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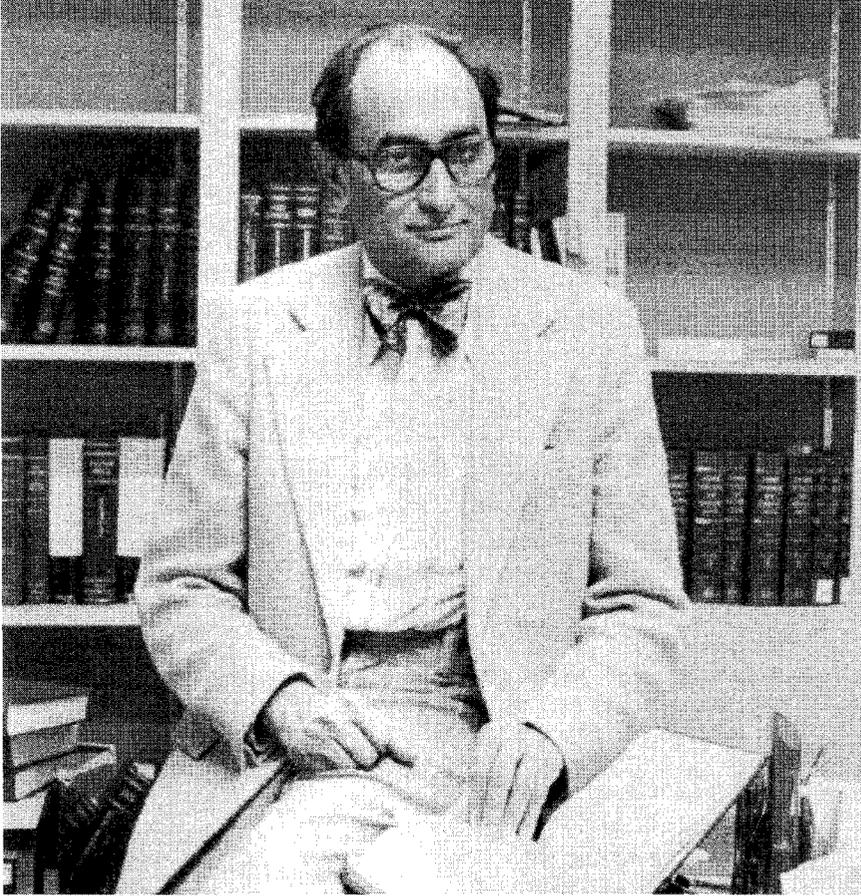
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**Professor John A. Lynch, Jr.†**

On February 6, 2006, Professor Emeritus Noor Mohammad passed away. Prof. Mohammad joined the law faculty in the fall of 1972. He received his initial legal education at Banaras Hindu University and was admitted to the Bar in India. After coming to the United States, Prof. Mohammad obtained a Master's in Law from Yale University. Before coming to the University of Baltimore, he was employed at Baker & McKenzie and taught at the law schools at the University of Wyoming, the University of Connecticut, the University of Saskatchewan and William Mitchell College.

Prof. Mohammad joined the Law School faculty in only the fourth year of its day division. He joined a small cadre of faculty, including Royal Shannonhouse, Charles Rees and others who, under Dean Joseph Curtis, built a strong dual division program and started the Law School on its way to eventual ABA accreditation. Prof. Mohammad often spoke wistfully of the heavy teaching loads and low salaries of that era. He then taught contracts, commercial law and tax courses. But he was very proud of the progress the school made, in part through the efforts of its busy faculty.

Prof. Mohammad taught the first course in immigration law at the Law School. He traveled to Jakarta to present a paper in Islamic law and published a chapter in the Encyclopedia of Religion. His scholarly interests centered largely on Islamic law. He possessed an endearing cosmopolitan charm. It was not always easy for him to be the only member of the faculty at that time who was "different" from the rest of us, but he was always both dignified and graceful with colleagues and students.

Prof. Mohammad retired from the faculty in 1994, a few years after suffering a serious stroke. His courage and good humor during his lengthy recovery were an inspiration to his colleagues. In retirement he maintained his interest in the Law School and kept up with many of his former colleagues and the Law School's staff. The elegant hospitality of Prof. Mohammad and his wife, Ishrat, was well known to his colleagues and friends. He was also a leader of the Muslim community in the Washington area. His home was a meeting place for mem-

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bers of that community from the area, the United States and the world.

His colleagues are grateful for his friendship and, no doubt, many alumni are grateful for his efforts in building the School of Law.