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In Memoriam

Christopher Stevens

1960-2012

At the beginning of his keynote address at the 15th Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulation, Professor Brian Gray gave the following tribute to Christopher Stevens, the United States Ambassador to Libya, who was killed while on duty in Benghazi on September 11, 2012:

I would like to dedicate this conference to Chris Stevens, UC Berkeley class of 1982, UC Hastings class of 1989, and career diplomat who developed a special relationship with, and affinity for, the people of Libya. Chris served first as Deputy Chief of the U.S. Mission to Libya, then as Special Representative to the National Transition Council during the Libyan Revolution, and finally as our Ambassador.

Many of you know Chris's father, Jan, from his work at the California Attorney General's Office and for his pathbreaking contributions to the public trust. I have known Jan for many years, and I knew Chris when he was here at Hastings.

Chris was a delightful student. I remember him as exceedingly bright, dedicated, personally engaging, self-effacing, and quietly funny—qualities that he generously and selflessly shared throughout his life with all who knew him. We also now know that Chris was an exceptionally courageous man as well. All of us at UC Hastings are proud and honored to have Chris as one of our most distinguished alumni.

May Chris, and the way he chose to live his life, serve as a model for our students and for all of us.

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