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Vance N. Kirby '37 of North Chatham, Mass., died Jan. 5, 2006.

An emeritus professor at Northwestern University School of Law, he specialized in federal taxation and co-wrote a four-volume tax casebook, "The Study of Federal Tax Law."

Prior to joining Northwestern, he practiced law for several years in Chicago, and he continued as a tax adviser to Chadwell, Kayser, Ruggles, McGee & Hastings during his academic career.

Earlier in his career, he worked for the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Tax Legislative Counsel in Washington, D.C., and practiced law in Boston and Connecticut.