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A Symposium Précis

This is not the typical law review symposium. Our concept was to ask members of the legal profession—lawyers, judges and law professors—to reflect on how they have reconciled their professional life with their faith life. We asked them to write essays in the nature of personal narratives, exercises in story-telling, which might inform and perhaps inspire others.

The roster of authors includes prominent persons from all sorts of legal specializations, professional roles, and career experiences. Along the ecumenical axis, we invited authors from many different religious traditions.

We asked our authors to consider such thematic questions as: What do your religious beliefs teach you about how you should perform your life's work? Comparing your faith life and your professional life, would you describe them as being in harmony or in conflict? How has your faith contributed positively to your career, at times of crisis and success? What advice do you have for someone else attempting to rhyme a legal career with his or her religious beliefs?

These authors describe how their religious beliefs oblige them to practice the profession of law, perhaps, though not necessarily, in a manner differently from someone who might not share their beliefs. We did not expect them to reach any unified, final consensus, although many have shared their own deeply-held convictions. The two of us believe that faith, and life itself, is more like a great journey—a pilgrimage of being and becoming, complete with adventures along the way. Each of us is very much a “work in progress.”

Our primary intended audience is lawyers, but these essays speak to all persons of faith who have struggled to live out their beliefs in their work. What we hope for our readers is that this collection of essays will provide them with something akin to a map of others' journeys, including their wanderings and their arrivals.

For ourselves, we dedicate our work on this Symposium to our parents, who gave us the most precious gift of our Faith:

Thomas E. Baker
Timothy W. Floyd
Faculty Editors

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Charles R. Ajalat: Orthodox Christian. Partner, Ajalat, Polley & Ayoob, Los Angeles, California. Specializes in state and local tax law. B.A. 1968, Harvard College; J.D. 1971, University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall). Chancellor, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese; Chairman, International Orthodox Christian Charities; Member, Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. Actively involved at the national level working for Orthodox unity, with the hope that it will result in a transformation of North American culture. His advice to others is to keep doing what you are doing until God leads you in another direction and that "God provides." His essay describes the spiritual struggle and how God has led him over the years.

J. Nickolas Alexander, Jr.: Buddhist. Sole Practitioner, Orange Park, Florida. Specializes in social security, family law, and worker compensation. B.A. 1972, Temple University; J.D. 1977, Antioch School of Law. Former Legal Aid Managing Attorney and Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow. Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award 1994. Pilgrimage to Head Temple at Taisekiji in 1973. An African American lawyer tells the story of his strivings to fulfill his karmic destiny in the law and beyond.

Azizah al-Hibri: Muslim. Allen Professor, 1996-97, T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond. B.A. 1966, American University of Beirut; Ph.D. 1975, J.D. 1985, University of Pennsylvania. Courses taught: corporations, securities regulation, corporate finance and Islamic jurisprudence. Former associate at two major New York law firms, with securities and general corporate law practice. Founder, *Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights*. Member, advisory board, American Muslim Council. Member, editorial boards, *The Journal of Law and Religion* and *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*. Internationally prominent author and speaker. Writes about her efforts to be a good Muslim American corporate lawyer and law professor.

Joseph G. Allegretti: Roman Catholic. A. A. and Ethel Yossem Professor of Legal Ethics, Creighton University School of Law; and Professor, Graduate Program in Theology, Creighton University. B.A. 1974, Colgate University; J.D. 1977, Harvard University; M.Div. 1989, Yale University. Author of numerous scholarly articles on legal ethics, as well as a number of articles on spirituality, ethics, and law in popular journals. His book *The Lawyer's Calling: Christian Faith and Legal Practice* is forthcoming in 1996. His essay suggests ways for lawyers to

fashion a spirituality of work that avoids treating work either as a curse or an idol.

