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## IN HONOR OF BETH MOBLEY

*Michael J. Borger\**

The Touro Law School family has lost somebody very special and there are no words that can express my deep sorrow for this sad news. I have prepared this message today with a heavy heart.

Beth Mobley was truly one of a kind. She had a personality that would instantly brighten up your day and a smile that could warm an entire room. She was a loving sister, a caring aunt, and a loyal colleague. She had a genuine passion for life and she will be remembered for the impact that she had on all of our lives.

Beth was dedicated to the success of the Gould Law Library and expressed a level of enthusiasm for her career that I could only wish to someday acquire. She was an expert curator who built magnificent exhibits that featured classic legal works as well as extremely rare and precious books. She was instrumental in building up the library's Judaica and Lillie Goldstein Collections. Most importantly, she was willing to stop whatever she was doing to help a student or colleague answer even the most challenging legal questions.

Mark Twain, one of the most celebrated authors in American history, has been quoted as saying that “[i]n a good bookroom, you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them.” I could not think of more appropriate words to describe my experiences walking into the rare books room or viewing a special exhibit that was prepared by Beth. This was her passion, her craft, her expertise. I am fortunate that I was able to benefit from her love of books and the law.

As the Editor-in-Chief of the Touro Law Review, I had the pleasure of working directly with Beth on a number of challenging and exciting legal assignments. The contributions that she made to the Law Review's Justice Brandeis Symposium Edition were invaluable. She helped our staff find hundreds of Brandeis's decisions, personal writings, and books dedicated to the impact he had on American law

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and public policy. For this special edition, she curated archived newspaper articles from the early 1900s, first edition copies of limited publications, and most notably, an original copy of a privately published diary written by his mother, Frederika, with entries dating back to the late 1800s. Her passion for books and her love for the law helped link together sixteen authors from across the country in developing that special symposium edition. Her contributions to the Law Review will be never be forgotten and they even played an important role in this special Cardozo Symposium.

Beth was an amazing person with a gracious heart. I encourage everybody to celebrate the goodness that she brought to this law school and to everybody around her.

She will be missed, but never forgotten.