

SAMUEL JAMES ERVIN, JR., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, alumnus of this University of the class of 1917, and of the Harvard Law School. He exemplifies in his career the devoted public servant in his chosen field, the law. In World War I, he was twice cited for gallantry and earned five decorations. Upon the completion of his studies, he at once plunged into public life; he was representative for three sessions in the General Assembly, Judge of the Superior Court; and Representative in Congress from the Tenth District of North Carolina, before his elevation to his present post in 1948.

Loyal alumnus, he has served as president of the Alumni Association; a public-spirited leader, as chairman of the State Commission for Improvement of the Administration of Justice, he sponsored and directed important judicial reforms which were enacted into law by the 1949 General Assembly. For his leadership in forward-looking movements in the administration of law, for his distinguished career as public servant and jurist, the University is happy to bestow on him this mark of our esteem.

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The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by Chancellor House, using the following formula: By virtue of the authority vested in me by the President and the Board of Trustees and by virtue of the vote of the Faculty, I confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, with all its rights and privileges.

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