Leavell leaves behind a legacy at Georgia Law

Georgia Law lost longtime faculty member Robert N. Leavell, Law School Association Professor Emeritus, earlier this year. Leavell, who had just turned 80, died from complications suffered in an automobile accident in July. He led courses in the areas of corporations, equity, securities regulation and legal profession for over a quarter of a century at Georgia Law.

Leavell was born in Como, MS, but grew up in Oxford. He became a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and was a member of the "Flying Tigers" who fought the Japanese and defended the Burma Road.

Leavell graduated from the University of Mississippi with distinction before earning his law degree from Yale University in 1952. He practiced as an associate at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett in New York before joining the Georgia Law faculty. Leavell left the law school after one year to teach at Tulane University.

It was in 1964 that he returned to Georgia Law, where he finished his career. Although Leavell retired in 1989, he maintained an office at the law school where he updated casebooks he had written. At the time of his death, a casebook on remedies, copyright 2000, was still for sale by Thomson/West.

As written in the *Fulton County Daily Report*, "Students and faculty remember him as the erudite professor of securities and corporate law, who could be tough on his students but to a good effect." William C. Philbrick (J.D.'86) was quoted saying that Leavell had an amazing way of nurturing and encouraging students. "I looked at him as my mentor there [at UGA]. He exuded a class and a sense of respect for all his students."

He is survived by his wife Carroll; two daughters, Elizabeth and Deidre; a brother and a sister.