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## A TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JUSTICE MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS

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When asked to write a brief tribute to Chief Justice Michael L. Douglas due to his upcoming retirement, the task is both honorable and arduous. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to write about such an exceptional individual, yet expressing in a brief article the tremendous impact such a remarkable and humble person has had on his law clerks proves difficult.

As incoming law clerks, we were aware of Chief Justice Douglas' extensive career dedicated to serving his community. However, as we began to observe his day-to-day work in chambers,



we quickly recognized his unparalleled work ethic. Without fail, Chief Justice Douglas worked relentlessly to ensure justice. And we can say from firsthand experience that, despite his busy schedule, he always took the time to teach those who were eager to follow his lead. His wisdom on and off the bench, coupled with his unwavering honesty,

fairness and his dedication to our community, demonstrates that he leads by example and truly is a role model.

Our utmost admiration for Chief Justice Douglas is most certainly echoed by his many former law clerks. We have repeatedly heard from his former law clerks, and we agree, that clerking for Chief Justice Douglas is the best job we will ever have.

His continuing dedication to the community and everlasting relationships with his law clerks exemplifies that not only will his impact on Nevada endure long after he retires, so will his impact on the lives of so many former law clerks. We will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work for such an extraordinary individual, and wish him nothing but the best.

## A TRIBUTE TO ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE MICHAEL A. CHERRY

BY JAMES DUNN AND PATRICK CADDICK, LAW CLERKS

In 2006, then-Judge Michael A. Cherry ran for Seat C of the Nevada Supreme Court, promising “The Experience to Do What’s Right. The Courage to Stand Behind It.” Now, after two terms on the Nevada Supreme Court, Justice Cherry has proven true to his word; his decisions over the last 12 years demonstrate his remarkable legal mind and unwavering values, and he has helped ensure that Nevada courts fairly apply the law for years to come.

Of no less importance, though, is the lasting effect Justice Cherry has



had on lawyers across the state. In every stage of his illustrious career, he has worked to build a Nevada legal community marked by camaraderie, honesty and responsibility. There are countless lawyers who consider Justice Cherry a teacher, mentor and friend, and

all will undoubtedly work to live up to his lessons. His influence in ensuring that justice is done under Nevada’s laws is matched by his influence on the lives of those who practice it.

As Justice Cherry’s law clerks for the last two years, we are inspired by his dedication to Nevada law and compassion for the people it affects. We will cherish our memories of clerking

for Justice Cherry, and we leave his chambers better lawyers; Justice Cherry has not only helped us hone the skills necessary to thrive as attorneys, but has instilled in us the precept that a lawyer’s true calling is to serve justice. We wish him all the best in his retirement from the bench. **NL**