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One of Leon Jaworski's primary goals was to improve the American public's understanding of law and the legal system. To that end, he established the American Bar Association's youth education program during his term as ABA president in 1971 and actively encouraged public education programs during subsequent years. In order to further his goal of a public fully cognizant of its rights and responsibilities under the law, the American Bar Association established the Leon Jaworski Fund for Public Service in his memory in 1983.

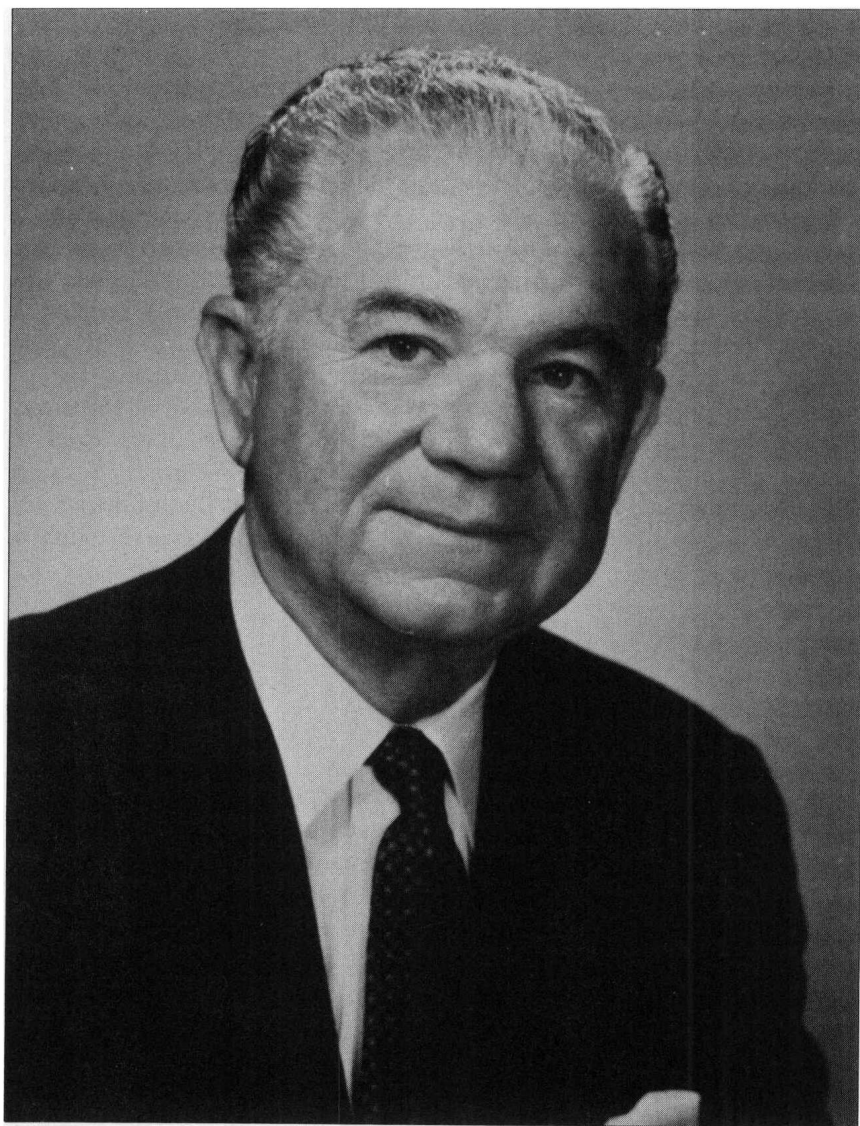
The first activity supported by that fund, the Leon Jaworski Symposium on Public Education About the Law, was held in Houston, Texas, on November 3-5, 1983. A number of the articles in this book had their genesis in presentations made at that symposium.

