In Chapel Hill and across the state, the name Henry Parker Brandis, Jr. calls up the image of a distinguished Dean of the Law School who for fifteen years, with uncompromising integrity and wise leadership, guided the School to vigorous growth in quality and size.

Born in Salisbury, Henry Brandis earned his A.B. degree from this Institution; he took his law degree from Columbia University. He joined the Law faculty here in 1940 and became Dean in 1949. He found time to serve in a variety of state and national posts and active in the United World Federalists. In 1947-48 he was a Special Assistant to U.N. Mediator Frank Graham in Indonesia. He held important posts in state and national professional organizations and he presented and published numerous significant papers, primarily in the fields of taxation and civil practice and procedure. Perhaps his most important single published work has just appeared. It is entitled Brandis on North Carolina Evidence, Second Revised Edition of Stansbury's North Carolina Evidence.

The high esteem in which Henry Brandis' colleagues have held him is reflected in the honors that have come to him: he received the Thomas Jefferson Award in 1964; he was made a Graham Kenan Professor in 1965; he was selected for the prestigious O. Max Gardner Award in 1969. In 1980 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston endowed a Chair at the University Law School in his honor. His Alma Mater is now pleased to add to these testimonies of eminence yet one additional award.