great generosity of spirit has assured him the very highest regard and affectionate remembrances of generations of former students. Such a special regard as he is capable of engendering has the power of spanning time and distance. Although I came to the United States permanently some 15 years ago, and although our meetings during Julius’s visits to North America have been all too infrequent, his natural qualities always immediately revived our former closeness.

Julius brings the premises of optimistic liberalism to his legal philosophy and his teaching. His published work, as well as his classroom presentations, have always reflected a passionate and

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brilliantly articulated commitment to the open society and procedural due process. In addition, finding procedural fairness to be, of itself, insufficient, he emphasizes a substantive, distributive justice which accords not only the right of each and every one to be recognized and to participate in the social process, but also the right to share in society's benefits, values and productivity.

The papers, written by admiring friends, colleagues, and former students, which follow in this Festschrift celebrating Julius's retirement from Sydney University's Challis Chair of Jurisprudence and International Law, take up specific aspects of Julius's many contributions to legal thought, and reflect the wide range of his influence and insights.

This Festschrift is the product of many minds. Not all of those who would have liked to contribute have been able to do so. Although the pressures of public office and legal practice limited the number of contributors to this Festschrift, the good wishes of those who could not contribute are recognized. This is the joint product of all those who have wished to see in public print both an expression of the general affection for Julius and an acknowledgement of the great intellectual contribution he has made.