



Francis O. Spalding

July 31, 1929 - March 21, 2013

Beloved husband and father of six, former [Northwestern University](#) School of Law professor and Associate Dean, and respected arbitrator and mediator, died on March 21, 2013 at the age of 83 from complications following a stroke. He was born in Chicago to the late Evans and Marian Hubbard Holt Spalding. After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1946 and [Yale University](#) in 1950, he began his professional career working briefly for NBC in New York before serving as an officer in the [U.S. Marine Corps](#) during the [Korean War](#). Following the war, he worked for Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati before returning to Chicago as a marketing consultant for McKinsey & Company and then as an account executive at Leo Burnett.

Frank found his calling when he matriculated at Northwestern University School of Law, where he was associate editor of the Northwestern University Law Review and graduated magna cum laude in 1964 as a member of the Order of the Coif. He practiced at the Chicago law firm of Isham Lincoln & Beale for a year before joining the Northwestern Law faculty, where he taught for 17 years. While at Northwestern, Frank took a two-year sabbatical and went to Zambia with his family and two law students to research and write, *One Zambia, One Judiciary: The Lower Courts of Zambia*, which appeared in the *Zambia Law Journal*. He regarded his time in Zambia as one of the highlights of his life.

In 1981, having grown tired of Chicago's climate and feeling ready for new challenges, Frank moved his family to San Francisco, where he briefly held academic appointments at Hastings College of the Law and at Golden Gate University School of Law, before establishing himself as an arbitrator and mediator. He relished his role as a full-time neutral and became a prolific author and educator on a variety of alternative dispute resolution topics. He participated in countless ADR panels and programs and contributed to a number of academic and professional journals and treatises, including the *California ADR*

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Practice Guide. Throughout these busy years, Frank spent most weekends at his home at The Sea Ranch on the Sonoma coast.

Frank had a life-long love of music and was an avid supporter of the San Francisco Symphony. He and Dorothy, his wife of 47 years, shared a passion for travel, exploring destinations in every corner of the globe. Frank is survived by his large and loving family and will be dearly missed by all: his wife Dorothy; their daughter Susan and husband Steven Boranian, and children Lauren, Christopher, and Matthew; their son Robert and wife Arlene, and children Alexander and Caitlin; also Frank's children from his first marriage to the late Mary Miller Spalding, his son Richard and partner Peter Bubriski; his daughter Anna, wife of the late John Gibson; his son William and wife Sandra, and children Katherine and Eliza; and his daughter Mary and husband William O'Meara, and children William, Matthew, and Brian; as well as Frank's sister Camilla Prosser, and children John, Andrew, and Marian. A private memorial service is planned.