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Dedication to the Honorable Larry Jay Craddock

By Julian Mann III* & Honorable Selina Malherbe**

We respectfully dedicate this issue of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary to our late friend and colleague, the Honorable Larry Jay Craddock who died on July 18, 2018 and who was the most recent Chair of the NAALJ Journal Board of Advisors. Judge Craddock, a lifetime resident of Austin, was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and its School of Law. Following graduation, Larry enjoyed nearly a fifty-year diverse legal career in administrative law, first, with the Texas Attorney General's office for eight years, followed by eleven years in service as an assistant attorney general in various capacities for three Texas Governors. Larry then spent five years as general counsel to Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock. After his tenure in Comptroller Bullock's office, Larry began an eighteen-year career as the (Chief) Administrative Law Judge for the Texas Finance Commission. Also, during this tenure, Larry joined NAALJ, as a member, rising through the ranks to become its President. Larry was an early recipient of NAALJ's highest professional honor, the Victor Rosskopf award, and chaired numerous NAALJ committees over the years, including the Nominating Committee. Larry was the 2012 NAALJ Fellow and presented his forthcoming Journal article on *Final Decision Authority and the Central Panel ALJ* at the NAALJ Annual Conference in New Orleans. His full article later was published in the Fall 2013 issue. After retirement Larry spent several years as a contract special education hearing officer with the Texas Education Agency and also created a partnership for the practice of law. Of the many positions Larry held in NAALJ his first love, however, was the NAALJ Journal.

Judge Craddock's professional accomplishments extended beyond NAALJ. He was an active participant in the Central Panel Directors Conference (CPDC) and in the National Conference of the

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Administrative Law Judiciary (NCALJ). He served two terms on the board of the National Judicial College (NJC) and as an NCALJ delegate to the ABA House of Delegates where he was working on a resolution in support of state central panels that remains today a work in progress. Judge Craddock also actively pursued support for Resolution 113, the Model Code of Judicial Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges, which was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

As Chair and a Member of this Journal's Board of Advisors, Judge Craddock constantly strove to improve the quality of the articles and personally encourage scholars to write timely articles which lead to his constant pursuit of protective responses to the recent Supreme Court opinion in *Lucia*.

Judge Craddock was totally dedicated to this Journal, and the work of its Board of Advisors, and by this dedication we pay homage to him and his service. His service and dedication to the Journal, to the advancement of administrative law, to the principles of an ethical and independent administrative judiciary, make the dedication of this issue to him, particularly appropriate and poignant. With affection, pride, respect, and remembering, too, Larry's light-hearted sense of humor, we dedicate this issue to our friend and colleague.