



A Tribute: Brunson MacChesney

Brunson MacChesney, Edna B. and Eddyfed H. Williams Professor of Law Emeritus at Northwestern University and an eminent authority on international and admiralty law, died March 9 at Lake Forest Hospital. He was 68.

Born in Chicago in 1909, Prof. MacChesney received a bachelor's degree from Yale in 1931 and a J. D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1934. He joined the Northwestern law faculty in 1940 as an associate professor and became a full professor in 1946.

During a leave of absence from Northwestern from 1941 to 1946, Prof. MacChesney served with the U.S. Navy and the Office of Price Administration and acted as chief of mission for the Foreign Economic Administration in Dakar, Algiers and Paris. For his service in Paris as special assistant to the U.S. ambassador, he was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government.

Following his return to teaching at Northwestern at the end of World War II, Prof. MacChesney remained active in governmental and international affairs. He was a special consultant to the U.S. Select Committee on Foreign Aid, U.S. representative to the Claims Committee of the Intergovernmental Study Group for Germany, lecturer in international law at the U.S. Naval

War College, chairman of the American Bar Association section on international and comparative law, president of the American Society of International Law, a member of the board of directors of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the U.S. National Commission for U.N.E.S.C.O.

Prof. MacChesney was the author of *International Law: Situation and Documents and Situation, Documents and Commentary on Recent Developments in the International Law of the Sea* as well as numerous articles in legal periodicals.

The MacChesney family has had long associations with Northwestern. Prof. MacChesney's father, Nathan W. MacChesney, a distinguished Chicago lawyer, public servant, general in the Illinois National Guard and judge advocate in World War I and II, attended Northwestern University's Law School. He served for many years on Northwestern's board of trustees.

Brunson MacChesney is survived by his wife, Ruth Eastwood MacChesney, a son, Bruce, and a daughter, Deborah. He was a resident of Lake Forest. Memorial services were held March 11 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest. ■