
IN TRIBUTE: PROFESSOR MARK J. PETTIT, JR.

Earlier this year, the Boston University School of Law community lost one of its most beloved members. In June, Professor Mark Pettit passed away from cancer. He had served on the faculty since 1977 and touched countless lives throughout his tenure at the school. His cheerful presence and open demeanor made him a favorite among students and faculty members alike. Professor Pettit's teaching style is hard to describe and undoubtedly impossible to replicate. In his 1L Contracts class, he effortlessly moved from the panic-inducing Socratic method to passionately performing songs, skits, and poems relating to the subject learned that day. These performances, including favorites like "Don't Go Breaking My Nose" and "Breach It," are fondly remembered as highlights of their law school career by all lucky enough to witness them. Professor Pettit's career at this school in many ways embodied the best parts of our community: he was enormously dedicated to his students, always put others before himself, made the material he taught accessible and interesting, deeply cared about his students' lives beyond the classroom, and loved getting involved in many different parts of the school. The students of the *Boston University Law Review* respectfully dedicate this issue to Professor Pettit. Three tributes to Professor Pettit written by his colleagues on the faculty follow the articles and note in this issue.