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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

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IN RE PASSING OF PROFESSOR JOHN L. COOK

PER CURIAM

This October, Professor John Cook passed away following a lengthy and heroic battle with cancer. On this occasion, the Arkansas Supreme Court acknowledges his commitment to improving legal education and the practice of law.

Until his passing, John Cook served as the Advisor to the Arkansas Committee on Civil Practice. Despite his challenging medical issues, he remained active on the Committee—even if it meant participating remotely and responding to emails in the middle of the night. He believed it was a "true honor" and an "incredible opportunity" to serve the court. Professor Cook also served as a vital subcommittee member on the Supreme Court's Committee on Automation, advising on artificial intelligence, an issue on which he was passionate.

Professor John Cook taught Research, Writing, and Advocacy and was the Director of the Rural Practice Incubator Project at the University of Arkansas Bowen School of Law.

He received his B.A. from Yale University, his M.Sc. from Oxford, and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

Professor Cook leaves behind a legacy through his students and his service to this court, and he will be dearly missed. The Arkansas Supreme Court extends its condolences to his family and his friends and especially to Ariele Baker.

Special Justice CORY COX joins.

WEBB, J., not participating.