



PROF. WILBER G. KATZ DIES

Emeritus Prof. Wilber G. Katz, a member of the Law School faculty since 1961, died in Milwaukee on May 17, 1979.

Wilber was educated at the University of Wisconsin (A.B. 1923) and at Harvard Law School (L.L.B. 1926; S.J.D. 1930). He was Phi Beta Kappa here and Note Editor of the *Law Review* at Harvard. He received an honorary degree (D.C.L.) from Kenyon College. He was awarded the chair of George I. Haight Professor of Law by the Regents of this University.

Wilber practiced law at the Wall Street firm of Root, Clark, Buckner and Ballantine before beginning his teaching career at the University of Chicago. For thirty-one years, from 1930 to 1961, he taught at the Chicago Law School. He also served as its dean from 1939 to 1950. In 1961, he joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin Law School from which his father had graduated sixty-five years earlier. For a decade here he taught corporations, accounting and the law, legal ethics, and the law of religious freedom.

Wilber was a nationally recognized scholar in the fields of accounting, corporations, and church-state relations. He was author of "Introduction to Accounting"; co-editor with Felix Frankfurter of a casebook on "Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure." He contributed studies of law and religion to books entitled *Religion in America* (Cogley ed., 1958); *Religion in American Life* (Smith and Jamison eds., 1961); and *Religion, Morality and Law* (Harding ed., 1956). He wrote many articles on accounting, corporations, and religious freedom for professional journals.

A distinguished peer, Professor Paul G. Kauper of the University of Michigan, had this to say of Wilber's scholarship concerning the constitutional issues of church and state:

"In his writings on the subject he has revealed insights and developed a canon of constitutional interpretation which have earned him a position of preeminent mentor . . . A rich scholarship, penetrating analysis and insights, and mature reflection coupled with grace in writing, sensitivity to underlying values, a sense of intellectual integrity, respect for the views of others, and a kindly humor have all contributed to the effectiveness with which he has presented his views."

In addition to being an innovative teacher, Prof. Katz served this Law School in a number of other important administrative functions including chairing a committee to select the dean. He will be missed as a colleague, a scholar and as a great teacher.

IN MEMORIAM

The entire law school community was saddened recently by the loss of four of our alumni. Two of these prominent alumni, F. Ryan Duffy (1912) and J. Ward Rector (1931), were recipients of the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award. Each had an outstanding record of contribution to the profession through distinguished service during their careers. The loss of James Schipper (1955) and Richard Trembath (1942) is a particular loss to the Association since at the time of their deaths Mr. Schipper and Mr. Trembath were active members of the Alumni Association's Board of Visitors and Board of Directors respectively. A successor to Mr. Schipper will be appointed by the President of the Alumni Association, and Mr. Trembath will be replaced by election of the members at next spring's annual meeting but their places will be difficult to fill. Members of our two boards serve without compensation or reimbursement, but the spirit of service was exemplified by the activities of these two men. Memorial contributions in their names have been received by the association.