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DEAN RAYMOND E. LISLE: A TRIBUTE

*William P. Rogers**

It is with great pleasure that I participate in a tribute to Dean Raymond E. Lisle upon his retirement. Although best known to the Brooklyn Law School community as an administrator and professor, Dean Lisle's career was highlighted by twenty-two years of distinguished service in the United States Foreign Service and the Department of State.

After serving as a member of the faculty of Brooklyn Law School from 1946 through 1948, Dean Lisle entered the Foreign Service and was named Political and Legal Adviser to and Acting United States Delegate on the United Nations Security Council Committee of Good Offices on the Indonesian Dispute. From 1949 through 1953, Dean Lisle served successively in the Office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany at Frankfurt and in the embassies at The Hague and at Warsaw. In 1954, he was named Deputy Director of the Office of Political Affairs in Bonn. Leaving Bonn for Washington in 1956, he became Deputy Director of the Office of German Affairs. He was assigned to Belgrade as Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission in 1960 and given the personal rank of Minister in 1962.

From November 1962 to July 1965, Dean Lisle served in Washington as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. He then served as Director for Relations with Eastern Europe until 1970.

It is apparent from even this brief sketch that Dean Lisle's diplomatic career was marked with distinction. Upon his retirement, Brooklyn Law School suffers the loss of a public servant as well as an academician.

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A TRIBUTE TO DEAN LISLE

Dean Emeritus Jerome Prince

Raymond E. Lisle has announced his retirement as Dean of Brooklyn Law School, effective at the end of August of this year. The school and its friends will be much poorer by his loss.

Dean Lisle's contributions to the School have been truly notable. He was appointed Acting Dean of the School in 1971 and Dean in 1972. In a relatively brief period of time, he has brought about major changes in the institution. He has given the full-time faculty its proper role in the governance of the School. Under his leadership, the program of study has changed dramatically from one which was largely required to a curriculum in which only the first year's courses are mandatory, with the remaining courses purely elective. The elective program itself was enriched by many new, significant courses and a clinical program was instituted. The faculty was considerably strengthened and enlarged during his term of office, and under his leadership the Law School joined the Association of American Law Schools. All during this period, he also served as a professor, teaching International Law, Jurisprudence, and Legal Aspects of International Business Transactions, and he has been a contributor to a monthly column on transnational transactions for the *New York Law Journal*. In brief, his major contribution is that he has brought the Law School into the mainstream of legal education.

Dean Lisle and I were students together in college and I had the privilege of appointing him a member of the Law School faculty in 1946. In 1948, he left to become a Foreign Service Officer in the United States Department of State. He returned to Brooklyn Law School in 1970. Knowing him well over these many years, I am prepared to say without hesitation that he is a perfect illustration of a gentleman and scholar.

I, and all his friends, wish him well upon his retirement.