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**IN MEMORIAM
HELEN HARGRAVE**

Helen Hargrave, professor emeritus of law, died on May 15, 1985. She was 90.

Professor Hargrave was born on November 7, 1894, in Bay City, Michigan. She earned both bachelor's and law degrees from The University of Texas in 1926.

Professor Hargrave practiced law for several years. From 1930 to 1939, she was assistant law librarian for the law school. After studying law librarianship and library science at Columbia University, she became head of the law library in 1940, a position she held until 1965. Under her leadership, the law library tripled its holdings and became the largest law library in the South and Southwest. Professor Hargrave also taught courses in legal research and legal writing.

Professor Hargrave helped organize the law library at Texas Southern University. She served as president of the American Association of Law Libraries. She also contributed to the design of the law libraries of UT Austin and the Texas Supreme Court.

In 1979 she was selected "distinguished alumna" by the law school, the first woman graduate to be so honored. A memorial on Professor Hargrave appeared in the 1984 Proceedings of the Philosophical Society of Texas. The 1984-85 *Law Library Journal* also acknowledged her.

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