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### **Human and legal giant Jim Jeans passes.**

Late this morning I learned the sad news that Jim Jeans passed away yesterday. The now-late James W. Jeans, Sr., was on the original faculty of the Trial Lawyers College, where I first and last met him in 1995. I regret that I last spoke with Jim when I called him a few months after that year's Trial Lawyers College session. It was not intentional to let so much time pass by. Jim spent the entire time at the 1995 TLC from beginning to end. He was caring and selfless at every turn. Googling showed that Jim Jeans was most recently a law professor at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. (This is not the time for me to opine about Liberty University). Jim's biography page at Liberty University's website is here. Had I known Jim was there, I would have called him this past June, which was my only time in Lynchburg. Jim was on the original faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. True to character, this article at pdf page 68 quotes Jim as saying that trial lawyers must yearn for the tooth and nail. For those who knew Jim, here is some information about his memorial service and funeral: - A memorial service will be held at Liberty University's Pate Chapel, Lynchburg, Virginia, Thursday, November 2, at 11:00 a.m. - The funeral will be in Kansas City, Missouri. No date has been set yet. I went too many years not contacting Jim. It is critical to show thanks to people while they are still with us, and a mistake to wonder whether heartfelt words of thanks will mean much; they will. Jon Katz.

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