
George Gleason Bogert (1884–1977)

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George Bogert began his legal career as a practicing lawyer in Upstate New York in 1908. This career was interrupted by the first World War, in which he served in the Judge Advocate General's office and was cited in divisional orders. At the end of the war, he became an instructor at Cornell Law School, and in 1921 he was named dean of that law school. In 1925 he left Cornell and joined the University of Chicago Law School faculty, where he became the James Parker Hall Professor.

George Bogert commenced his legal writing with a work on the law of sales of personal property, but he soon specialized in the area of trusts, a field in which his writing became preeminent. His work in this field culminated in the publication in 1935 of his 15-volume work *Trusts and Trustees*, which, with its later editions, has remained the standard treatise.

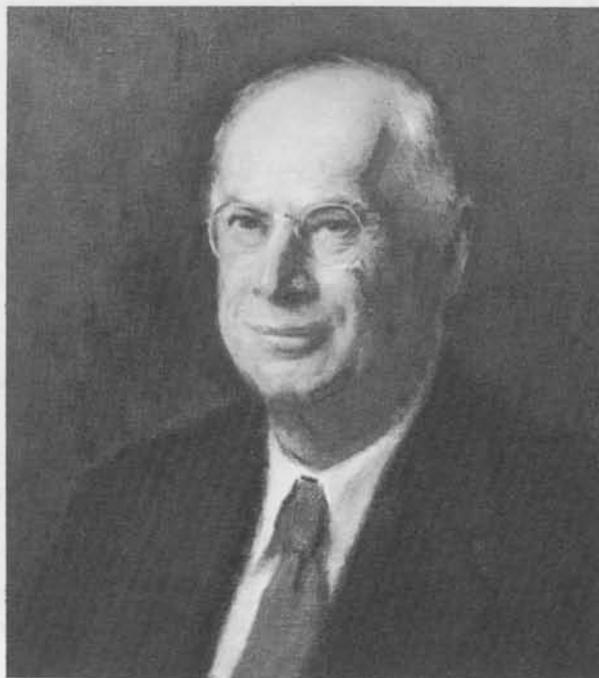
At the height of his distinguished career George Bogert devoted increasing attention to the efforts to harmonize the laws of the different jurisdictions of the United States. He was active as the Commissioner on Uniform State Laws from New York in 1920–25 and from Illinois in 1927–49. He was a principal draftsman of the Uniform Acts on sales, trustees' accounting, trusts, and common trust fund.

George Bogert served as the President of the Association of American Law Schools in 1935–36. A 1906 graduate of Cornell College and a 1908 graduate of Cornell Law School, he was elected

to Phi Beta Kappa and to Phi Delta Phi. He was a member of the New York and Illinois bars.

Upon his retirement in 1949 from the University of Chicago Law School faculty, he joined the faculty of Hastings College of Law in San Francisco; he remained at Hastings until 1959. Thereafter he lived part of each year in California and part on the farm that he and his wife Lolita had in Michigan. He died in Florida on March 28, 1977.

The friendship my wife Helen and I had with the Bogerts was of long standing; we shall miss him.



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