



Professor Anthony D'Amato

Anthony D'Amato passed away on Saturday, March 24th. He suffered a stroke earlier this year.

Tony was one of the Law School's longest-serving faculty members. He joined us in 1968 and retired in 2015 after 37 years of teaching and research. Tony was the Judd and Mary Morris Leighton Professor of Law with a focus in ethics and human rights, and his courses included Analyzing Human Rights, International Law, Jurisprudence, and Principles of Justice. Before coming to Northwestern, Tony was a professor of political science at Wellesley College.



He received his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review and graduated magna cum laude. He also received a Ph.D. from Columbia University. Tony had a long and storied career and was the first American lawyer to argue (and win) a case before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He litigated a number of human rights cases around the world and was a prolific writer, publishing countless books and articles. His first book, *The Concept of Custom in International Law*, was published in 1971 and is one of the most cited works in the field.

Tony's passion for theater and music also benefitted the Law School. At faculty law review dinners, he played the piano and led the faculty to its most "professional and engaging performances," as described by David Ruder, former dean of the Law School. This passion also led to D'Amato's involvement as a producer of the musical *Grease* in its original run in Chicago in the 1970s and its subsequent run on Broadway.

Tony's legacy at the Law School and in the legal field will live on for many years to come. As Professor Marty Redish noted, "there are many things Tony can be remembered for, but what I sincerely hope he is remembered for most is that he was an internationally recognized and revered scholar of international law, and that he devoted his professional life to fighting for international protection of human rights. He also loved Northwestern Law and fought hard to maintain and improve its scholarly stature. He is an important part of Northwestern Law history, and should be recognized as such."

Tony is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons, Brian and Paul, and two grandchildren. The family can be reached at 5807 Lake Shore Drive, Holland, Michigan, 49424.