

Alumni

In Memoriam

1952

William C. Leiper

November 11, 2019

Leiper earned his undergraduate degree at Saint Mary's College of California; he served in the US Army Air Corps and was stationed in India during World War II. He retired as general counsel of the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad and was a devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Leiper lived in Sewickley Heights, Pennsylvania.

Edwin P. Wiley

October 4, 2019

Wiley, who earned his undergraduate degree at the College, was editor of the *Law Review*. He spent his career at Foley & Lardner, where he was a partner and founded the intellectual property department. Wiley was known for his support of a wide range of civic, arts, and charitable organizations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was especially proud that he and his wife were honored with the Wisconsin Governor's Award in Support of the Arts.

1953

Harry N. D. Fisher

November 19, 2019

Fisher earned his undergraduate degree at the College and served in the US Air Force after earning his JD. He practiced criminal defense law in St. Louis, Missouri, before becoming a principal in the public relations firm of Stemmler, Bartram, Fisher and Payne. Fisher was a scholar in residence at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Israel, supported a number of arts organizations, and recorded more than 150 audiobooks for people with visual impairments. He lived in Kirkwood, Missouri.

1954

Arthur L. Content

July 9, 2019

A US Army veteran, Content was a senior partner at Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin, and Kahn in Washington, DC, before starting his own firm, Content, Tatusko, and Patterson, specializing in real estate and tax law. He was a generous philanthropist and, after retiring, acted as a pro bono financial advisor for people with disabilities. Content loved sailing, playing tennis, and attending the ballet at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He lived in Annapolis.

1956

Joan Levey Gutterman

August 16, 2019

Gutterman was a graduate of the College as well as the Law School. She lived in Highland Park, Illinois.

Marco F. Weiss

July 24, 2019

Weiss earned his bachelor's degree at the University of California–Berkeley. He and his wife were avid travelers who lived and worked in Chicago, Los Angeles, Russia, the UK, and France. Weiss's other interests included opera, food, and Jewish culture; he was also an active, longtime supporter of many cultural and social service organizations in Chicago and Los Angeles.

1957

Miriam L. Chesslin

July 26, 2019

Chesslin served as a clerk on the Kansas Supreme Court before working as an attorney at New York City law firms; later, she practiced public interest law and retired as an environmental litigator at the US Department of Justice in Washington, DC. A lifelong activist, she championed causes that were important to her and joined her granddaughters in marching on Washington in 2017.

Harry J. Holmes

June 29, 2019

Holmes was a graduate of Carleton College and began his legal career in Zumbrota, Minnesota. In the early 1960s, he moved with his family to Colorado, where he served as a municipal judge, a prosecutor in the district attorney's office, and a criminal defense attorney. Holmes was an art collector, a gourmet cook, and an avid bridge player; a lover of music, he sang tenor in his church choir. He lived in Longmont, Colorado.

David L. Servies

November 2, 2019

Servies served in the US Army before earning his JD. He worked for many years at Seattle First National Bank, where he was regional vice president of the trust department, before joining First Trust Company of Montana, from which he retired as president. Servies loved the outdoors, traveling, and collecting stamps. He lived in Billings, Montana.

1958

John G. Satter Jr.

July 8, 2019

Satter was a founding director of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, which provides services for attorneys assisting clients with real estate transactions, and worked there from 1964 to 2001. He lived in Northbrook, Illinois.

1960

Edward T. O'Dell Jr.

October 7, 2019

O'Dell won a full scholarship to Brown University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission after earning his JD. He later became a partner at Goodwin Procter in Boston and founded that firm's investment management practice. O'Dell was a volunteer mentor with SCORE, an organization that supports entrepreneurs; he loved to travel, shoot pool, and play cards. He lived in Westwood, Massachusetts.

1961

Edwin L. Emerick Jr.

October 28, 2019

Emerick was a Baker Scholar at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and after earning his JD was a teaching fellow at the New York University School of Law. He practiced law in Seattle's University District for 52 years.

