

# *In Memoriam* Professor Stanley K. Laughlin

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## Introduction

This issue of the *Ohio State Law Journal* is dedicated to Professor Stanley Laughlin, who passed away on October 10, 2018.<sup>1</sup> Professor Laughlin was a beloved faculty member of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Before ultimately joining the faculty, he began his legal career as a Buckeye. He was not only a member of the *Ohio State Law Journal*, but served as Editor in Chief. This dedication is to honor his life, commitment, and endless contributions to Ohio State and so many.

Professor Laughlin was born on October 17, 1933 in Dayton, Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from Miami University in Oxford. After graduation, Professor Laughlin went on to serve in the United States Navy. During his service, he spent three years on the USS Oriskany, an aircraft carrier that traveled the world.

Following his time in the U.S. Navy, Professor Laughlin began his legal journey at The Ohio State University College of Law. As a law student, he claimed success in both his studies and leadership. He graduated first in his class and served as Editor in Chief of the *Ohio State Law Journal*.

After receiving his law degree in 1960, Professor Laughlin worked in private practice at Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher LLP in Los Angeles. After a teaching fellowship at the University of Michigan and University of Florida, Professor Laughlin found his way back to Ohio and joined the faculty at The Ohio State University College of Law.

Professor Laughlin dedicated nearly five decades to the College and countless students. His passion for Constitutional Law was always apparent for his students. From his time in the U.S. Navy, he developed a specific passion for the way American Constitutional Law applied to the U.S. Territories he had

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<sup>1</sup> The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Faculty, *Remembering Professor Stan Laughlin* (Oct. 16, 2018), <https://moritzlaw.osu.edu/briefing-room/college-news/remembering-professor-stan-laughlin/> [<https://perma.cc/J8YU-Y6JH>].

traveled to throughout his service. This passion became a textbook for future generations of law students.<sup>2</sup>

Professor Laughlin's passions extended beyond the walls of the College. He was an avid-traveler and explorer of the world. For multiple years, he served as director of the Oxford Pre-Law Program. Along with being a Buckeye scholar, Professor Laughlin was an Ohio State sports enthusiast. Professor Laughlin also had an innate love for baseball, especially the Cincinnati Reds.

Most importantly though, Professor Laughlin had a passion for family. He married the love of his life, Carolyn Murphy Laughlin, and shared over fifty-eight years with her. Professor Stanley is survived by Carolyn, their three daughters, and sons-in-law: Elizabeth and Dwight Anstaett, Diane Laughlin and Russ Neil, and Cathleen and David Bentley. He is also the beloved grandfather of Sarah, Rachel, Ella, and Owen. The *In Memoria* tributes that follow provide a glimpse of the impact Professor Laughlin had on so many as a colleague, mentor, cherished friend, and loved-one.

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<sup>2</sup> STANLEY K. LAUGHLIN, *THE LAW OF UNITED STATES TERRITORIES AND AFFILIATED JURISDICTIONS* (1995).