



John Dods at 2007
Law School commencement.

School of Law Mourns loss of alumnus, friend and Law School advocate

John Dods, Law School Class of 1957, died on Monday, June 2' 2008. For over 50 years John played a prominent role in the legal, philanthropic and social communities of Kansas City.

As the 15th lawyer hired by Shook, Hardy and Bacon when he graduated from law school, John rose to head the firm and was best known for chairing the firm's litigation division which is highly regarded nationally. He was also well known for his leadership in the profession, in particular his service as Chair of the Missouri Supreme Court Advisory Committee for many years.

John leaves a wonderful legacy as a lawyer, advocate and friend of UMKC and the School of Law. He served on the Law Foundation Board of Trustees, was a former president of the organization and remained involved as an Emeritus Trustee. John loved UMKC School of Law and just a year ago addressed the graduating class of 2007 in celebration of his class's 50th anniversary of graduation. John shared with graduates and friends his perspective on how law - and life - had changed, yet how much the basic values had remained the same, in the 50 years he had been practicing in the profession that he loved so much.

We are truly saddened by this loss of an alumnus and friend and extend our condolences to Joan and the entire Dods family. John will continue to cast a great shadow for many years to come and will not be forgotten.