About Professor Eugene Gressman

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(1917–2010)

Eugene Gressman was a distinguished legal scholar and one of the nation's leading authorities on appellate practice. He earned his A.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1938 and 1940, respectively, and served as an editor of the *Michigan Law Review*. After graduating, he joined the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. From 1943 to 1948, he served as the sole law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy. His five-year clerkship remains the longest in modern Supreme Court history. He subsequently entered private practice, appearing before the Supreme Court 13 times.

In 1977, Gressman was appointed William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He assumed emeritus status in 1987. From 1987 to 1994, he served as a distinguished visiting professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, where he received an honorary LL.D. in 1994 before returning to the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Throughout his academic career, Gressman taught at Catholic University, George Washington University, Fordham University, Indiana University at Indianapolis, Ohio State University and the University of Michigan. His courses included constitutional law, federal jurisdiction, professional responsibility and Supreme Court practice. He authored more than 75 law review articles, including one co-written with his longtime friend and Seton Hall Law Professor Angela Carmella that challenged the constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. He also co-authored the second and third editions of *Cases and Materials on Constitutional Law* (1994 and 1998) with Crump and Day.

Most notably, Gressman co-authored *Supreme Court Practice*, widely regarded as the leading guide to advocacy before the nation's highest court. In 1995, Seton Hall Law named its annual Intrascholastic Moot Court Competition in his honor.

Gressman was married for 60 years to artist Nan Gressman. Several of her original works are displayed at Seton Hall Law, including in the Faculty Library.