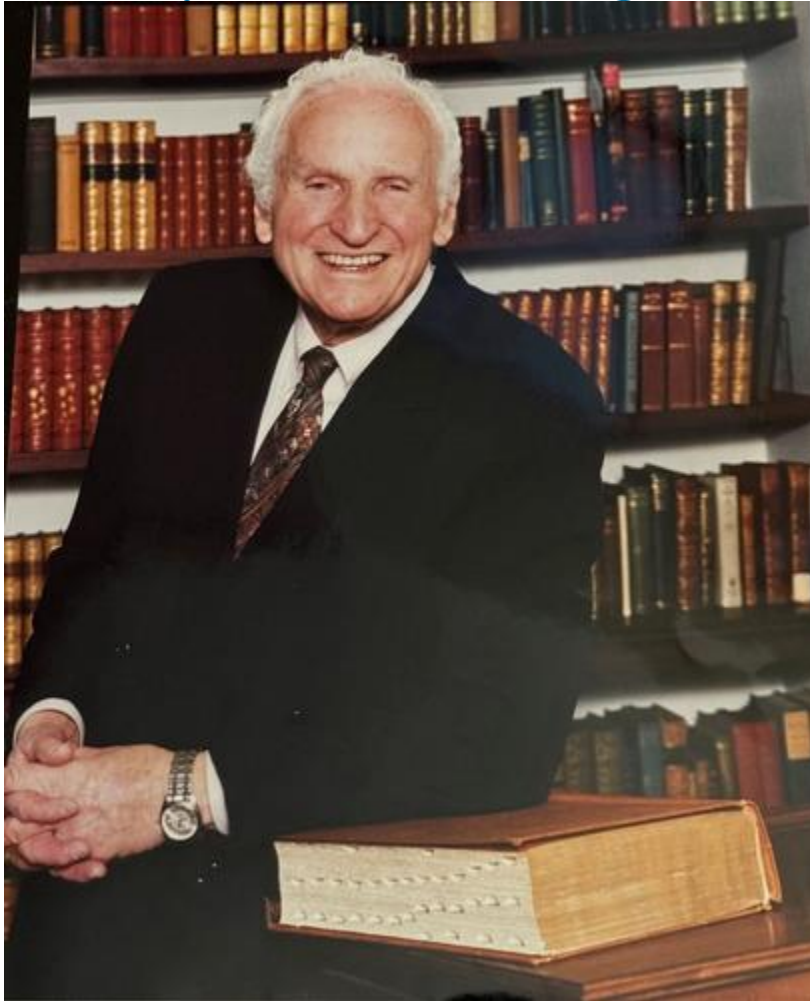


Obituary for Howard Irving Rosenberg



Howard Irving Rosenberg was born on April 10, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Phillip and Lena Rosenberg. He died on February 25, 2024 at his home in Denver. After high school, he reported for duty to the U.S. Army the day the Japanese surrendered and served 15 months in Germany. After his military service, he graduated from Roosevelt University and received his law degree from DePaul University.

Howard moved to Denver in the fifties, where his pursuit of social justice flourished as a staff attorney, then Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver. During his 17 years there, he worked with students from the University of Denver College of Law. He began his career at DU in 1967, teaching classes and working with students in the Student Law Office as Director and Supervisor, helping them gain courtroom experience. He received the law school's Outstanding Faculty Award in 2002 and retired as Professor Emeritus after 47 years. (Of note, it was his failing hearing, not his mental capacity or energy, that caused him to retire at age 87.) Howard was President of the Denver Bar Association and received their highest honor, the Award of Merit. He was given the Jacob V. Schaezel Award from the Colorado Bar Association, conferred on those who have made significant contributions in the delivery of legal services to low-income citizens of Colorado. He also received the Histadrut

Menorah Award for his service to the cause of labor.

Howard was one of the four attorneys who founded the Thursday Night Bar (now known as Metro Volunteer Lawyers) which provides pro bono legal services to low-income clients. As President of the Denver Bar, he helped create a free day care center at the City and County of Denver Courts.

Dean Bruce Smith of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law stated: "Although the clinical program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law proudly dates from 1904—the first at any U.S. law school—it was Howard Rosenberg who brought our clinical program into its modern age. With vision, passion, and an unflinching commitment to social justice, Howard taught decades of law students that law is a noble, mission-driven, and transformative profession. He will be dearly missed by his many grateful students, colleagues, friends and clients." Howard is survived by his wife Kristen Dutton, Denver, and his children David Rosenberg (Suzanne Kent Rosenberg) Toluca Lake, California; Paul Rosenberg (Mauge Wevar Rosenberg) Weston, Florida; Hyla Rosenberg, Eugene, Oregon. He is also survived by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepson Matthew Dutton Simcox (Leslie Hakze).

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sturm College of Law (Clinical Program Endowed Fund) University of Denver, P.O. Box 910585, Denver, Colorado 80291-0585 or Legal Aid Foundation, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 701, Denver, Colorado 80203.