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# In Memoriam: Arthur Anderson (1900-1976)

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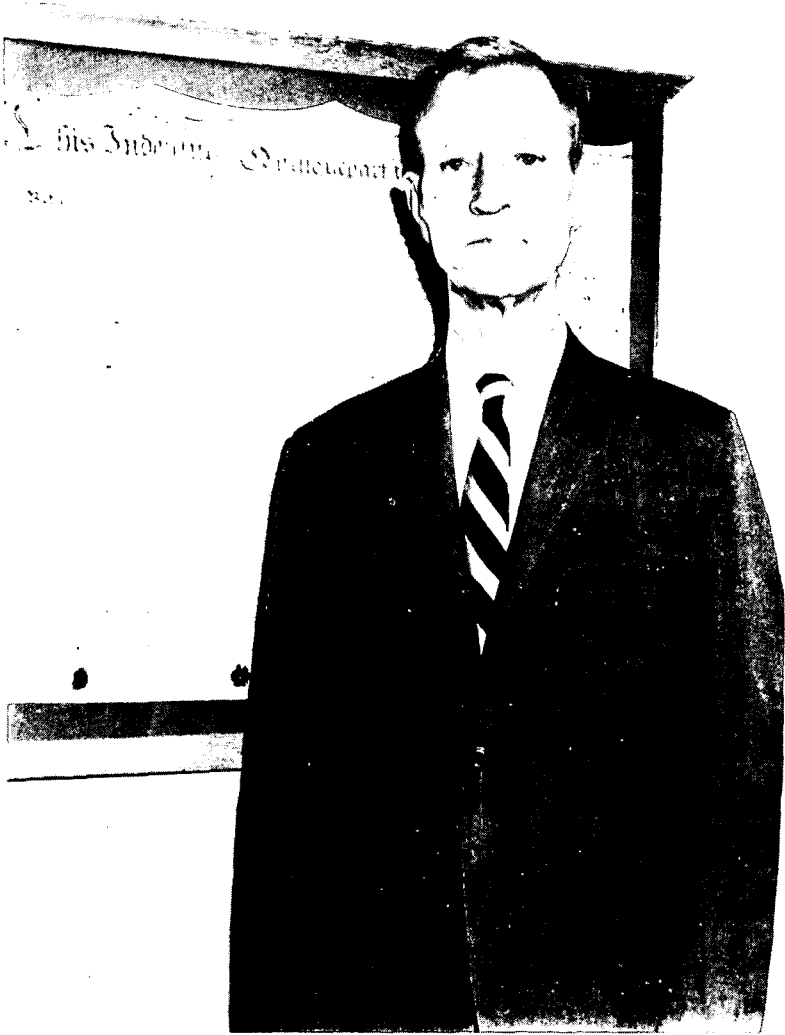
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**IN MEMORIAM**



**ARTHUR ANDERSON**

**1900-1976**

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# IN MEMORIAM

## A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRIBUTE

*Burton F. Brody\**

As did no doubt thousands of others of his students, I felt special sadness when I learned Professor Anderson had died. His domain was the first year contracts course which is legendary throughout legal education as an introductory professional experience. Under Professor Anderson's guidance, the course in contracts surpassed even that meaningful purpose and became a rewarding, inspiring intellectual experience.

In *The Death of Contract*, Professor Gilmore states that Langdell discovered the general theory of contract and that Holmes and Williston organized it into what came to be called, "The Classical Theory of Contract." This classical theory of contract was, according to Gilmore, "objectivist" and established only the narrowest range of liability in that it did not include quasi-contract and only grudgingly recognized equity. This "Holmes-Williston construct" was a complete intellectual entity, an island of truth, having great appeal in a sea of social uncertainty. Professor Anderson taught that truth with such proficiency that the results of his efforts are still observable in Illinois cases. If Langdell, Holmes and Williston discovered and constructed the classical theory, Professor Anderson was one of its premier teachers.

Professor Anderson was without equal as a teacher in the classroom. His course, his every class was meticulously planned and timed. Yet this control did not limit his range; he taught beyond his subject to precise analysis and professional commitment. He did so in such a way that although his classes were a joy, full appreciation of them comes only years later.

His classroom technique was the result of a perfect blend of his personality, physique and intellect. The impeccable manners, exact speech and correct grammar fit the tall, lean build and elegant dress. His expressive eyes hinted humor as they peered from his angular face and over the plain glasses to challenge ambitious students. His high-pitched, sing-song voice matched the gaunt frame and quick movements to burn unforgettable im-

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ages on receptive minds. Complete command of his subject combined with habitually exact analysis to inspire effort and demand achievement from those who accepted his call to knowledge.

Professor Anderson had a gift and he treated his own talent with the same respect he treated time — it was too precious to waste. The greatest tribute I can pay him as a teacher is to say that other than my parents, he was the greatest influence for good in my life.

**ARTHUR ANDERSON**  
**(1900-1976)**

*Lawrence F. Murphy\**

In January 1976 the DePaul University community, and in particular the College of Law, lost one of its outstanding former members with the passing of Professor Emeritus Arthur Anderson.

A teacher of rare insight, he was knowledgeable, orderly, and above all had the ability to communicate ideas and concepts to his students and excite their interest. He was a "Mr. Chips" of sorts, loved and respected by all who came to know him. His scholarship was demonstrated in several erudite legal articles as well as a casebook on the law of contracts, his primary area of interest.

Professor Anderson completed all of his formal education at the University of Chicago, earning his Ph.B in 1921 and his J.D. in 1923. While engaged in private practice, he became associated with DePaul in 1930 as a part-time instructor of contracts. Convinced that teaching was his true vocation, he gave up his law practice and returned to study at the University of Chicago where he secured his J.S.D. in 1936. He subsequently rejoined the DePaul College of Law as a full time professor until 1941 when he was appointed Dean of Southeastern University Law School in Washington, D.C. With the outbreak of World War II he entered the military service and was commissioned an officer in the Navy. Later he became a Commander in the Naval Reserves. Upon discharge from active duty in 1946, he returned to the faculty of DePaul to give many more years of dedicated service.

Upon his retirement from the faculty in 1969, the University bestowed upon him the most distinguished honor of *VIAM SAPIENTIAE (I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO WISDOM)*, reserved for faculty members who have devotedly served the purposes and ideals of the University. He will be remembered by those who knew, loved, and admired him as truly a "gentleman and a scholar," a teacher and a human being of rare quality.

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