

# Alumni

## In Memoriam

**1950**

**William R. Brandt**

*October 11, 2021*

Brandt served in the US Army and Navy, and earned degrees at the US Naval Academy and the University of Illinois. A founder of the firm of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder in Bloomington, Illinois, he also volunteered his time for a number of professional and civic organizations. He was a licensed private pilot who loved reading, playing tennis, and baking. Brandt was a resident of Bloomington.

**Lionel G. Gross**

*October 25, 2021*

Gross took a leave from his studies at the University to enlist in the military, serving as a paratrooper in the Pacific during World War II. He spent his legal career at the Chicago firm of Altheimer and Grey, and was an avid reader as well as a fan of many genres of music.

**Milton A. Levenfeld**

*October 21, 2021*

Levenfeld served in the US Navy before earning his BA and JD at the University. He cofounded the Chicago firm now known as Levenfeld Pearlstein and was also a certified public accountant. Levenfeld was active in his synagogue and in the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, served as president of the Chicago Israel Chamber of Commerce, and was a strong supporter of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Ravinia Festival. He lived in Canton, Massachusetts.

**1951**

**Mychal P. Angelos**

*August 12, 2021*

A US Navy veteran, Angelos practiced law in his own firm for five decades. He was an accomplished swimmer, a private pilot, and a lifelong learner who earned a PhD in history from Loyola University in his 60s and was still taking classes at UChicago. Angelos loved to travel and read and was a dedicated patron of the arts.

**1953**

**Leon Gabinet**

*December 6, 2021*

Gabinet enlisted in the US Navy at 17 and attended the University on the GI Bill, taking a break during his Law School studies to help transport European Jewish refugees to the nascent State of Israel. He worked for several years on the Oregon Tax Commission and practiced law at a Portland firm before joining the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he taught for more than 50 years and served as executive director of the graduate program in taxation.

**1957**

**Marshall J. Hartman**

*September 22, 2021*

A graduate of the College, Hartman began his career as a lawyer probation officer at the Juvenile Court of Cook County and administrator of the appeals division in the Cook County public defender's office. He later served as executive director of the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County and worked at the National Defender Institute in Washington, DC, before becoming chief public defender of Lake County. He led the capital litigation division of the Illinois Office of the State Appellate Defender until his retirement.

**Peter Lederer**

*August 8, 2021*

Lederer practiced law for more than 40 years with the firm of Baker & McKenzie, first in Zurich and then becoming senior partner in the New York office. He was a longtime adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law, where he mentored students and faculty; he also consulted for global companies and founded an Internet start-up. Lederer lived in New Milford, Connecticut.

**Carl F. Salans**

*October 20, 2021*

Salans was a graduate of Harvard College and earned an advanced degree in international law from Cambridge University. He was legal advisor for the US delegation to the talks on the Paris Peace Accords to end the war in Vietnam, and was head of the US delegation to the UNESCO conference that established the World Heritage Convention. He founded the Paris firm that bears his name and chaired the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He was named a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his contributions to the nation of France.

**1959**

**Julius Kaplan**

*September 1, 2021*

A graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Kaplan also earned an MCL from the Law School. He was an attorney at the US Agency for International Development before entering private practice. He was a founding partner of Kirkwood, Kaplan, Russin, and Vecchi, and later of counsel to Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft. In retirement, he chaired the Explorers Club Washington Group and traveled all over the world with the group. He was also a well-known art collector and the author of two books.

**John D. Proffitt***June 30, 2021*

Proffitt was a graduate of Wabash College and a US Army veteran. He cofounded the Carmel, Indiana, firm of Campbell Kyle Proffitt and capped his career as counsel at Altman, Poindexter & Wyatt in the same city. He served as president of the Hamilton County Bar Association, the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Association, and the Indiana Bar Association, and volunteered as a board member of many civic and cultural organizations. He loved travel, outdoor activities, and the Chicago Cubs.

**Sandor Shuch***March 10, 2021*

Shuch worked for legal aid organizations in Pinal County and Maricopa County, Arizona, serving as director of the latter, and focusing in both positions on assisting migrant workers. He later worked in the civil division of the Maricopa County Attorney's office. After retiring, he was a volunteer docent for the Phoenix Art Museum and served on the Arizona State Board of Equalization.

**1960****Ira Bell***November 3, 2021*

Bell was a graduate of Northwestern University and worked as an attorney in Chicago. He was a lifelong fan of jazz and folk music; an accomplished sailor; and an enthusiastic student in exercise, dance, and improvisation classes even after his Parkinson's disease diagnosis. Bell lived in Wilmette, Illinois.

