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This issue of the Journal is dedicated to the memory of Bob Samek. Bob was the epitome of the dedicated scholar searching for basic truths and fundamental concepts. A lonely task in many ways but one that also encouraged intellectual interaction with colleagues.

Bob Samek was deeply concerned about social issues as well as legal issues and thought deeply about them. He was a man of principle who tried to reduce problems to their essences as matters of principle; not always an easy task when dealing with human emotions and personal interests and biases. Bob was the one who tried to keep us on track and to prevent us being deflected by considerations that were philosophically less important. His contribution to the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie was a unique one and one that will not be readily replaced.

It is particularly appropriate that we are able to publish in this issue of the Dalhousie Law School Journal, a scholarly work completed by Professor Samek just prior to his death. Even to the end he was making his contribution.

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