

Alumni

In Memoriam

1933

William B. Danforth
February 11, 2007

1937

Roger S. Gorman, Jr.
August, 2007

Gorman, 94, was a resident of Elmhurst, IL. He competed all his life as a student, athlete, coach, politician, and attorney. Roger was active in his church and community and was always ready to assist.

1939

Ami F. Allen
April 4, 2007

1941

Fred A. Messerschmidt
May 22, 2007

A 1939 graduate of the College, Messerschmidt was a World War II veteran, attorney, civic leader and co-founder of Elmhurst Federal Savings and Loan. Messerschmidt served as: director of the Illinois Savings & Loan League and the Illinois Savings & Loan Council, member of the Illinois and DuPage County Bar Associations, member of the board of governors of the Elmhurst Memorial Health System, and treasurer of the board of trustees of Elmhurst Memorial Hospital.

1942

Philip R. Lawrence
May 4, 2007

Lawrence died May 4 in San Francisco. He was ninety-one. A WWII army veteran, Lawrence practiced family law and was an active member of the San Francisco alumni club.

Robert W. Schafer
March 11, 2007

1946

Perry L. Fuller
May 10, 2007

A nationally renowned Chicago trial lawyer, esteemed legal educator, and dedicated Cook County civic leader for more than forty years, Fuller was the last surviving Name Partner of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, a.k.a. Hinshaw, Culbertson, Moelmann, Hoban & Fuller. Fuller was a lecturer in trial law at the Law School, from 1970-76. His then totally unique and groundbreaking teaching program became the protocol for the teaching of professional trial practice all over the country, and was the basis of the first formalized textbook for the training of young trial lawyers, *Defense Counsel Training Manual*.

1948

Edwin A. Wahlen
June 8, 2007

1949

James H. Shimberg
June 15, 2007

Shimberg served in the Army Air Corps and Army Air Forces during World War II, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. Shimberg was a member of the National Housing Hall of Fame, NAHB national vice president, founding trustee of the National Housing Endowment, and one of the first developers of suburban communities in Tampa, FL. Shimberg was a recognized leader of Tampa's housing industry and helped develop University Community Hospital and Pepin Heart Hospital. The Shimberg family established the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing at the University of Florida, dedicated to developing solutions for creating safe, decent, and affordable housing throughout Florida.

1950

Narcisse A. Brown
March 9, 2007

Retired Chicago attorney, Brown, formerly of Flossmoor, died at age eighty-seven. He was a former partner in Schwartz, Cooper, Kolb & Gaynor. An Army captain and "hump pilot" during World War II, Mr. Brown built and flew his own aircraft.

Anthony C. Zajkowski
June, 2007

1957

Dario A. Garibaldi
October 8, 2006

1959

Ellis E. Reid
August 7, 2007

During his forty-eight-year legal career, Reid prosecuted former Cook County State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan and appeared before the US Supreme Court to argue against the tactics used by Chicago Police Department in the riots that followed the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He lost that argument 5-4. Early in his career, Reid joined the premiere African-American law firm in Chicago, McCoy, Ming & Leighton. In 1985, Reid was appointed to a judgeship on the Cook County Circuit Court. He became presiding judge of the first municipal district and then was elevated to the appellate court.

1965

Ronald P. Alwin
May 19, 2007

Alwin was a Cook County public defender for thirty years who successfully appealed the murder conviction of a man whose case was one of thirteen cited by former Gov. George Ryan in his decision to put a moratorium on the death penalty in 2000. He grew up in a small town in Wisconsin and received a scholarship which allowed him to graduate from the Law School. He devoted himself to criminal defense work and practiced and taught Legal Appellate Advocacy at Loyola Law School

1967

John T. Gaubatz
June 13, 2007

Gaubatz was a nationally renowned expert in estate and trust law and an inspirational University of Miami professor. After bouncing around from a private practice, to time with the US Army and various law firms and universities, Gaubatz joined the University of Miami faculty in 1977. Gaubatz specialized in tax and estate law, and in 1979 wrote a text book detailing the basics of how young law students should handle Moot Court. The University of Miami has since named its Moot Court competition after Gaubatz. His greatest accomplishment was his ability to make his students think. "He was one of the old-school greats—one of the last Socratic teachers, where they teach by asking questions instead of lecturing."

Robert R. Retke
May 25, 2007