

# Retired professor Jerome Hall dies

H-T Report

SAN FRANCISCO — Jerome Hall, distinguished professor emeritus of law at Indiana University, died of pneumonia March 1 in San Francisco. He was 91.

Hall was considered one of the foremost legal scholars in the field of criminal law and jurisprudence.

He retired from the IU School of Law in 1970, with the university's highest rank, and joined the University of California's Hastings College where he was professor emeritus of law.

Born Feb. 4, 1901, in Chicago, Hall was educated at the University of Chicago receiving a bachelor's and law degrees. He received doctoral degrees in law and legal philosophies from Columbia and Harvard, respectively.

He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1923, started practicing law in Chicago, and began his own law practice in 1926.

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

While a young law graduate, Hall was interviewed for a job in the Chicago law offices of Clarence Darrow. Darrow advised Hall to "swim

with the current" and do only what he found interesting.

So in 1929, Hall left his private practice for academia. He taught at the University of North Dakota, Columbia University and Harvard Law School, among others.

Hall came to IU in 1939 and there continued to distinguish himself as an outstanding American scholar in jurisprudence and criminal law.

Hall was internationally recognized for books and articles on criminal law and legal philosophy.

*Theft, Law and Society*, first published in 1935, was called one of the most significant contributions to American criminal law.

His memberships included the American Bar Association and American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy.

He received the Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award for distinguished teaching at IU in 1956.

Upon his retirement from IU, Hall donated his 800-volume law library to the university. Several rare books were given to the Lilly Library, including an 1608 edition of the Magna Carta.

Hall is survived by one daughter, Heather Adele Hall of Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in San Francisco.

## Campus Brief

### ■ Distinguished criminal law scholar, former IU professor dies of pneumonia

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One of the country's outstanding criminal law scholars and a former IU School of Law professor, Jerome Hall, died of pneumonia on March 1 in San Francisco.

Hall left IU in 1970 and joined the faculty at the University of California's Hastings College.

He also taught at the University of North Dakota and received degrees from Harvard and Columbia Universities.

Hall contributed to the legal field by writing books.

When he retired from IU, he left behind 800 volumes of law books he had collected.

Some of the books are in the IU Law Library collections and several are housed at the Lilly Library.

One of Hall's most outstanding accomplishments was his 1954 appointment by the U.S. State Department to aid in the legal reconstruction of Korea.

Hall is survived by a daughter, Heather Adele Hall.