

RESOLUTION

H. HUGH KENNERK

APRIL 13, 1908 - OCTOBER 16, 1986

Although we mourn with uncommon grief the passing of one of our most beloved brothers at the bar, we gather here also to celebrate his long and full life -- as a family man, as a giver to the community, and as a fellow lawyer.

H. Hugh Kennerk left us on October 16, 1986, at age 79. Each of us who knew him will cherish our individual memories of him, until we join him once again.

Hugh was born and raised in Fort Wayne and remained a life-long resident. He attended Central Catholic High School, where he excelled not only in his studies, but also on the gridiron. He fondly told of the Central Catholic football teams of his era, perhaps with some hyperbole, "We never won a game, and we never lost a fight."

He graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, where he again played varsity football. His prowess on the field lead to his being named to the All-Ohio team, as a guard, although he weighed only 160 pounds. Such is evidence of his fiercely competitive spirit, a trait which he brought to the practice of law.

Hugh graduated the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis, and was admitted to the bar in 1933. He joined his father in the practice in the firm of Kennerk and Kennerk.

Upon settling in Fort Wayne, Hugh married Helen Rawlings, with whom he recently his celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary. The marriage produced two daughters and six sons, and there are 19 grandchildren. He was devoted to his family.

As a young lawyer, Hugh served as a juvenile attorney and also as a lawyer for the underprivileged. In 1949, he became an Assistant U.S. Attorney, in charge of the Fort Wayne cases. Not long after the death of his father in 1948, he was joined in the practice, first by Jim Dumas, and later

by others. He retired in recent years from that firm, Kennerk, Dumas, Burke, Backs and Salin.

He was active in Democratic politics in Fort Wayne, and served as County Chairman, until retiring from that post in 1952.

He gave freely of his time to bar association activities, serving as Treasurer, and then in 1955 as President of our Association. He is given much credit for the development of the Association into the active professional organization it is today.

Many of us will best remember Hugh for the kindness he showed to us as young lawyers, with whom he was never out of touch. He loved to tell stories of the earlier days in the practice, and of the mischief of his contemporaries, always with a twinkle in his eye and a ready laugh.

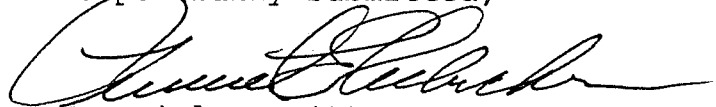
He was justly proud of his Irish heritage. It was fitting that at the conclusion of his funeral service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the procession moved down the aisle to leave the church to the strains of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

The practicing bar will sadly miss Hugh. He was an accomplished lawyer. As an adversary, he was formidable, and always fair. Above all, he was a gentleman.

With our good friend, Hugh, in spirit today, we will have a last "one for the road", and wish him well.

It is moved that this Memorial Resolution be approved and adopted by the Allen County Bar Association, that it be spread of record in the Circuit and Superior Courts, and copies be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted,



Memorial Committee
Allen County Bar Association