

Of course such interest in, and mentorship of, one's very own successors in teaching and research should be the norm for law faculty, but I fear it is not. This aspect of Herma's character, and of her commitment to the future of our law school, deserves to be celebrated and emulated.

One explanation of Herma's ongoing commitment to creating opportunities for others — for her students, her colleagues, and the less powerful who seek justice through law — may be the mentoring she herself received at home from her father (page 38), in college (pages 28–34), in law school (pages 43–48) and, in her career, from California Supreme Court Justice Roger Traynor (pages 60–61) and Professor Barbara Armstrong (pages 67–68). She appreciated the riches she received, and she has devoted much of her career to passing these riches on to others.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The oral history of Professor and former Dean Herma Hill Kay was recorded in eight interviews by Germaine LaBerge, senior interviewer of the Regional Oral History Office at UC Berkeley, from June to September 2003. It is presented here in its entirety and has received minor copyediting for publication. Insertions in square brackets were added by Professor Kay shortly after the interviews concluded. She has generously assisted the present publication by reviewing the text and providing illustrations from her personal scrapbooks. Additional illustrations appear by courtesy of the UC Berkeley Law Library and the efforts of Archivist William Benemann.

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