Douglas A. Allen: Nondenominational (Protestant). B.S. 1992, M.S. 1994, Baylor University; Candidate for J.D. 1998, Texas Tech University. A first year law student whose essay was selected by the Symposium Editors in a school-wide writing competition. Grandfather, father, and uncle are Protestant ministers. Chose to attend law school instead of Dallas Theological Seminary. Takes a spiritual look ahead from the perspective of a first-semester law student at the genesis of his legal career.

Warren K. Anderson, Jr.: Episcopalian. Partner, Anderson & Howell, P.A., Jacksonville, Florida. Plaintiffs' personal injury and civil rights practice. B.A. 1974, Wake Forest University; J.D. 1976, University of Florida. Member of the Hindu Society of Northeast Florida, Friends of Esalen, the Aspen Institute, and Buddhist/Mindfulness meditation groups. Writes of his religion as a cosmology that brings together the science of the universe in an eclectic study of the teachings of Buddha, Albert Schweitzer, Lao-tzu, Ramakrishna, Carl Jung, C.S. Lewis, Brian Swimme, and David Steindl-Rast—all mediated by Jesus of Nazareth.

Thomas E. Baker: Byzantine Catholic. Alvin R. Allison Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law. B.S. 1974, Florida State University; J.D. 1977, University of Florida. Teaches and writes in the areas of federal courts and constitutional law. His most recent book is "*The Most Wonderful Work*"—*Our Constitution Interpreted* (forthcoming 1996). Served as Faculty Editor for this Symposium.

William Bentley Ball: Roman Catholic. Member, Ball, Skelly, Murren & Connell, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Specializes in constitutional litigation, particularly free exercise and establishment clause cases. B.A. 1941, Western Reserve University; J.D. 1948, University of Notre Dame. Has represented persons of faith in twenty-two states and presented ten cases to the Supreme Court of the United States, including such landmark decisions as *Yoder*, defending the Old Order Amish from state mandatory education laws; *Zobrest*, guaranteeing a Catholic deaf student's right to publicly funded sign-language interpreter services; and *Lemon*, representing parents' rights to state aid for their parochial schooled children. The author of *Mere Creatures of the State?—A View From the Courthouse* (1994), and the editor of *In Search of a National Morality* (1992). He has been awarded numerous honorary degrees and awards, including Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. His essay looks back

to describe how his faith has been the center of his life, including his legal career spent serving better causes.

Timothy Bowles: Scientologist. Partner, Bowles & Hayes, Los Angeles, California. B.A. 1971, University of California at Berkeley; J.D. 1977, University of California at Davis. Specializes in civil and constitutional litigation. General counsel to the Church of Scientology International, 1986-94. Co-counsel representing Jason Scott in a recent civil suit that ended in a \$4.8 million judgment against the Cult Awareness Network and several affiliated deprogrammers. Pro bono counsel to Narconon International program of drug education and rehabilitation. Summarizes why Scientology and modern psychiatry are diametrically opposed. Argues that civilization as we know it is at risk from the legal system's acceptance and reliance on psychiatry and psychology, particularly in the criminal justice system, which is based on individual responsibility and free will. Calls for a restoration of personal accountability.

B. Carl Buice: Episcopalian. Partner, Waddell, Emerson and Buice, Milledgeville, Georgia; and Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Macon, Georgia. A.B. 1954, J.D. 1957, Mercer University; M.A. (Theology) 1975, Notre Dame University. Former President of the Younger Lawyers' Section and former member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia. Practiced law full-time for eighteen years, then left the practice to study theology and become a full-time parish priest. Currently both a small town general practitioner and the rector of an Episcopal parish. His essay ties together threads of theology, psychology and religious experience to show how one can practice law "to the glory of God."

Stephen L. Carter: Episcopalian. William Nelson Cromwell Professor, Yale Law School. Teaches constitutional law and contracts. B.A. 1976, Stanford University; J.D. 1979, Yale University. Author of several books, including *The Culture of Disbelief: How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion* (1993) and *Integrity* (1996). One of the nation's leading thinkers and commentators on issues of law, religion, politics, and morality, his work has reached far beyond the usual audience for law professors. Wrote the Introduction for this Symposium. Although he argues that "religion in America is in crisis," Professor Carter points out that this Symposium, "in which lawyers and law professors speak from their hearts about some of the connections between their own faith and their work," provides evidence that the law has not taken sides against religion.

