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Former judge Joe Morris celebrates 95th birthday

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Judge Joe Morris celebrated his 95th birthday with his wife, Dona, his family, friends and colleagues at the GableGotwals Law Firm. COURTESY

Colleagues and friends gathered to celebrate Joe Morris' 95th birthday at the GableGotwals' 11th floor office recently.

Judge Joe, his wife Dona, family and friends joined the celebration and offered warm congratulations to the man considered a pillar of the law. He praised everyone in the firm for their kindness, support and providing him opportunities to continue learning the law.

He traced his career from his early days as legal counsel for the Amerada Petroleum to being dean

at the University of Tulsa College of Law, a federal judge, vice president of Shell and then general counsel for the upstream division of Amerada Hess.

He has been at GableGotwals for 33 years.

According to a January Tulsa World story, Morris worked his way from being a student in a one-room country school in rural Kansas during the Great Depression to a career as legal counsel to Amerada Petroleum Corporation, dean of the University of Tulsa law school, a federal judgeship, vice president and legal counsel of Shell Oil company, general counsel for the upstream division of Amerada Hess and an expert arbitrator.

"I want everyone here to know there is an open office door on the 11th floor available to anyone needing assistance on legal matters," Morris said. "But there are two days when I won't be in the office. The first is the opening day of pheasant season. The second is when Donna and I are in Paris attending a concert."

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