**1961****Gene B. Brandzel***October 18, 2021*

Brandzel earned a BA at the University of Michigan. He clerked for Eugene Wright, Circuit Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and later served as a judge. He spent many years as an attorney at the Seattle firm now known as Stoel Rives. Brandzel loved to travel and volunteered in many organizations; he was also active in conservation and beautification efforts in Seattle.

**Martin H. Burns***September 15, 2021*

Burns earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University. He was a partner in the firm of Russell and Bridewell in Chicago, where he lived.

**Harry G. Wilkinson***November 30, 2020*

Wilkinson was a graduate of Michigan State University and a US Air Force veteran. He began his career as counsel to US Senate subcommittees on migratory labor and

constitutional rights, and went on to work at the US Department of Justice and as the congressional liaison for the Secretary of Labor. He was deputy director of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and director in Costa Rica before becoming a foreign service officer with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). After his government service, Wilkinson worked for South Africa Lawyers for Human Rights and as a consultant to USAID. He served on the board of the South Carolina American Civil Liberties Union.

**1962****David S. Chernoff***September 18, 2021*

Chernoff was an alumnus of the Lab School and the College. He was associate general counsel and unofficial historian at the MacArthur Foundation and was active in many other nonprofit organizations, including the Chicago Architecture Center, the Donor's Forum, and the Cliff Dwellers. A third-degree black belt in judo, he taught the martial art to children; he also taught in the LLM program at John Marshall Law School and taught celestial navigation with the Chicago Sail and Power Squadron.

**Lowell N. Elsen***June 2020***William B. Fisch***July 7, 2021*

Fisch earned an undergraduate degree from Harvard University, an LLB from the University of Illinois College of Law, and a JD from Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg, Germany. He taught at the University of North Dakota School of Law and at the University of Missouri School of Law. Fisch coauthored two books and many chapters and articles, and served on the board of directors and executive committee of the American Society of Comparative Law. He loved birding, photography, golf, and travel.

**Justin Morris Johnson***October 29, 2021*

Johnson was a graduate of the College and a US Air Force veteran. The first African American member of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, Johnson worked for the Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh–Mount Oliver Board of Education and at the firm of Berkman, Ruslander, Pohl, Lieber & Engel. He was appointed to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania by Governor Richard Thornburgh, and taught at Duquesne University Law School. He was a devoted mentor and volunteer as well as a life trustee of Carnegie Mellon University.

## 1964

### **Charles A. Heckman**

*August 2, 2021*

Heckman earned an undergraduate degree at Brown University. He taught legal history and commercial law at the University of North Dakota, the University of Houston, Western New England University, Whittier Law School, and Quinnipiac University, where was professor emeritus. He enjoyed music, his Newfoundland dogs, bridge, crossword puzzles, and detective novels.

### **Carl E. Klotz**

*October 22, 2021*

Klotz was a graduate of Columbia University. He cofounded the firm of Klotz & McCann in Hawthorne, New Jersey, and later practiced solo; he lived in Hawthorne, New Jersey.

### **David M. Madway**

*June 26, 2021*

A graduate of Earlham College, Madway began his legal career at the National Housing Law Project. He was a consultant to the World Bank and the US Agency for International Development before becoming general counsel at the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, where he helped to develop the San Francisco Giants stadium and Yerba Buena Gardens. He retired from the firm of Sheppard Mullin.

## 1965

### **Michael E. Braude**

*November 17, 2021*

Braude earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and practiced law for more than five decades. He was president of the Chicago chapter of the Federal Bar Association and served on many of its committees; he was also a vice president of the national Federal Bar Association. Braude was a longtime volunteer for the Jewish United Fund of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania department of admissions.

## 1966

### **Lawrence G. Martin**

*November 6, 2021*

Martin earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and a graduate degree in history from Northwestern University. He spent his career in private practice and real estate investment and liquidation. An accomplished woodworker, he founded the nonprofit Woodworking for the Blind. Martin was a resident of Barrington, Illinois, and Venice, Florida.

## 1968

### **John N. Tierney**

*August 3, 2021*

Tierney was a graduate of Holy Cross College. He practiced law in Chicago before becoming president and CEO of the Radio Ranch advertising firm in Los Angeles, where he also practiced civil rights, real estate, and entertainment law. He was a trustee of Pitzer College and an avid reader, fox hunter, hiker, bicyclist, and motorcycle rider.