Mark E. Chopko: Roman Catholic. General Counsel, National Conference of Catholic Bishops & United States Catholic Conference,

Washington, District of Columbia, specializing in constitutional law, litigation, and administrative law. B.S. 1974, University of Scranton; J.D. 1977, Cornell University. Editorial Board, *Religious Freedom Reporter*; Religious Liberty Committee, National Council of Churches. This essay is adapted from a speech delivered in 1988 at a Red Mass in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The author's thesis is that unless lawyers successfully integrate their public lives with their private virtue, they end up debasing both.

Perry O. Chrisman: Southern Baptist. Partner, Vial, Hamilton, Koch, and Knox, Dallas, Texas. General civil practice with emphasis on professional malpractice, probate, and family law. B.A. 1957; J.D. 1959, Baylor University. For thirteen years he served as a judge in state probate, family, and civil district courts. Also broad experience in mediation and other alternative dispute resolution. Reflects on how he has tried to act out his life as a lawyer "within the call of God." Relies upon the example of Abraham Lincoln as one who humbly committed himself to do the will of God.

Teresa Stanton Collett: Roman Catholic. Professor, South Texas College of Law and Visiting Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School. Teaches professional responsibility, property, and wills and trusts. B.A. 1977, J.D. 1986, University of Oklahoma. Writes regularly on legal ethics and probate law. The author discusses the question "what does it mean to be a Christian woman engaged in the practice of law?" She concludes that law can be a Christian calling, "but only as an extension of God's calling to affirm the truth and live in the relationships he has given us."

John L. Cromartie, Jr.: United Methodist. Associate Minister, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Former Executive Director, Georgia Legal Services Program. B.A. 1964, Emory University; J.D. 1967, University of Georgia; M.Div. 1988, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. After twenty-three years in the practice of law, including nineteen as a legal aid lawyer, left the practice of law and entered the ordained ministry in the local church. The author nonetheless concludes that his legal aid work was deeply influential in his faith development, and that for many the practice of law is the best place to live out God's calling.

Charles R. DiSalvo & William L. Droel: Both co-authors are Roman Catholic. DiSalvo is the Woodrow A. Potesta Professor of Law, West Virginia University College of Law. B.A. 1970, St. John Fisher College; M.A. 1971, Claremont Graduate School; J.D. 1974, University of Southern

California. He teaches trial advocacy (1995 Jacobson Award winner selected by the Roscoe Pound Foundation) and procedure courses, along with seminars in bioethics and civil disobedience. He has published extensively in the professional literature and currently is working on *Mohandas K. Gandhi, Attorney at Law*. Founder, West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest. Droel is Acting Director of Campus Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago. B.A. 1970, St. John Fisher College; M.A. 1980, Mundelein College. The two work together with the National Center for Laity, where DiSalvo is Counsel, and both serve as members of the National Board of Directors. Their essay introduces alternative models of the spirituality of work. The co-authors engage in a respectful debate about the models of spirituality in the context of a lawyer's work.

William Carlton Dodson: Southern Baptist. Director of Government Relations and Legal Counsel, Southern Baptist Convention, Christian Life Commission. B.A. 1978, Texas Tech University; J.D. 1981, Baylor University; Candidate for M.Div., Southeastern Theological Seminary. Former Judge of Lubbock County Court-at-Law Number One who resigned his seat after re-election to a third term to attend seminary. Recently ordained as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Describes how he was led to leave the bench and pursue a very different path. Presents arguments and an invitation regarding the claims of Christianity.

