



Dear Alumni and Friends of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law:

I am saddened to share that Professor Emeritus Alfred Joseph "Al" Coco passed away on December 14, 2017 with family at his side. Al was known for his keen intellect, kind heart, incredible sense of humor, and passionate love of animals, children, and most of all Joyce, his best friend and spouse of 64 years.

A past president of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Professor Coco was a recipient of AALL's highest honor – the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award – and an inaugural member of the organization's Hall of Fame. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (B.A. 1957), St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D. 1960), and the University of Washington (M.L.L. 1962), Al began his professional career in law librarianship in 1962 as Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law at Saint Mary's. In 1966, he moved to the University of Houston Law Center as Law Librarian and Professor. Al and Joyce relocated to Colorado in 1972 upon his appointment as Law Library Director and Professor of Law at the University of Denver College of Law. Al served on the University of Denver faculty until 1994, during which time he led the DU Graduate School of Librarianship and the University's Master of Law in Librarianship program.

**A memorial service honoring Professor Coco will be held at the Sturm College of Law on Sunday, January 28, at 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join the Coco family in a celebration of Al's life and legacy. Free parking will be available in the Lot L garage, which is connected to the law school.

Respectfully,

Bruce P. Smith  
Dean and Professor of Law  
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