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Professor James Pierce Kibbey died on January 7, 1983 at the age of thirty-four. Jim was an extraordinary man, possessing the highest personal and professional qualities. He was and always will be an important part of the New York Law School community.

In his teaching and scholarship Jim focused on analyzing existing rules of law and developing alternatives in light of an overriding concern—the need to craft codes of conduct which reflect how people actually live, and, at the same time, which draw upon the best qualities of human nature. His experiences as a social worker, farmer, factory worker, night law student, and legal intern with the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, as well as his extensive travels across the world, served to shape his outlook on the role of law in our society.

Professor Kibbey came to New York Law School in the fall of 1978 after having received his LL.M. from Yale Law School the previous spring. He was awarded his J.D. degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1976 where he served as Articles Editor of the Law Review and was recognized as one of the most outstanding students in the school's history. Jim emphasized commercial law in his studies since the interrelationships of people in the marketplace fascinated him.

At New York Law School Jim was a respected colleague and teacher. He was admired for his powerful analytical ability. He was never satisfied with superficial explanations and pushed himself and his students to reach for greater understanding. Moreover, his flexibility and creativity allowed him to seek new solutions to the problems around him. His untimely death deprived the legal community of the benefit of the research and writing projects he left unfinished.

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Professor Kibbey's generosity of spirit and care for his students serve as examples for all who knew him. He always found the time to counsel students in need of personal and professional guidance. When colleagues sought his advice on their writings or teaching, Jim kindly shared his insights with them.

Finally, one of Jim's most striking characteristics was his enthusiasm and involvement in all his endeavors. He was a man who was truly engaged in life.