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Who is the man that inspired Judge Earl C. Broady to give a million dollars to Howard University School of Law? See The Jurist, Vol. 1, Dec. 1986. His name is Curtis Cavielle Taylor.

Mr. Taylor, a native of Edna, Texas, applied to the Law School on June 7, 1923. He was born in 1896. In 1923, Mr. Taylor resided in Galveston, Texas. He attended high school in Edna and he also attended Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College.

On July 11, 1923, Mr. Taylor wrote James C. Waters, Jr., then the secretary of the Law School that, "I am very anxious to enter the School of Law..." Between July and September, 1923, Mr. Taylor thought that his life goal of becoming a lawyer might be dashed because of some difficulties verifying his undergraduate credentials. On August 18, 1923, Taylor again wrote Mr. Waters stating, "Still I am not discouraged. I am determined to study law as my life's work, and moreover, I am determined to study law at Howard."

Curtis Cavielle Taylor entered the Law School on October 12, 1923, and was graduated from Howard University School of Law on June 11, 1926, locating in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Taylor was admitted to the California bar in 1927 and commenced the private practice of law.

According to Judge Earl C. Broady, Curtis Cavielle Taylor made it possible for him to launch his law career by working in Taylor's office. Taylor coached Broady in law for three years and Broady, who later became a judge in Los Angeles, subsequently passed the California Bar Examination.

Judge Earl C. Broady's gift will establish an endowed chair at the Law School named for himself and his wife, Anna H. Broady.

Thank you ... Judge and Mrs. Broady ... and thank you Curtis Cavielle Taylor.

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