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The Morality of Criminal Law: A Symposium in Honor of Professor Sanford Kadish

On October 1 and 2, 1999, a group of renowned scholars in the fields of criminal law and philosophy gathered to honor Professor Sanford Kadish.¹ They participated in a symposium on the morality of criminal law, held at the Clark Kerr Conference Center of the University of California, Berkeley. That so many illustrious academics were unanimous in their enthusiasm in so honoring Sandy, as his many friends affectionately call him, speaks volumes about the tremendous professional and personal impact he has had on the work and lives of these and many other people throughout his long and distinguished career. Because Professor Kadish was a pioneer in forging a link between criminal law and moral philosophy, it is altogether appropriate that the organizers of this Symposium, Boalt Hall Professors Meir Dan-Cohen² and Claire Finkelstein,³ chose the morality of criminal law as its topic.

The editors of the *California Law Review* were also unanimous in wishing to honor Professor Kadish by publishing this Symposium.⁴ As dean of Boalt Hall from 1975 to 1982, a founder of the Jurisprudence & Social Policy Program, a mentor to many of Boalt's students, a colleague to Boalt's faculty, a scholar of rare ability, and generally a revered leader of our moral-intellectual community, Professor Kadish has exerted a

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4. As part of an agreement with the organizers and participants, the editors of the *California Law Review* have not verified the substantive accuracy of the authors' citations in their contributions to this Symposium.

powerful, positive influence on our law school since he joined the faculty in 1964.

Most recently, as part of their ongoing commitment to Boalt Hall, Professor Kadish and his wife, June Kadish, have donated a generous planned gift to endow The Kadish Center for Morality, Law and Public Affairs. By providing an initial gift of \$50,000 to begin funding the program immediately, and by naming Boalt Hall as the beneficiary of their retirement plans, the Kadishes will enable Boalt to promote and nurture scholarly research that seeks to understand the role of the law in addressing public issues, and the theoretical and moral aspects of substantive criminal law.

We also wish to note our appreciation for Professor Kadish's wonderful personal qualities. Professor Kadish successfully integrates his intellectual prowess with a genuine humility, personal consideration for others, and abundance of compassion towards all members of Boalt's community, whether faculty, staff, or students. Indeed, one of our editors, who is close to the Kadishes, has remarked that Professor Kadish is his role model, not merely professionally, but also personally: Sanford Kadish is the kind of husband, father, friend, teacher, scholar, colleague, and citizen that he aspires to be one day.

Thank you, Professor Kadish. In light of your many years of extraordinary devotion to Boalt Hall, we feel that there could be no more appropriate home for this Symposium than the pages of the *California Law Review*.