

ROBERT G. IRISH  
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

We gather this morning and leave our scheduled matters to speak of our memory of and to honor one of our most distinguished and courageous colleagues. We speak of Robert G. Irish, who died several weeks ago in Jamaica, while on a vacation at the age of 64.

At the time of his death, Bob was a partner in the patent law firm of JEFFERS, IRISH & HOFFMAN. Throughout his professional career in Fort Wayne he had been associated with our finest patent attorneys, including George Gust and others. He was a distinguished lawyer and a highly competent and effective patent attorney.

Bob was born in Meredith, New York, on September 10, 1919. He was educated in elementary and secondary schools in Delhi, New York. He received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering in 1940 from Cornell University at Ithaca, New York. He obtained his juris doctor degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1946. While in law school he was Order of the Coif and served as Editor of the George Washington Law Review. He was Chairman of the Patent Law Section of the Indiana Bar Association in 1970 and served on Allen County and State Bar committees for many years.

Bob served in the Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1946. He achieved the rank of major.

He was most active in civic and community affairs and served as President of the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation in 1969 and 1970.

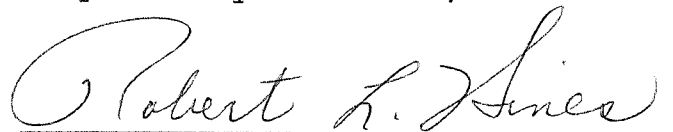
Notwithstanding his honored academic, civic, and professional careers, and his many accomplishments throughout his life, Bob will, in all likelihood, be best remembered by most of us for his courageous and valiant effort to resume his life and his law practice after suffering shattering and nearly fatal injuries in an airplane crash in December, 1972. He fought for his life and after more than a year overcame the severe and disabling injuries,

to again proceed with his distinguished professional career. He was a man of grit.

He was always a gentleman, and a man of wit, a loving husband and father to his wife and children, and a lawyer and colleague admired by all who knew him. His later life was an act of courage and he displayed in this time a determination that indeed was no less than heroic. He is an inspiration to all of us.

It is therefore resolved that this Memorial Resolution be adopted, copies placed of record in the order books of this Court, and that his family, by a copy of this resolution, be made aware of our sincerest expression of loss and sympathy upon the death of our courageous friend and colleague, Robert G. Irish.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Hines". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert L. Hines, Chief Judge  
Allen Superior Court  
and Members of the Memorial  
Committee of the Allen County  
Bar Association

### **Robert G. Irish**

Robert G. Irish, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday in Jamaica.

Born in Meredith, N.Y., Mr. Irish was a partner in the law firm of Jeffers-Irish-Hoffman, which was started in 1975.

He was admitted to the bar in 1950 in New York state and admitted to the Indiana bar in 1954. In 1978, he was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington D.C.

Surviving are his wife, Esther; one daughter, Betty Ann Young, of Tempe, Ariz.; two sons, William H. and Charles T., both of Tucson, Ariz.; two stepdaughters, Gail C. Fanta, of Cincinnati, and Merle S. Opelz, of Tannay, Switzerland; and one stepson, Bruce R. Baldwin, of Annapolis, Md.

Arrangements are pending at Klaehn's Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

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ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICES

for

Robert G. Irish

Friday, March 16, 1984....11 AM....Allen Superior Court

Room 3