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## IN MEMORY

While this inaugural issue of the *New York City Law Review* was at the printer, the City University of New York School of Law community suffered a devastating loss. Two of our most beloved faculty members—Haywood Burns and Shanara Gilbert—were killed in a car accident while attending a conference on democracy and international law in Capetown, South Africa.

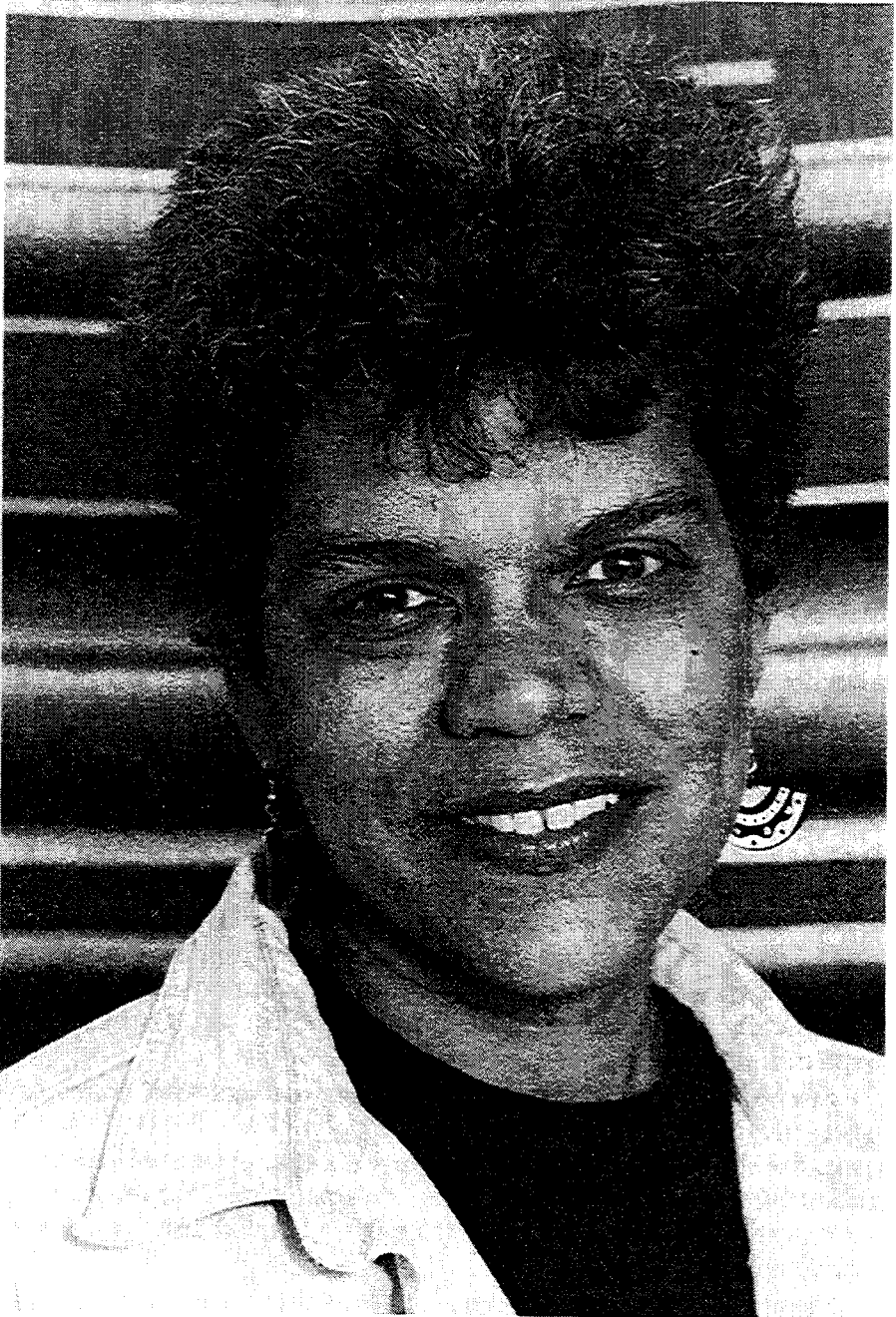
### *W. HAYWOOD BURNS*

Haywood had served as dean of the Law School from 1987 to 1994 and had returned to teach at CUNY this year after serving as a visiting professor at Yale Law School during the 1994-95 school term. He had spent most of his life fighting for the cause of civil rights. At the age of 15, he helped integrate a swimming pool in his native Peekskill, New York. After graduating with honors from Harvard College and earning his law degree from Yale, Haywood served as the first law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Constance Baker Motley.

In the 1960s, he served as a lawyer for the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Education Fund and was general counsel to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Project. In 1969, he helped found and became the first director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the legal arm of the Black revolution. He was the first African-American president of the National Lawyers Guild. He led both organizations in championing international solidarity from Grenada to Namibia. He fought the U.S. blockade of Cuba, monitored trials in Northern Ireland and South Africa's first all-race election, and advised on drafting South Africa's Interim Constitution.

In the early 1970s, Haywood headed the defense teams for Angela Davis and for the prisoners involved in the 1971 Attica prison rebellion. He was an officer or board member of dozens of public interest and civil rights organizations, including the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem.

Haywood also made it a point to know the name of every student at CUNY Law School, often surprising you with a personal greeting in the hall.



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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate all those involved in the publication of the New York City Law Review's inaugural issue. As an independent student organization of the City University of New York School of Law, you have established the only legal journal for public law school students in the City of New York. This endeavor most certainly dominated the time and efforts of all students involved and required remarkable perseverance, dedication and vision.

Law reviews and journals are a vital means for faculty and students to explore various legal issues and to present their findings to the legal community as well as the public at large. A publication such as the New York City Law Review, with its unique focus on public interest law, is an important contribution which will benefit all faculty and students throughout the State of New York.

Once again, my best wishes to the New York City Law Review, and continued success in all future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. E. Pataki'.

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