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Leon Jaworski, 1905–1982

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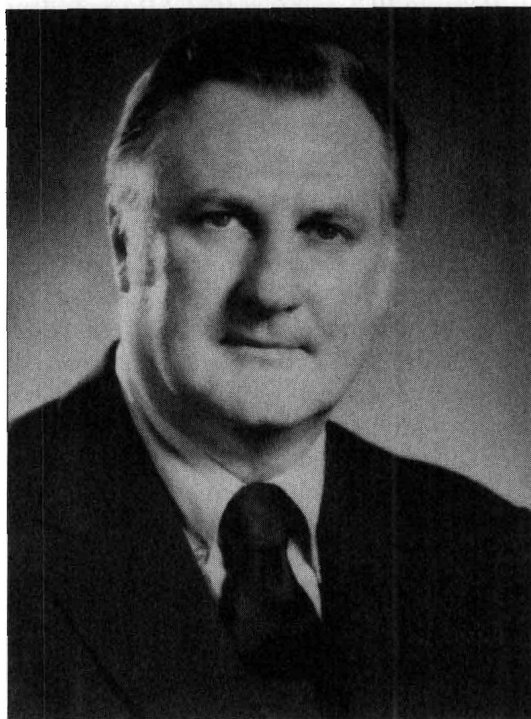
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## *Preface*



**T**his publication had its genesis first in a man — a remarkable man. Leon Jaworski served his country — and his profession — with a distinction that few have approached. He was tirelessly devoted to improving the administration of law in this country, serving the nation well in many specialties, though he is probably best known for his work as a prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials after World War II and as special prosecutor during the Watergate episode. He served his profession well both in his home state of Texas and nationally, as president of the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association and as the first chairman of the ABA's Second Century Fund, a campaign to raise more than \$10 million to perpetuate the public service work of the association.

For all his great accomplishments, however, Mr. Jaworski remained a modest man, and one with a broad view of his achievements. He is said to have once remarked that he would like to be remembered not for his more celebrated instances of public service but as the president of the American Bar Association who brought into being the association's commitment to public education about the law.

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It was in 1971, in his year as ABA president, that the Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship was established. Over the years, the association's commitment to nonprofessional education of the law extended beyond school children to encompass adults and, most recently, college and university students.

Shortly after Mr. Jaworski's death in December 1982, the association determined that an appropriate recognition of Mr. Jaworski's commitment and vision would be a symposium on public education about the law, to be held in his home city of Houston. That symposium was held in the fall of 1983. This book is a direct outgrowth of that meeting.

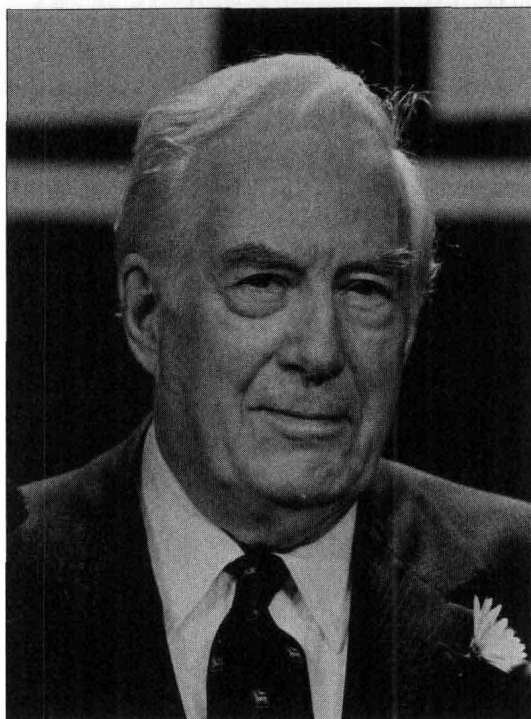
The book is not the proceedings of that meeting, however, since it includes a number of articles that go beyond the meeting's presentations and extend to new issues and new frontiers. Its purpose is to share the vision and achievements of public education about the law with those who can build upon the rich foundation that Mr. Jaworski helped establish.

No one symposium, no one book, could ever be a complete testimonial to the many-faceted genius of Leon Jaworski. But if this book succeeds in its goal of informing leaders of the legal and educational profession as well as other leaders of the promise of law-related education, if it gives them some ideas on how they may begin and/or strengthen programs, then it will further one of Mr. Jaworski's favorite projects and provide a fitting memorial to one of his most important — and personally rewarding — activities.