M. Leslie Kite

December 6, 2017

Kite, who also earned his bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University, was a business litigation attorney in Chicago.

1963

Thayer C. Lindauer

September 26, 2019

Lindauer was a graduate of the College as well as the Law School. He had a private law practice for more than 50 years, where he practiced corporate law with a specialty in serving multilevel marketing firms in the US and worldwide. Passionate about politics, reading, and history, Lindauer lived in Glendale, Arizona.

1965

Phillip E. Johnson

November 2, 2019

Johnson earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard University and clerked for Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren; he later taught law at the University of California–Berkeley. He was the author of a number of textbooks on criminal law and of *Darwin on Trial*, a key text of the “intelligent design” movement, and helped launch the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University. Johnson was a resident of Berkeley, California.

1966

Elbert J. Kram

September 20, 2019

Kram held an LLM in business and taxation from Capital University. A trial lawyer, associate, and partner in the Columbus, Ohio, law firm of Bricker & Eckler, he was the first chairman of the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and cofounder of the Volunteer Resource Center of the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. He volunteered for a number of legal and arbitration organizations, as well as his church, and was a history and railroad enthusiast.

Henry A. Waller

January 10, 2020

Waller was active in the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston, Illinois, and volunteered in its soup kitchen; he also supported a number of civic and social service organizations. He lived in Evanston.

1967

James L. Billinger

June 29, 2019

Billinger earned an undergraduate degree at Regis College and a JD at the University of Denver before enrolling in the Law School's Foreign Law Program, where he completed his MCL. He joined the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, a nonpartisan committee of the US Congress, as a legislation attorney and later became a refund attorney there. He was a longtime resident of Vienna, Virginia.

Thomas R. Shanle

December 11, 2019

Shanle joined Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) after graduating from the Law School, serving as a staff attorney at the Santa Cruz County Legal Aid Society and as a research attorney for the California District Court of Appeal in Sacramento. Afterward, he worked in private practice and for Comerica Bank until his retirement. Shanle was a lifelong athlete who also loved to travel, cook, and read; he lived in Santa Cruz, California.

1970

Anita L. Glasco

September 4, 2019

A graduate of the University of Southern California who earned a JD at Harvard University, Glasco was a Ford Foundation Fellow while completing her MCL in the Foreign Law Program. She practiced contract law at the firm of Smith & Glasco and taught at Southwestern Law School, where she was the Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law before being named professor emeritus. She was inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles Hall of Fame.

1971

James C. Prickett

December 29, 2019

Prickett lived in Alexander City, Alabama.

1973

Simon H. Aronson

December 10, 2019

Aronson was a partner in the Chicago firm of Lord Bissell & Brook, where he practiced real estate law before retiring at age 55 to focus on magic. An accomplished magician who performed to earn tuition for his three University degrees, Aronson invented a number of intricate card tricks now performed by magicians worldwide. He also wrote a number of books about magic, including *The Aronson Approach* and *Art Decko—Compositions with Cards*. Aronson lived in Chicago.

1976

Timothy G. Atwood

July 12, 2019

Atwood was a graduate of Wesleyan University and worked as a partner at Marsh, Day, and Calhoun in Bridgeport, Connecticut, before going into private practice. He focused primarily on legal issues in the firearms industry as well as commercial real estate law, personal injury, and workmen's compensation. Atwood loved to sail, hunt, and fish.

1983

David J. Landes

September 13, 2019

Landes left high school early to study in Israel at the Har Etzion yeshiva and went on to earn a BA in English literature from Columbia University as well as a PhD in anthropology from Princeton University. While Landes lived most of his life in New York City, he was a devoted fan of the 1990s Chicago Bulls.

1985

David M. Dolan

November 23, 2019

Dolan earned a bachelor's degree in economics at Duke University and a JD/MBA at U Chicago. He practiced corporate securities law at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Dallas, Texas, and later served as in-house counsel at Kimberly-Clark, MobileStar, T-Mobile, and Dresser, Inc. Dolan was an audiophile and music lover who also loved playing the piano, downhill skiing, and reading. A longtime resident of Dallas, he moved to Connecticut in 2019.

