

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS W. SARFF

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS*

Tom was a longstanding member of the NYU Law community. He joined the school in 1986, and during his thirty-four-year tenure worked in the Office of Student Affairs. He oversaw the extensive day-to-day operations for all law student journals and the Moot Court Board. He was also responsible for planning signature journal events and symposia, managing law journal subscriptions and the budget process, organizing key aspects of Convocation, and supervising vendor relations. Part institutional memory and historian, part creative thinker and innovator, Tom was an indispensable member of the student-facing administrative team.

Tom was known for his sharp wit, integrity, and the care he demonstrated in each task. He took great pride in his work to support students and colleagues. He showed up early and left late, always putting the students and their needs first. While reserved and quiet on the surface, Tom was a wonderful storyteller. He did not enjoy being the center of attention, but often entertained his team with stories of his childhood. Tom was always a talented singer and musician. He had a special fondness for the piano and organ, and his first job was teaching the piano.

As both a graduate of NYU and a longtime employee, Tom was a lifelong learner and explorer with vast familiarity with the Washington Square neighborhood—and in particular its eating establishments. He also had a passion for cooking and was the leading creative force behind the working draft of the Office of Student Affairs cookbook.

Tom will be deeply missed.

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