## 1969

### **Douglas Delange Graham**

*October 8, 2021*

Graham earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Utah. He practiced law in Pasadena and Glendora, California, and was a talented builder and handyman, gardener, and cook. Graham lived in Lake Havasu City, Utah.

### **William L. Severns**

*October 13, 2021*

A graduate of Trinity College, Severns began his career in Deadwood, South Dakota, where he served as city attorney. He was later appointed as a magistrate judge and served in Deadwood, Sturgis, Custer, Hot Springs, and Rapid City. He was an amateur actor, jazz enthusiast, and photographer, and volunteered for many civic organizations and his church. Severns lived in Spearfish, South Dakota.

## 1971

### **Schuyler K. Henderson**

*October 4, 2021*

Henderson was a graduate of Princeton University and a US Marine Corps Reserve veteran. He completed his JD while also earning an MBA at the Booth School of Business. He was partner at Mayer, Brown, and Platt and ran the firm's European office in London; he also became a partner at the firms of Baker & McKenzie and Norton Rose. He was the author of books on currency and interest swaps and derivatives. A world traveler, Henderson lived in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

## 1973

### **Steven Lee Harris**

*November 6, 2021*

A graduate of the College, Harris clerked in the Illinois Appellate Court and spent time in private practice in Chicago. He then taught law at Wayne State University, the University of Illinois College of Law, and Chicago-Kent College of Law, specializing in commercial law; he also taught American law overseas. The American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers recognized him with the Homer Kripke Achievement Award in 2021. Harris loved the outdoors, travel, music, and baseball.

**Thomas Clark Hill**

*August 21, 2021*

Hill earned his undergraduate degree at the school now known as Case Western Reserve University. He began his career at the Cincinnati, Ohio, firm of Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister. A longtime student of Quaker history, he wrote about the denomination and volunteered in his congregation. Hill lived in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**1974****Lee Martin**

*November 7, 2021*

Martin was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and practiced law in Chicago before returning to his home state of Alabama to practice law. He was an avid stamp collector, reader, food lover, and ballroom dancer.

**Linda Susan Miller**

*July 15, 2021*

Miller held an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois. She lived in New York City.

**1975****Ronald K. K. Sakimura**

*September 9, 2021*

Sakimura was a graduate of the University of Hawaii and a decorated US Army Ranger and captain who served in Vietnam before entering the Law School. He practiced law in his hometown of Honolulu and was a partner in the firm of Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel.

**1977****Ann Virginia Bartsch**

*June 11, 2021*

Bartsch was a graduate of Stanford University and began her legal career in Minnesota. She worked for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, and the Minnesota State Bar Association, and chaired the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Services for the Poor. After moving to Portland, Oregon, she worked for the state bar association. Bartsch volunteered in her church and was director and president of Friendly House, a Portland nonprofit community center and social service agency.

**1981****Zachary Samuel Weiss**

*August 2, 2021*

Weiss earned his undergraduate degree at Sarah Lawrence College. He was a prosecutor in the Manhattan, New York, district attorney's office and the office of the New York State attorney general before being appointed chair of the state's workers' compensation board. Later, he served as an administrative law judge at the Social Security Administration. Weiss lived in White Plains, New York.

**1983****John E. Ryan**

*August 9, 2021*

Ryan was a graduate of Haverford College. A specialist in corporate and real estate law, he was a partner in the Philadelphia firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel and had his own practice for a time. A history enthusiast, he was also an avid fossil hunter and active in his church. Ryan was a resident of Rosemont, Pennsylvania.

**1984****Joseph Harrison Young**

*October 6, 2021*

Young was a graduate of Dartmouth College and worked as a reporter covering Vermont politics before entering the Law School. After clerking for a US district judge, he entered private practice at the firm of Hogan Lovells and then became an assistant US attorney for the District of Maryland. He later returned to Hogan Lovells, where he specialized in civil litigation and coordinated the firm's pro bono and community service program. He concluded his career working for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. Young lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**1991****Albert J. Birkbeck**

*November 1, 2021*

Birkbeck earned undergraduate degrees in geosciences and economics, as well as an MBA, from the University of Michigan. He practiced corporate law in Chicago before starting an environmental law practice in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He worked on behalf of communities with drinking water contaminated by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), cofounding the nonprofit PFAS Alliance to advocate for safe water for all.

**2003****Juliana Sanchez Schafer**

*August 5, 2021*

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Schafer practiced law at the Chicago firm of Sidley Austin. She was a dedicated volunteer for the American Cancer Society, the American Brain Tumor Association, and her temple; she also founded and ran a prison pen pal program. Schafer lived in Chicago.