

Our 50th Reunion reminded me that it was also the 50th anniversary of my travelling to Montgomery to begin a one-clerk, one-year clerkship with Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. It turns out as well to have been the 100th year of FMJ's birth.

His law clerks had begun to endow an annual lecture at his beloved Alabama Law School. In addition to the lecture in Tuscaloosa there were numerous events in Montgomery, including a marvelous talk by Brian Stevenson, head of the Equal Justice Initiative. (He's a Harvard guy, but all my classmates should contribute.)

My connection, and that of my many Yale successors, was greatly upstaged by the fact that the first Johnson Lecture was delivered by one Professor/Judge Guido Calabresi '58. Guido, as he was known to us, was as sharp and as energetic as ever, delivering a 50-minute lecture on his second look jurisprudence. It wasn't closely connected to FMJ, but entertaining and edifying to the lawyers in the audience.

And, it brought back a flood of memories about how fortunate I felt to have spent a year with Judge Johnson. I'm not sure I had ever properly thanked Professor Black and Dean Pollak for being willing to stretch the truth enough to get me the position.

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