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*Born 1914 in Riderwood, Md. Attended Loyola High School, City College, Johns Hopkins University, 1935, and Harvard Law School, 1938.* *Assistant City Solicitor, 1944-1950. Member, Maryland House of Delegate in 1945. Partner, law firm of Gordon, Feinblatt, and Rothman. Later partner in firm of O’Doherty, Gallagher and White. Named Vice President, Baltimore City Bar Association, 1960, elected President in 1962. Member, Board of Directors of the Criminal Justice Commission.*

Hamilton O’Dunne was born in 1914. He was the son of Judge Eugene O’Dunne of the Baltimore City Circuit Court, who had ruled to admit Donald Gaines Murray to the University of Maryland in 1936, Hamiltion O’Dunne would later go on to oppose Mr. Murray as City Solicitor in the case of *Chissell* *et al. v. Mayor and City of Baltimore*, 69 A.2d 53 (Md. 1949). Following his graduation from Harvard Law, Hamilton O’Dunne joined the Antitrust division of the Department of Justice, and was later named Assistant City Solicitor, serving under Thomas N. Biddison. He ran for State’s Attorney in 1946, and he worked in private practice at various times after quitting his job as assistant city solicitor to join the Baltimore Transit Company as general counsel in 1950. He served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates, and in 1959 he was on the campaign ticket of Mayor Thomas D’Alessandro as his treasurer. In 1967, both the State and Federal Bar Associations nominated O’Dunne for appointment to the Maryland Court of Appeals, to take the seat of the late Edwin Harlan, but Mr. O’Dunne was passed up for the opportunity. His funeral in 1975 was held at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on North Charles Street.

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