

IN MEMORIAM

Robert L. Patrick

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Professor Robert L. Patrick was born at Carterville, Illinois, on November 30, 1921, and died at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Marion, Illinois, of leukemia on November 27, 1955. He was educated in the common schools of Carterville, received a B.S. degree in Education from Southern Illinois University in 1938, and a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois in 1948. While attending law school, he taught for one year on a part-time basis. During the second semester of the year 1948-49 and the year 1949-50, he was a member of the Business Law staff at Illinois, which he left in 1950 to accept an appointment at Ohio University as Assistant Professor of Business Law. Feeling the need to practice law for a time, he discontinued teaching and spent a year in practice at Marion, Illinois. He returned to teaching at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, where he made rapid progress. In the fall of 1955 he was invited, both by Ohio University and the University of Illinois, to return to a place of former employment. He finally decided to return to Illinois.

Professor Patrick was an excellent teacher and counsellor, a cooperative personality, and a good student. He was quite active in promoting the interests of the American Business Law Association and the Southern Regional. He is greatly missed by those who knew him.

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