

## Professor Emeritus Charles Elias Clark '47

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YALE LAW SCHOOL Professor Emeritus Charles Elias (“Eli”) Clark ’47, a beloved member of both the Yale University and Yale Law School communities, died June 11, 2011, at his home in Hamden, Connecticut. He was 89. A specialist in the field of law pertaining to the transfer of family wealth, Clark was the Lafayette S. Foster Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School, a longtime Master of Silliman College at Yale, and a World War II veteran.

“Eli Clark was an inspirational teacher and an invaluable mentor to generations of Yale students,” said Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor Emeritus of Law Michael Graetz, a longtime friend and colleague of Professor Clark’s at Yale Law School. “He was an indefatigable, and often indispensable, citizen of the Law School and the University. His work on trusts and estates and their taxation educated students across the nation. Eli was a great storyteller, a raconteur—always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Most importantly, he was a kind and gentle man and a loyal friend, a man who reveled in his family.”

Eli Clark was born in New Haven on August 19, 1921, the son of Judge Charles E. Clark and Dorothy Gregory Clark. He attended New Haven public schools and graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1939. In 1943, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale College with a B.A. degree in American History. After serving in the war, he returned to Yale for a law degree, which he completed *cum laude* in 1947. He later earned a Master of Arts degree from Yale in 1958.

He began his law career in 1947 as an associate in the New York City law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Cox, where he served for two years. In 1949, he joined the Yale Law School faculty as an assistant professor to teach a course in estates. Known for his storytelling, lecturing style, and wry sense of humor, he was widely respected as a teacher, and his estates



course remained immensely popular for more than forty years. He also specialized in property, family law, and estate taxation.

He was named a Professor of Law in 1958 and the Lafayette S. Foster Professor of Law in 1969. He was named the Lafayette S. Foster Professor Emeritus and Myres S. McDougal Professorial Lecturer in Law in 1991. He retired from Yale Law School in 2004 after more than fifty-five years of service.

In 1962, he accepted an appointment to be the Master of Silliman College at Yale, a position he delighted in and held until 1981. During his Mastership, he became deeply involved in the administra-

tion of Yale College and served on many of its boards and committees. As chairman of the Council of Masters from 1967 to 1970, he was involved in the integration of women students into the colleges and in developing a plan to prepare the University for the May Day demonstration in 1970.

Clark’s major works consist of two casebooks of which he is co-author: *Gratuitous Transfers* (fourth edition, 1999) and *Federal Estate and Gift Taxation* (eighth edition, 2000). He also

authored numerous articles and served as editor of the *Connecticut Will Manual* for 35 years. For his exceptional contributions to the field of estates and probate law, he received an Award of Excellence from the Estates and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association in 1992. For distinguished service to Yale and the community, he received the Mory’s Cup in 1987.

Clark is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann Atkins Clark; seven children: Charles E. Clark (Karen), Katharine Jensen (Ron), Susan Love, Robert T. Clark (June), Dorothy Chadwick (Terry), Annie Clark (Dave Thomas), and William R. Clark (Jennifer); eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Yale University’s Battell Chapel on June 24, 2011.

## Sterling Professor Emeritus and Former Dean Harry H. Wellington

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YALE LAW SCHOOL Sterling Professor Emeritus Harry H. Wellington, a constitutional law and labor law scholar and former Dean of both Yale Law School and New York Law School, died August 8, 2011, at age 84.

“Harry was a serene presence in the Law School. He possessed a character notable for its integrity and clarity. He illuminated everything and everyone he touched,” said Yale Law School Dean Robert Post ’77.

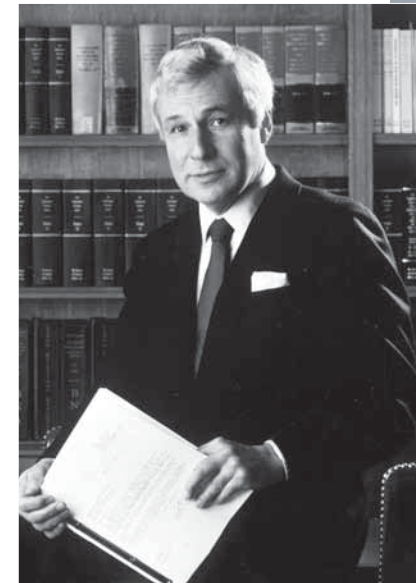
Wellington joined the Yale Law School faculty in 1956 as an assistant professor of law after having taught at Stanford Law School for a year. He was promoted to associate professor at Yale Law School in 1957, to full professor in 1960, to Edward J. Phelps Professor of Law in 1967, and to Sterling Professor in 1983. He became Dean of Yale Law School in 1975 and served in that role until 1985.

“Harry Wellington was as good a scholar, teacher, and dean as the Yale Law School has ever had. He was also a wonderful person and a dear, dear friend,” said Sterling Professor Emeritus of Law Guido Calabresi ’58, whose deanship of Yale Law School succeeded Wellington’s.

Harry Wellington was born in New Haven, Connecticut. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947 and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1952. Wellington served as law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Calvert Magruder and later to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter.

Upon his retirement from the Yale Law School faculty in 1992, Wellington joined the faculty at New York Law School where he served as President and Dean. He served as Dean of New York Law School until 2000 and retired from teaching in 2007.

Wellington’s scholarly work first focused on contracts before moving into labor law. He also had expertise in constitutional law and legal theory. His publications



include *Interpreting the Constitution: The Supreme Court and the Process of Adjudication*; *Labor Law* (with Clyde W. Summers and Alan Hyde); *The Unions and the Cities* (with Ralph K. Winter); and *Labor and the Legal Process*.

He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Law Institute. He had been a Ford and Guggenheim Fellow, and a Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution.

“Harry Wellington’s many, treasured years in our midst at what he called ‘THE Law School’ blessed us with the contributions of a wonderful scholar, the leadership of a dedicated dean, the mirth of a talented humorist, and the friendship of a dear, dear colleague. His presence here was a great, irreplaceable gift,” said John Simon ’53, Augustus E. Lines Professor Emeritus at Yale Law School.

Wellington is survived by his wife, Sheila; two sons, John and Thomas; a daughter-in-law, Lenni Benson; and two grandchildren, Max and Lily Wellington.

A memorial service for Harry Wellington was held on November 13, 2011, at Yale Law School.