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In Memoriam Lawrence Goldberg

All who have had the opportunity to know Lawrence Goldberg have surely felt, in a deep and personal way, his recent and tragic passing. Larry was one of the initial Editorial Board Members of this Journal and has had a long and most valued association with it. Accordingly, it is most appropriate that this Journal marks his death with the highest honor and the utmost regret.

It is indeed difficult to recount Larry's professional career with anything but the highest admiration. His extensive contributions to our very best literature have left a lasting and significant impression which future generations of scholars will be guided by and who will have a hard time matching for both depth and breadth. Larry's work centering on both the Securities and Banking Industries are well known. In each case, he dealt with economies of scale and scope in works which have been extensively recognized and quoted both nationally and internationally. Larry's national and international presentations at conferences, symposia and universities were both frequent and thought provoking as were his abilities at distilling research ideas into useful parameters. Therefore to say that Larry led a significant professional life practiced at the highest national and international levels is to state the obvious.

On a personal level, Larry was a close and dear friend to many in the profession. It was always a great joy to pick up the phone and hear his rising and excited voice. This could help make a dull day into something far more desirable and lighten even those burdens acquired in some of the most stultifying and rigid academic circles. The only venue in which it was not always desirable to have contact with Larry was on his Miami clay courts. First, Larry would run you around with drop shots and a devastating ground game, and then after a score too embarrassing to recount, he would ask you if you would like to have another game. Indicating to Larry that a beer would be preferable to both the psyche and the soul would generally avail one little, as Larry would then take you to the nearest milk bar from which rather little solace could be derived.

As a sign of both personal and professional respect, an award in Larry's name has been established at the Stern School of Business of New York University. Many of us connected with this Journal as well as many others who have known Larry have contributed to this fund and I would encourage all who read this to consider doing likewise. As a further sign of respect we are continuing Larry's name as a member of our Editorial Board, where he will remain as long as I am Editor-in-Chief of this Journal.

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