Wallace D. Riley  
*President*  
*American Bar Association*

*July 1, 1984*

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**I** congratulate the ABA on this program on public education about our courts, and I welcome you who have come to attend this symposium to try to bring to the American people, particularly the younger people, more information about the courts. Lawyers and judges do not really want to preserve any mystery about how the law works and the courts work, although we are often accused of that. It is important that people understand law and the courts, and the media cannot really do the job because they are dealing with particular situations and spot news rather than with general propositions relating to the law.

It is particularly important that you are doing this as we approach 1987, the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the Constitution, and it is a very appropriate recognition of the life and career of Leon Jaworski. As a member of the American Bar Association, I became acquainted with him in the great project of the association on standards of criminal justice. We worked together for a long time on that important undertaking. His tremendous background of experience — and perhaps above all his common sense — made him a great contributor to that project.

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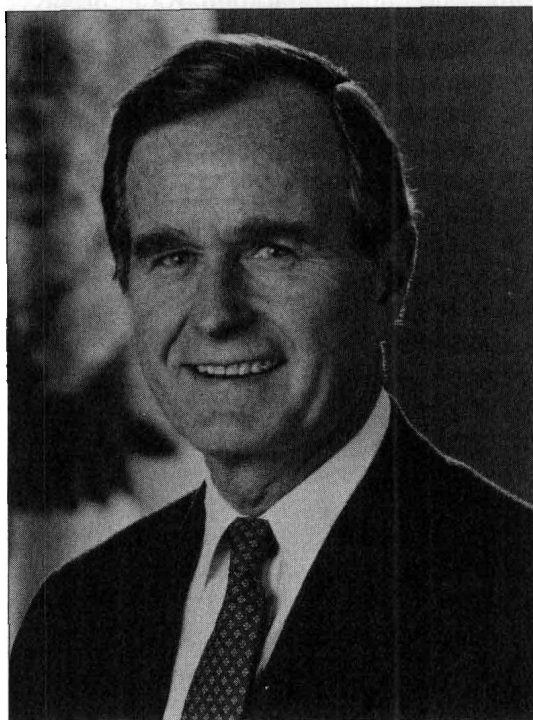
His life, of course, is truly the American story of the man who overcame all obstacles and developed a great life and made great contributions to his time. His is really the American story of a system of freedom under the rule of law in which each person can develop according to his or her own God-given talents.

I repeat my congratulations to the American Bar Association and to you for this very valuable enterprise.

The Honorable Warren E. Burger  
*Chief Justice of the United States*

*October 24, 1983*

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**E**ven though my schedule prevents me from being with you in person, I am very much with you in spirit. I knew and admired the late Leon Jaworski, and I share wholeheartedly his conviction that educating the public must be a national priority. This symposium will honor Mr. Jaworski in the most appropriate way possible, by strengthening efforts to improve the American people's knowledge and understanding of the law and its role in a free society.

In 1971, as president of the American Bar Association, Mr. Jaworski established the Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship. He wrote, "Of all the social problems we face in this new decade I am convinced that none is more important to our country's future than the establishment in the elementary and high schools of an improved program of training in the responsibilities of citizenship."

The legal profession has responded to this call to action through a major investment of its time, energies, and financial resources to strengthen citizenship education through the study of law and law-related issues. Just last month, President Reagan signed a proclamation establishing this as a year

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of Partnerships in Education. We are deeply committed to promoting excellence in our nation's schools, and I believe that law-related education programs provide a marvelous example of the kind of public/private partnerships that are necessary if we are to meet the pressing needs of American education.

No doubt your work at this symposium will identify new possibilities for improving the citizenship education of our people. It is a large task that you have set for yourself, but I cannot think of one more worth doing. The fact that your efforts are also in tribute to one of our finest and most respected Americans — Leon Jaworski — adds special significance to your undertaking. I applaud and congratulate you, and I wish you a most productive seminar. Thank you.

The Honorable George Bush  
*Vice-President of the United States*

*November 3, 1983*

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