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THROUGHOUT its recent history, the Yale Law School has devoted a significant portion of its energy and resources to the relationship between the individual and our great public institutions. The late Alexander M. Bickel played a leading role in this enterprise. Through his teaching and writing in public law, he probed deeply the capacity of each branch of government to fulfill its constitutional mission. In courses and seminars dealing with the Constitution, administrative process, freedom of the press and public education, he combined in unprecedented fashion the theoretical perspective of the consummate scholar with the current concerns of the lawyer and public citizen. His books gave important historical and analytic content to constitutional law. His legal journalism elucidated great public issues for a wide audience. His work with legislative and other committees helped shape the law of our time. His brilliant efforts in the Pentagon Papers case came at a critical time in the history of the First Amendment and the country.

The Alexander M. Bickel Professorship of Public Law will be conferred upon a scholar whose interests reflect the range of Professor Bickel's life and work. The chair will provide additional permanent support for work at Yale Law School on the Supreme Court, constitutional history, public education and communications law, including free press and free speech. It will be a fitting memorial to one of Yale's great teachers and one of America's most distinguished academic lawyers.

An endowment fund of \$1,000,000 is needed to furnish the salary and allied research and administrative support for the chair. The New York Times Foundation, Inc., has pledged \$100,000, to be paid over the next five years, as the initial gift. Other corporate members of the communications industry are being asked to complete the funding for the chair by making similar five-year commitments.

Dean Harry H. Wellington has said that for him and many of his colleagues at the Yale Law School, the establishment of the Bickel Chair in Public Law is the most important single aspect of the School's current \$10,000,000 Sesquicentennial Campaign. The communications industry can make that great aim—so important to the School, the industry and the memory of a great scholar and lawyer—a reality.