

Memorial: Ludwik A. Teclaff (1918–2003)

¶1 Ludwik Andrzej Teclaff, professor emeritus and former director of the Fordham University School of Law Library, died on May 29, 2003, in St. Petersburg, Florida, after a long illness.

¶2 Ludwik was born in Czestochowa, Poland, in 1918. After serving in the Polish Free Army from 1940 to 1943 in France, he became an attaché to the Polish Government in Exile Foreign Ministry in London and Consul in Ireland from 1946 to 1952. In 1952, he came to the United States and eventually became a citizen of this country in 1958. Ludwik was an accomplished scholar, having earned a Mag. Jur. at Oxford University in 1944, an M.S. in librarianship at Columbia University in 1955, and both an LL.M (1961) and a J.S.D. (1965) at New York University School of Law.

¶3 He began his career in librarianship at the Brooklyn Public Library in 1954 and came to NYU School of Law to work as a research librarian in 1959. After Eugene Wypyski left Fordham to become the librarian at Hofstra School of Law, Ludwik was appointed to the directorship of the law library at Fordham in 1963. As well as being the law librarian, Ludwik taught international law, law of the sea, and environmental law courses. Many students of his at Fordham remember him as a gentle and scholarly teacher, inspiring them in their first encounters with these subjects. He also wrote and edited numerous books and articles on these subjects.¹ His charming wife Eileen, to whom he was married for more than fifty years, assisted him in many of these endeavors.

¶4 Ludwik was honored with the Clyde Eagleton Award in International Law by New York University in 1965. He served as president of the Law Library Association of Greater New York in 1969–70.

¶5 I remember Ludwik as a wonderful friend and colleague. Although I never worked for him at Fordham, I came to know him well after taking his place as director of the Fordham law library in 1986. Ludwik used to stop by from time to time when he was in the building for his course on environmental law or performing research for one of his publications. We frequently would discuss whatever was up in the administration of the library. He was unfailingly supportive and kind and was always available to give me a little advice about any plans that I had for

1. *E.g.*, LUDWIK A. TECLAFF, *THE RIVER BASIN IN HISTORY AND LAW* (1967); LUDWIK A. TECLAFF, *ABSTRACTION AND USE OF WATER: A COMPARISON OF LEGAL REGIMES* (1972); *INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* (Ludwik A. Teclaff & Albert E. Utton eds., 1974); LUDWIK A. TECLAFF, *LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO GROWING WATER DEMAND* (1978); *WATER IN A DEVELOPING WORLD: THE MANAGEMENT OF A CRITICAL RESOURCE* (Ludwik A. Teclaff & Albert E. Utton eds., 1978); *INTERNATIONAL GROUNDWATER LAW* (Ludwik A. Teclaff ed., 1981); LUDWIK A. TECLAFF, *ECONOMIC ROOTS OF OPPRESSION* (1984); LUDWIK A. TECLAFF, *WATER LAW IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE* (1985); *TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES LAW* (Ludwik A. Teclaff & Albert E. Utton eds., 1987).

the library, including the history of what had happened with that issue in the past. After I would return from annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries or the Association of American Law Schools, he would stop by to hear the stories of whom I had seen at the meeting and what was happening with the library directors of his era. I have missed those visits since he and Eileen retired to Florida a few years ago.

¶6 Ludwik was the very epitome of the scholar-librarian; he will be missed by many in our profession.—*Janet Tracy*²

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