1995

Kimberly K. Rubel

September 5, 2019

A Chicago native, Rubel was a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and spent her entire legal career with Drinker, Biddle, and Reath in Chicago, where she specialized in corporate and securities law. She was elected managing partner and held a number of other leadership positions within the firm, and was well known as a mentor to others.

2002

Kevin L. Morris

November 12, 2019

Before earning his JD and joining the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis, where he was a corporate partner, Morris worked as a health care representative for Pfizer and as the director of fiscal management and planning at Illinois State University. At Kirkland, he worked in private equity and was a member of the firm's diversity and inclusion committee; he was also a trustee of Butler University, his undergraduate alma mater.

2005

Michael M. Giel

January 9, 2019

Giel served in the US Marine Corps and earned a bachelor's degree in English at the University of South Florida. He clerked for Judge Emerson R. Thompson Jr. of Florida's Fifth District Court of Appeals and practiced commercial litigation for several years before starting the Giel Family Law firm in Jacksonville, Florida. Giel also volunteered as a job coach at Catholic Charities of Jacksonville, helping job seekers polish their résumés and interview skills.

Sarah Fleisig Powers

September 18, 2019

Powers earned a BA in English literature at the University of Southern California. She worked as an attorney at Los Angeles-area firms including Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Wargo & French; and Eisner, where she was senior counsel.

Frank L. Ellsworth

October 20, 2019

Frank L. Ellsworth, a former assistant dean at the University of Chicago Law School whose book *Law on the Midway* chronicled the school's early-20th-century founding, died peacefully at home on October 20. He was 76.

Ellsworth, whose decades-long career included top leadership roles at colleges in California as well as teaching, earned his PhD in the social sciences from the University of Chicago in 1976. He worked as the Law School's assistant dean between 1971 and 1979, when he left to become the third president of Pitzer College, part of the Claremont College consortium in California. At age 36, he was the youngest president ever appointed to head a Claremont College.



Frank Ellsworth (left) with Richard Badger.

At the Law School, Ellsworth focused on alumni relations and development. "He was a great colleague," said Richard Badger, who retired from the Law School earlier this year after a 48-year career that included top roles in Law School admissions, student affairs, career services, and graduate programs. "He was always willing to consult on issues whether they were in his area of responsibility or not, and he was very attentive to our alumni."

Added Judith Wright, a longtime D'Angelo Law Library director who retired in 2013: "I remember how popular Frank was with the students, attending student dinner parties, always a friendly, engaging person in the Green Lounge."

Ellsworth devoted himself to meticulously studying the Law School's early history, from the hiring of the first faculty to the University's approach to legal education. His book, *Law on the Midway*, was published in 1977 by the University of Chicago Press.

"The Law School librarians really appreciated Frank's detailed research for his book," Wright said. "It is an invaluable resource for the fairly frequently asked questions about the founding of the Law School and the early faculty."

Holly Davis, '76, who succeeded Ellsworth as the Law School's assistant dean for development and alumni relations, remembered Ellsworth as "a lovely, nice man." "He was a connector, kept in touch, and supportive after graduation," Davis said. "The kind of person you were always delighted to see."

While on staff at the Law School, Ellsworth also served as a lecturer in the University's Social Sciences Collegiate Division. At Pitzer, he taught political science in addition to serving as president.

After leaving Pitzer, Ellsworth served for six years as the president of the Independent Colleges of Southern California and later served as interim president at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California; interim president at Sofia University in Palo Alto, California; president of endowments at Capital Research and Management Company; president of the Japan Society in New York; and founder and chairman of the board of Global Partners Institute, among other roles.

In addition to his PhD, Ellsworth earned a BA in English and religion at Case Western Reserve University in 1965, an MEd in the history of education at Pennsylvania State University in 1967, and an MA in language and literature at Columbia University in 1969. He received honorary degrees from the Art Center College of Design, Southwestern University School of Law, and Pepperdine University.