

Death

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JEROME HALL

Jerome Hall, 91, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of law at IUB and Professor Emeritus of law at Hastings College of the Law, died March 1 in San Francisco.

Hall was considered one of the foremost legal scholars in his field of criminal law and jurisprudence. In his later years, he devoted his studies to religion and the law.

Upon his retirement from the IU School of Law-Bloomington in 1970 with the University's highest rank, Hall joined the faculty of the University of California's Hastings College. He was a member of Hastings' unique "Sixty-Five Club," a program that invites eminent scholars to teach there full time after normal retirement. He taught there until the age of 88.

Hall was educated on fellowships at the

University of Chicago, where he received his bachelor's and law degrees.

Upon being admitted to the Illinois bar in 1923, he joined a Chicago law firm and in 1926 started his own practice, later serving as assistant state's attorney of Cook County, Ill.

During this period, Hall also held his first job with IU as an instructor in public speaking and business law at what is today IU Northwest.

In 1929, he gave up his private practice for an academic career that first took him to the University of North Dakota, where he was a professor of law until 1932.

Hall spent the next few years as a special fellow at Columbia University and then as a Benjamin Research Fellow at Harvard Law School, before joining the faculty of Louisiana State University. He received doctoral degrees

in law and legal philosophies from Columbia and Harvard, respectively.

He came to IU in 1939 and continued to distinguish himself as one of the outstanding American scholars in the field of jurisprudence and criminal law. He was internationally recognized for his seven books on criminal law and legal philosophy.

Theft, Law and Society, first published in 1935, was once called one of the most significant contributions to American criminal law. His *Readings in Jurisprudence*, published in 1938, was the first comprehensive book in the field and *General Principles of Criminal Law*, first published in 1947, was described as "the most important treatise on criminal law produced by American legal scholarship."

He also is the author of *Studies in Jurisprudence and Criminal Theory*, *Living Law of Democratic Society*, *Comparative Law and Social Theory*, *Cases and Readings on Criminal Law and Procedure*, and numerous articles.

Recognition in a different way came to Hall in 1954, when he was chosen by the U.S. State

Department to assist in the legal reconstruction of Korea. He was subsequently named honorary director of the Korean Legal Institute.

Hall was the first person to hold simultaneously the presidency of both the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy and the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.

He received the Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award for distinguished teaching at IU in 1956. He also received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of North Dakota and the China Academy in Taipei, Taiwan, was honorary president of the Latin American Association of Sociology and was given the Order of San Francisco by the University of San Paulo in Brazil.

When he retired from IU, Hall donated his 800-volume law library to the University. Most of the books went to the IUB Law Library; however, several rare books were added to the Lilly Library collection, including a 1608 edition of the Magna Charta and the first edition of Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan*, published in 1651.