

**Remarks by Richard W. Pound**

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Distingués invités. (je dois dire que les instructions, donné au dernier moment, ont éliminé deux-tiers de mes remarques.)

Cela dite, je tiens à vous remercier sincèrement pour cette médaille, que je ne mérite pas, mais que j'accepte en toute humilité.

*In my experience, no good can come from a call placed by the Batonnier, so it was with mixed emotion that I returned his call – what could I possibly have done wrong, to have attracted such highly-placed attention? I am very happy, however, that I did return the call.*

*I would like to thank all of those who participated in the decision to award the Medal – I hope you do not feel in retrospect that this was a case of someone fooling all of the people some of the time...*

*I am now well into my 50<sup>th</sup> year of practice at the Bar. It is an ongoing privilege to participate in our system of justice as a lawyer and to contribute to a society that is governed by the rule of law.*

*If I may, I would like to leave you with three observations, of which I am not the author, that may be of interest to you:*

*The only place – the only place – where success comes before work is in the dictionary.*

*If it's wrong, it's wrong, even if everybody is doing it and, if it's right, it's right, even if nobody is doing it.*

*And finally, reflecting on the joy of practicing law, I am reminded of the very wise observation that if you find a job you love, you will never have to work a day in your life.*

Merci, encore une fois.