Dan Edwards: Episcopalian. Rector, St. Francis Church, Macon, Georgia. Formerly practiced law relating to migrants, Indians, consumers, criminal, employment, and personal injury areas. B.A. 1972; J.D. 1975, University of Texas; M.Div. 1990; S.T.M. 1992, General Theological Seminary. Active in campus ministry and ministry to the homeless, author of *Study Guide to Prayer Book Spirituality* and *For Every Season*, and Adjunct Professor of Law, Mercer University. Discusses tensions between practice of law and practice of faith. Through discussion of three of his cases as a practicing lawyer, the author describes how the practice of law is an opportunity to practice faith meaningfully because it presents the temptation to betray one's faith.

Marcus G. Faust: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. President, Marcus G. Faust, P.C., Washington, District of Columbia. Legislative practice, natural resources, environmental, public utility and water law, international aviation law. Representative clients include: Central Utah Water Conservancy District; Sierra Pacific Resources; Public Service Company of New Mexico; Clark County, Nevada; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah. B.A. 1974, University of Utah; J.D. 1976, Brigham Young

University. The author's father currently serves as a member of the First Presidency of the L.D.S. Church. The author has been listed as one of Washington, D.C.'s top twenty-five registered lobbyists by the *Washington Business Journal*. His essay explains how his religious beliefs influence his lawyer-lobbyist practice of influencing policy makers.

Timothy W. Floyd: United Methodist. Professor of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law. B.A. 1977, M.A. 1977, Emory University; J.D. 1980, University of Georgia. Teaches and writes in the areas of legal ethics, criminal law, and lawyering skills. Served as Faculty Editor for this Symposium.

Monroe H. Freedman: Jewish. Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics, Hofstra University, formerly Dean of Hofstra University School of Law. Teaches legal ethics, contracts and constitutional law. A.B. 1951, LL.B. 1954, LL.M. 1956, Harvard University. One of the nation's foremost authorities on lawyers' ethics, the author has written two books and several dozen scholarly articles forcefully and consistently arguing that lawyers' ethics must be rooted in the Bill of Rights. In addition he has supported civil rights and civil liberties through his own law practice. His essay discusses how his view of lawyers' ethics derives from his Jewish tradition and Jewish values.

Raul A. Gonzalez: Roman Catholic. Justice, Supreme Court of Texas. B.A. 1963, University of Texas; J.D. 1966, University of Houston; LL.M. 1986, University of Virginia. Former Assistant United States Attorney and state district judge. Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas since 1984. Leader, with his wife Dora Gonzalez, in the Marriage Encounter movement. Discusses his spiritual journey, including his conversion and his subsequent spiritual growth. Very candidly and explicitly describes how his faith has influenced how he has decided cases and how he has written opinions as a member of the Texas Supreme Court.

Joanne Gross, OSU: Roman Catholic. Member, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland; Associate Attorney, Kelley, McCann & Livingstone, Cleveland, Ohio; and Assistant University Attorney, Case Western Reserve University. B.A. 1978, Ursuline College; J.D. 1986, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University. Originally began an essay about being a nun and an attorney representing a university. Instead, tells the story of a brutal murder of another member of the Ursuline Sisters in the spring of 1995, and the subsequent death penalty trial of her killer. The author movingly describes God's grace at work in the midst of these tragic events.

Emily Fowler Hartigan: Roman Catholic and Quaker. Associate Professor, St. Mary's University School of Law. Teaches constitutional law, jurisprudence and a seminar in law and theology. Practiced law for eight years. B.A. 1968, Swarthmore; M.A. 1975, Ph.D 1975, J.D. 1978, University of Wisconsin. Writes about professing the spirit in the practice of law. Describes her struggle to achieve some equilibrium while being many things, including a Catholic and a Quaker and a feminist, a struggle to enable herself and to be enabled to do her called work in the world of academe.

Roy B. Herron: United Methodist. Partner, Herron and Miller-Herron, Dresden, Tennessee; and Member, Tennessee House of Representatives. B.S. 1975, University of Tennessee; M.Div. 1980, J.D. 1980, Vanderbilt University. Former ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. Tells how the life and death struggles of his own children led him to feel a particular calling to use law to help save the lives of children. Describes several laws he helped pass in the Tennessee legislature that protect the lives of children.

