

## Dr. Karl Fenning

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**Fenning, Dr. Karl.** On Thursday, February 28, 1963, Dr. Karl Fenning of 5863 Chevy Chase parkway northwest, beloved husband of Hazel M. Fenning. Friends may call at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th street northwest on Sunday, March 3 from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. (parking facilities). Services at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church No. 1, Chevy Chase circle on Monday, March 4, at 3 p.m. Interment Congressional cemetery.

*The Evening Star, March 1, 1963, p. D4*

### **Dr. Karl Fenning Dies, Patent Law Authority**

Dr. Karl Fenning, 82, a nationally recognized authority on patent law and a former professor of patent law at Georgetown University, died yesterday at a Washington hospital following a long illness.

Dr. Fenning, a native of Washington, was appointed by President Harding as assistant United States Commissioner of Patents in 1921 and served in that post until 1925.

From 1925 to 1927 he was special assistant to the Attorney General in the patent unit.

Dr. Fenning attended old Central High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

### *Received Degrees Here*

He received his law degree from National University in Washington and his master of patent law degree from Columbia College, now George Washington University.

During his career in patent law, Dr. Fenning practiced in Washington, New York and Cleveland.

He was a professor at Georgetown University from 1923 to 1948.

He served as chairman of the National Committee on Patent Legislation from 1925 to 1936 and was chairman of the legislative committee and president of the National Council of Patent Law Associations in the late 1930s.

In the late 1940s, he served for several years on the advisory council of the Committee on Patents for the House of Representatives.

### *Active in Groups*

Dr. Fenning had been active in many professional organizations including the American Bar Association. He was a president of the American Patent Law Association and was a first secretary of the Friends of the Law of the Library of Congress.

He was a member of the American Academy of Air Law and served as vice president of the American group of the International Association for Protection of Industrial Property.

Dr. Fenning was organizer and honorary member of the Cleveland (Ohio) Patent Law Association.

He was the author of more than 100 books and pamphlets relating to patent law and was editor of the first 80 volumes of the U.S. Patent Quarterly.

He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, the Cosmos Club and Trinity College Alumni Association.

Dr. Fenning is survived by his wife, Hazel O'Neill Fenning, at the home, 5863 Chevy Chase parkway N.W.

Friends may call at the Hines Funeral Home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W.

*The Washington Post, March 2, 1963, p. D4*

**Karl Fenning, Law Specialist**

Karl Fenning, 82, a former law professor at Georgetown University and expert on patent law, died here Thursday after suffering a heart attack.

In addition to his university post, Mr. Fenning also had served as president of the American Patent Law Association and editor of the US. Patent Quarterly.

In 1921 he was appointed assistant United States Commissioner of Patents by President Harding, a position he held until 1925. From 1925 to 1927 Mr. Fenning served as special assistant to the Attorney General in the patent unit.

A native of Washington, Mr. Fenning attended old Central High School. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He earned his law degree at National University here and obtained a master of patent law degree from Columbia College, now a part of George Washington University.

As a patent attorney, Mr. Fenning practiced in Washington, New York and Cleveland.

He served as chairman of the National Committee on Patent legislation from 1925 to 1936, was chairman of the legislative committee and president of the National Council of Patent Law Associations in the late 1930s and, in the late 1940s, served on the advisory council of the Committee on Patents of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Fenning was active in professional organizations, including the American Bar Association. He was a first secretary of the Friends of the Law of the Library of Congress and an organizer of the Cleveland Patent Law Association.

He was a member of the American Academy of Air Law and had been vice president of the International Association for Protection of Industrial Property.

In addition to his editorial work with the Patent Quarterly he wrote more than 100 books and pamphlets on patent law.

He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, the Cosmos Club and Trinity College Alumni Association.

Surviving is his wife, Hazel O'Neil Fenning, at the home address, 2901 14th st. nw.