

Barrow, ex-Baylor law school dean, dies

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Former Baylor Law School dean and Texas Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Barrow died Sunday at age 84.

Baylor Law School professor David Guinn, who has taught at Baylor for 40 years, recalled Barrow as a pivotal asset when he helped convince Barrow to take over as dean of the law school after seven years as a justice for the state's highest court.

"He was a very distinguished jurist, a lawyer of unimpeachable integrity, and widely respected,"

Guinn said of Barrow, who served as dean and professor of law from 1984 to 1991. "He brought much respect to the law school. He came at a time when the law school really needed him."

Barrow's successor, current law school dean Brad Toben, said he "learned much from him about decency, character and loyalty."

"Judge Barrow always looked to do what he believed to be right, even if others sought to dissuade him," Toben said. "He rendered a lifetime of service to his state, nation and Baylor and is yet another of the Greatest Generation to pass away from our midst."

Born in Poteet, Texas, in 1921, Barrow graduated from Baylor Law School in 1943 before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He participated in the D-Day invasion at Normandy and was awarded seven battle stars for his service in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Barrow is survived by his wife, Sugie, three sons, eight grandchildren and one granddaughter.

A memorial service for Barrow will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio.

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