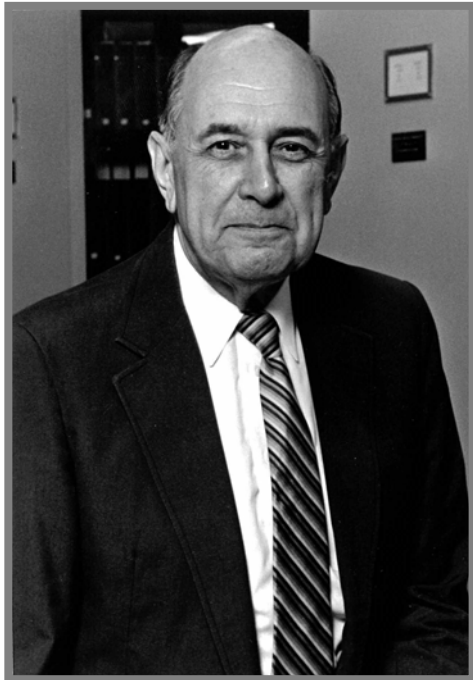


## **John M. Speca,**

**Professor Emeritus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law** since 1985, died September 10, 2007. He was 90. He had been in declining health having suffered from a stroke and heart failure. He died in his home in Kansas City.



Professor Speca attended Notre Dame University receiving a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1941 and a juris doctor degree in 1942. In 1942 he was admitted to practice before the bar in Indiana and practiced there until he joined the faculty of the School of Law of the University of Kansas City, UMKC's predecessor institution, in 1947. He remained on the faculty until he retired in 1985, serving the School of Law not only as professor, but as Associate Dean (1959-64) and Acting Dean (1958-59). Save for brief sessions away from the School, to receive an LL.M. degree from Duke University (1951-1952) as a Duke Fellow; as a Visiting Scholar at the University of California-Hastings (winter 1981); and to teach at summer sessions at the University of Kansas and Santa Clara School's of Law, Professor Speca devoted his energies to research, writing, service and teaching at UMKC School of Law.

Professor Speca was a very well respected teacher and writer. His subjects included Agency, Air Law, Conflict of Laws, Consumer Protection, Creditor & Debtors' Rights, Domestic Relations, International Organizations, and Juvenile Law & Procedure. He was published in various legal journals and co-authored West's Federal Practice Manual. His service to the legal community was also noteworthy. He chaired the advisory commission to the journal of family law (1961-1966) and was the reporter to the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Rules (1975-1978).

Professor Speca will forever be remembered by his family, friends and law school community for his intellect and for being extremely thoughtful and for caring greatly for everyone he knew. He will be greatly missed.