Michael W. Jorgensen: Southern Baptist. Director of Operations and General Counsel, Global Missions Fellowship, Inc., Dallas, Texas. Leads evangelistic church planting campaigns in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Former Partner, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas. B.A. 1977, University of Iowa; J.D. 1980, Duke University. The author describes how for years he strained to "climb the ladder of success." Tells how he was led in a radically different direction when he finally put aside his pride and listened to God's call in his life.

Samuel J. Levine: Orthodox Judaism. Assistant District Attorney, Kings County District Attorney's Office, New York. B.A. 1990, Yeshiva College; J.D. 1994, Fordham University; Ordained 1996, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (Yeshiva); LL.M. 1996, Columbia University. Discusses the religious concerns that confront an Orthodox Jew embarking on a professional career and offers his views of how his field of criminal prosecution provides opportunities to integrate professional goals with religious principles.

Tom H. Matheny: United Methodist. Partner, Matheny and Pierson, Hammond, Louisiana. General practice with emphasis on defense and corporate work. B.A. 1954, Southeastern Louisiana University; J.D. 1957, Tulane University. President, Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church (supreme court of the denomination) since 1976. The author, who has a long record of service to his profession, his community, and his

church, emphasizes that conflicts between his faith and his law have been minimal. Describes five choices he made at the outset of his legal career that have helped him resolve any potential conflicts.

Nancy Miller-Herron: United Methodist. Partner, Herron and Miller-Herron, Dresden, Tennessee. B.A. 1978, Lambuth College; M.Div. 1983, J.D. 1983, Vanderbilt University. Chair, Board of Directors, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. Member, Board of Directors and Editorial Board, *The Journal of Law and Religion*. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, for seven years served as minister of a church. Describes her vocational journey as a minister and a lawyer. Focuses on the tension between the urgent and the important.

Ved P. Nanda: Hindu. John Evans University Professor, Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law; and Director, International Legal Studies Program, University of Denver College of Law. M.A. 1952, Punjab University; LL.B. 1955, LL.M. 1958, Delhi University; LL.M. 1962, Northwestern University. Teaches comparative law, conflict of laws, international law, and international business transactions. Soka University Award of Highest Honor, Tokyo, 1994; World Legal Scholar Award, World Peace Through Law Center, Beijing, 1990. Vice-President, World Jurist Association; Editorial Boards, *American Journal of Comparative Law* and *Indian Journal of International Law*. This essay is an example of the Hindu understanding of *Dharma*: the author describes how critical experiences in his life, including the influence of Hindu teaching, have formed him into the person he is today. In his childhood he knew civil war and religious persecution and became a refugee. Today he is an internationalist who is committed to human rights and global peace.

James F. Nelson: Bahá'í Faith. Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court, retired. B.S. 1950, Stanford University; J.D. 1953, Loyola University (Los Angeles). A pioneer in the field of alternative dispute resolution; Founder and Chairman, Community Dispute Resolution Center, Pasadena, California; lectured and attended conferences on ADR throughout the world. Chairman, National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, 1978-95. The law and its judges must constantly repair to natural law and religious beliefs. Judging is different from lawyering; decision making involves a different moral perspective. The legal system is based on fundamental principles like fairness and human dignity, which are "unalienable gifts from the same God who favored us with religion."

Robert W. Nixon: Seventh-day Adventist. General Counsel, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with a legal practice in the primary

areas of corporate, church-state, and intellectual property. B.A. 1961, Columbia Union College; M.S. 1964, Boston University; J.D. 1974, Washington College of Law, American University. Trustee, Council on Religious Freedom; Former President, Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The author of more than fifty articles on church-state issues in legal and religious journals, he wrote to the Faculty Editor, "Here is one of the most difficult articles I've ever written." As was true for many other symposium authors, the writing of this essay was an act of faith. His story has him telling his dear Aunt Nell, many years after her death, that it is possible to be a good lawyer and a good Christian, but it is a "continuous struggle."

