Arthur E. Wallace graduated with honors from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He was a member of the Order of the Coif, the Thurston Scholastic Honor Society, and Phi Delta Phi. He began practicing law in Bakersfield as a sole practitioner in both civil and criminal law. He served as a Special Prosecutor for the Kern County District Attorney. Eventually his practice focused on civil law, in the areas of civil litigation, family law, real property issues, as well as general business, transactional, and appellate work. Arthur Wallace was appointed to the Kern County Superior Court bench by Governor George Deukmejian in 1986. Judge Wallace developed innovative programs that increased the court’s operational efficiency, including a case management system implementing the Civil Trial Delay Reduction Program and the Direct Calendaring Program. In addition to this skill as a trial just, Wallace was effective in facilitation settlements. When Judge Wallace retired in 2009, a local attorney observed, “His legacy will be judicial temperament, judicial intellect, and a natural sense of kindness for the human beings who appear before him.”

In 500 typewritten words or less, on a separate white sheet of paper, explain why you chose law as a career, and why you believe you exemplify the attributes that have caused Judge Wallace to be so greatly respected and admired.