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**IN MEMORIAM
PARKER C. FIELDER**

Parker Clinton Fielder, professor of law, died on January 9, 1985. He was 66.

Professor Fielder was born on October 20, 1918, and attended secondary school in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, at Northwestern Military and Naval Academy. He received a bachelor's degree in commerce (accounting and finance) in 1941 from Northwestern University. After graduation, he worked for two years, 1941–42, as an accountant and auditor for Sears, Roebuck & Company in Chicago.

During World War II, he served from 1943 to 1946 in the U.S. Army as assistant inspector general, 103rd Infantry Division, including fifteen months in Europe. He was awarded a Bronze Star and discharged with the rank of captain.

After his military service, Professor Fielder enrolled in the School of Law at The University of Texas, where he became editor-in-chief of the *Texas Law Review*. After graduation in 1948 with the highest standing in his class, he received the ultimate vote of confidence from the faculty—an offer to teach law in the company of such distinguished legal minds as Deans Leon Green, W. Page Keeton, and Charles Tilford McCormick.

Professor Fielder taught at Texas for five years, but his interest in natural resources taxation along with the oil boom in West Texas led him to enter private practice in 1953 as a partner in the Midland, Texas, firm of Turpin, Kerr, Smith, and Dyer.

With eight years' experience in the field, he returned to the UT law school in 1961, where he remained for the rest of his career. Professor Fielder's West Texas years gave him both insights into the oil and gas business and the hint of a Texas accent.

Back at the Texas law school, he established his reputation as a natural resource taxation scholar. His other research interests included federal income taxation, state and local taxation, corporate finance, and securities regulation. A member of the American Law Institute, he published many articles and maintained a close relationship with the Texas tax bar, thus staying in touch with most of his former students. His work earned him the respect of colleagues, students, attorneys, and judges.

Two UT Austin professorships honor him: the Parker C. Fielder Regents Professorship in Tax Law and Parker C. Fielder Regents Professorship in Music.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
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Biographical sketch prepared by Nancy Richey and posted on the Faculty Council web site on December 4, 2000. Additional biographical sources can be found in the UT Office of Public Affairs, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, Barker Texas History Center, and Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library, School of Law; Roger Williams, "How Radical Is Our Law School Faculty?" *Alcalde*, March 1969, Vol. 57, No. 7, pp. 6–13; "In Memoriam: Parker C. Fielder," the February 1985 issue of *Texas Law Review*, Vol. 63, No. 5, contains an introduction by the editors and articles about Professor Fielder by W. Page Keeton, Joseph T. Sneed III, Charles O. Galvin, Stanley M. Johanson, and Donald R. Keyser, pp. 754–775.