Russell G. Pearce: Jewish. Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law. Teaches professional responsibility and remedies. B.A. 1978, J.D. 1981, Yale University. Vice Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, and Chair of the Educational Fund for Israeli Civil Rights and Peace. Explores how Jewish lawyers can affirm their Jewish identity within the legal profession. He argues against separating professional self from religious self, because Judaism enters every moment of a person's life. Concludes that although Judaism encourages the Jewish lawyer to reject the established professional attitude toward role, it does share substantive values with the American legal system.

Alan W. Perry: Episcopalian and Southern Baptist. Member, Forman, Perry, Watkins & Krutz, Jackson, Mississippi. Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in two categories: business litigation and corporate law. B.B.A. 1969, University of Mississippi; J.D. 1972, Harvard University. Member, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. His essay describes how his experiences of doubt and failure have called him away from a faith of legalism and judgment to one grounded in compassion, forgiveness, and grace. He speaks to "fellow strugglers," not as someone who believes he has succeeded in overcoming sin and doubt, but as one who finds in the continuing struggle not only failure and pain but also hope, redemption, life, and joy.

Thomas W. Porter, Jr.: United Methodist. Partner, Melick and Porter, Boston Massachusetts. Civil litigation practice. B.A. 1966, Yale University; M.Div. 1969, Union Theological Seminary; J.D. 1974, Boston University. Ordained minister in United Methodist Church and Chancellor to the Bishop of the Southern New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Former President of the Council on Religion

and Law and current Chair of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Law and Religion*. Drawing upon the recent work of theologian Walter Wink, the author sets forth a three-part thesis: "The law is good. The law is fallen. The law must be redeemed." He maintains that all three insights must be held simultaneously.

Thomas M. Reavley: United Methodist. Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. B.A. 1942, University of Texas; J.D. 1948, Harvard University; LL.M. 1982, University of Virginia. Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, 1968-77. Chancellor Emeritus, Southwest Texas Annual Conference of United Methodists, since 1993. In his own words, the Judge reveals something of what it is like to be a person of faith sitting on the federal bench, sitting in judgment of others, including the extremes of death cases. He relies on his faith for the fortitude to do right and the humility to respect his limits.

Peter D. Ross: Unificationist. Director of Legal Affairs for the Unification Church of America. B.C.L. 1980, University College of Dublin; M. Rel. Ed. 1986, Unification Theological Seminary. Specializes in nonprofit corporations and general practice. Associate Pastor, Unification Church of Westchester; Member, Religious Public Relations Council. Describes how his faith in the legal system and his religious beliefs have been challenged while serving as one of the representatives of a relatively young faith community, as it moves "from controversy to conversancy." Discusses some of the controversies surrounding the Church, including attacks from detractors, the federal conviction of its founder, and litigation over "deprogramming." A testimony to the author's authentic pursuit of faith and the law.

Jack L. Sammons: Episcopalian. Professor of Law, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. Teaches legal ethics. B.A. 1967, Duke University; J.D. 1974, University of Georgia. M.A.T. (Clinical Legal Education) 1978, Antioch Law School. President, Board of Directors, Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest and former and founding member, Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Author of the 1988 book *Lawyer Professionalism* and numerous articles on legal ethics. Provocatively and thoughtfully describes the author's "wrestling match" with being a law professor, lawyer, and a Christian. If the reader is wondering what Sandy Koufax and Ty Cobb have to do with that question, you will just have to read the essay.

Thomas L. Shaffer: Roman Catholic (formerly Baptist). Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School, and Supervising

Attorney, Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic. B.A. 1958, University of Albuquerque; J.D. 1961, University of Notre Dame. Among much other writing, has written four books and dozens of articles exploring what it means to be a Christian and a lawyer; indeed, he almost singlehandedly has made faith and the law a fitting subject for academic discussion. In this essay, he asks how a Christian goes about being a lawyer. For Christians, including lawyers, such questions should be asked and answered in the Church. He suggests three practical guides for thinking about the lawyer's work: aspiring to servanthood, attending to the oppressed, and emphasizing effectiveness.

