



## Jan Ginter Deutsch, 1936 – 2016

JAN GINTER DEUTSCH '62, the Walton Hale Hamilton Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School, died on May 19, 2016. He was 80 years old.

A memorial in his honor will take place on Friday, October 21, at 4:30 p.m., the first day of Alumni Weekend 2016.

"Jan was among the most brilliant minds of his generation," said Dean Robert C. Post '77. "He will be deeply missed."

"I've known Jan for 65 years," said former dean Guido Calabresi '58. "And during all of that time, I have met few people who were kinder, more decent, and none who were abler. He had an amazing mind, which always challenged you, and if you took the time to understand what he was driving at, you were always enriched. I will miss him immensely."

A beloved teacher, Deutsch was fondly remembered by Clair Warren "Quincy" Rodgers '67, a student of Deutsch at both Yale College and the Law School. Rodgers wrote, "I read

with great sadness about the passing of Jan Deutsch. I had been thinking about him recently and had it in mind to try and contact him. Now it is too late. Had I been able to do so I would have thanked him for the great gift he gave me, that of intellectual curiosity. In fact, I think he was the person who made it possible for me to believe that intellectual curiosity can be cool."

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Mark Tushnet '71, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, described Deutsch as one of the top three legal academics "who have most influenced my way of thinking about law." An expert in corporations and securities regulations, Deutsch taught a range of courses, including applied jurisprudence, law & business, and social science and law. His books include *The Law of Corporations: What Corporate Lawyers Do* (with J. Bianco) and *Selling the People's Cadillac: The Edsel and Corporate Responsibility*.

Professor Deutsch was educated at Yale (BA, LLB, and PHD in Political Science) with an M.A. from Cambridge. He was born in Katowice, Poland.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Dempsey.