Maryland Carey Law lost a luminary on December 17, 2020, with the passing of Professor Emeritus Alan Hornstein. An expert in contracts, evidence, and jurisprudence, Hornstein taught 18 different courses at Maryland Carey Law and left a lasting impression on countless students in his 32 years of teaching.

“We are deeply saddened by the death of Professor Hornstein,” says Dean Donald Tobin, recalling the vital role Hornstein played in overseeing the design and construction of the law school building erected in 2001. “His strategic thinking will be with us and generations of law students for many years to come.”

After graduating from Rutgers Law in 1970 and spending two years as law clerk to Judge Frederick P. Bryan, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, Hornstein joined the faculty in 1972. He served as associate dean from 1987 to 1991, acting dean in 1991-’92 and associate dean again in 2001-’02. Hornstein retired in 2004 but stayed highly connected with the law school as professor emeritus and a member of the Board of Visitors from 2007 to 2018.

“Alan was a very good friend, loyal, helpful, and very funny,” remembers Professor Emeritus William Reynolds. “He was more interested in the theory of teaching than anyone I have ever known, and that led him to a strong interest in curriculum reform. In that and many other ways, Alan left a deep and lasting impact on the law school.”

Hornstein played a key role in the integration of theory and practice into the curriculum, pioneering the use of practice simulation in first-year courses, among other initiatives. His early use of PowerPoint slides to teach Evidence is legendary among graduates who took his classes. Hornstein made many lasting contributions to the legal profession, serving as a member of the American Law Institute; presenting annual seminars for judges under the auspices of the Federal Judicial Center and the Maryland Judicial Institute; participating in the drafting of Maryland’s Rules of Evidence; and authoring, among numerous other publications, annual editions of the Maryland Evidence Courtroom Manual.

While Hornstein will long be remembered for his scholarship and impact on teaching and learning at the law school, his most tangible legacy lives on in the spacious halls and wired learning spaces of the Maryland Carey Law building. From the soaring atrium to the extra wide wheelchair ramps, the well-equipped moot courtroom to the courtyard fountain, Hornstein’s presence will always be felt at Maryland Carey Law.
THOMAS V. “MIKE” MILLER ’67

The Maryland Carey Law community mourns the loss of longtime Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller ’67, who passed away on January 15, 2021.

“We lost a great Maryland leader,” says Dean Donald Tobin. “He loved Maryland, and he loved helping other people succeed. He will be greatly missed.”

Miller served as president of the Maryland Senate for 33 years, longer than any other Senate president in Maryland history, and spent a total of 50 years in the Maryland legislature.

A Democrat, Miller presided over a progressive agenda, with major accomplishments associated with health care, education, and the Chesapeake Bay. Miller drove the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership between the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and the University of Maryland, College Park, strengthening the University System of Maryland’s impact on education, research, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

Born in Clinton, Maryland, Miller was the oldest of 10 siblings. He attended the University of Maryland, College Park, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1964, and continued on for a law degree from then University of Maryland School of Law in 1967. That same year, Miller was admitted to the Maryland bar and began practicing law in his hometown.

Miller won a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1970 and switched to the state Senate in 1974, representing the 27th District, which includes parts of Calvert, Charles, and Prince George’s counties. In 1983, he was elected chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, a role he held until becoming Senate president in 1987. From 1994 to 2000, Miller headed the national Democratic Legislative Campaign, raising money and helping Democrats get elected in state legislatures across the nation.

In law school, Miller met classmate U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin ’67. Shortly after Miller’s death, Cardin tweeted, “Mike Miller was larger than life, a good friend, a good man who loved his family and community, and an incredible public servant who dedicated himself to his beloved Maryland … Our lives were intertwined, starting with our days together at the University of Maryland Law School and then serving together in the Maryland General Assembly. Myrna and I were privileged to have Mike Miller in our lives for all these years.”

Also during his time in law school, in 1965, Miller married his wife, Patti. She and their five children and 15 grandchildren survive the senator.

Following his death at age 78, Miller lay in state in the rotunda of the Maryland State House for two days in January, a suitable honor for a man who published these words on his website: “It remains the greatest honor of my life to serve our community in the Maryland Senate.”

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