Kenneth W. Starr: Christian. Partner, Kirkland & Ellis, Washington, District of Columbia. A.B. 1968, George Washington University; A.M. 1969, Brown University; J.D. 1973, Duke University. Currently serving as Independent Counsel, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Case, popularly called the "Whitewater investigation." Former Solicitor General of the United States, 1989-93; Former Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 1983-89. Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law. One of the most prominent lawyers of our time delivers a sermon to members of the profession to practice a Christian life in the law, to do justice in great and small things. Urges lawyers, especially young lawyers, to pray for wisdom and to practice humility.

Marc D. Stern: Jewish. Director, Commission on Law and Social Action, American Jewish Congress. B.A. 1973, Yeshiva College; J.D. 1976, Columbia University. Practice focuses on cases involving religious liberty and separation of church and state. The author discusses several ways that being religious impacts a person's lawyering. Explores questions arising from the lawyer's personal religious observances, independent of the client's interest, and describes more complicated conflicts between the lawyer's faith and the client's interest. Discusses particular problems for religious public interest lawyers.

Sharon Worthing Vaino: New Testament Missionary Fellowship. Counsel, Tax Department of a major insurance company, New York, New York. Specializes in ERISA, pensions, and employee benefits. A.B. 1975, Barnard College; J.D. 1978, Fordham University. Board of Directors, International Religious Liberty Association; Editorial Council, Journal of Church and State; Committee on Religious Liberty, National Council of Churches. Former trustee and member of the National Advisory Council, Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Recounts instances in her life and career when she experienced callings and directions. Explains how prayer informs her work. Emphasizes the theme of service.

Ashley T. Wiltshire, Jr.: United Methodist. Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee. B.A. 1963, Washington and Lee University; M.Div. 1967, Union Theological Seminary, New York; J.D. 1972, Vanderbilt University. Became a legal aid lawyer after mission work overseas. Argues that his work as a legal aid lawyer for the past twenty-five years is a continuation of ministry. Provides examples from the work of his organization. Also reports, again with examples, on how colleagues in legal aid often are drawn to that work out of religious faith, both explicit and implicit, and how for many the practice of poverty law is a religious act.

Stephen P. Wink: Christian. Associate, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton, New York, New York. Practices in the area of corporate securities. B.A. 1983, State University of New York, Empire State College; J.D. 1991, University of Notre Dame. The author confronts the gap between what the legal system calls justice and what his faith tells him is a system full of violence, injustice, and inequity. Explores the possibilities within this gap for bringing people together and creating the “justice-that-should-be” out of the “injustice-that-is.”

Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.: Presbyterian. Senior Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. B.A. 1952, J.D. 1954, Vanderbilt University; LL.M. 1990, University of Virginia. Elder and Sunday School Teacher, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Nashville. Adjunct Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Law. Frequent author and speaker on themes of law and religion as well as continuing legal education. As a Methodist by birth and a Presbyterian by marriage, the author describes the role religion plays in his life and work. As a federal judge, he strives to live by the prophet Micah’s entreaty to “do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.” This essay describes how these themes apply to the duties of an Article III judge.

Michael Joseph Woodruff: Episcopalian. Partner, Gammon & Grange, P.C., McLean, Virginia. B.A. 1967, University of California at Santa Barbara; J.D. 1972, University of California at Los Angeles. Specializes in first amendment, nonprofit organization (pastoral counseling, college law), wills and trusts, and estates. Former Director of the Center for Law & Religious Freedom, 1985-90; Former Executive Director, Christian Legal Society, 1990. The author believes that every person’s life should make a difference to others and faith should play an indispensable part. He tells some personal parables along with his learned exegesis. His understanding of faith demands that lawyers see others to be significant and serve their needs, as a matter of privilege and honor, in the highest tradition of the profession.