

*Memorial Resolution  
of the  
Allen County Bar Association  
John Stanley Knight*

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, John S. Knight, who passed away on July 25, 2008, at the age of 63.

John was a long time Fort Wayne resident and attorney. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Jo, of Fort Wayne; children, Amy (David) Knight-Zurbuch of Chapel Hill, NC, Laura (John) Knight-Keating, Jonathan Knight both of New York, NY, Amanda (Michael Butram) Knight of Chapel Hill, NC and Alicia Knight of Bloomington; grandchildren, Jacob, Erica Jane, Eliza, and Isaac; and sister, Susan L. Watson of Clearwater Beach, FL. John was preceded in death by his brother Steven P. Knight and his parents D. Stanley and Doris Knight.

John was born in Fort Myers, FL on December 2, 1944. He received a BA from Purdue University and graduated in 1972 from Indiana University Bloomington School of Law. He was admitted to practice in Indiana in 1972 and began his practice as a law clerk for Judge Moellering in the Allen Superior Court. John went on to become part of the law firm of Parrish, Knight, Jackson & Beal before striking out on his own. John spent most of his 35 year legal career as a sole practitioner at the Knight Law Office on South Wayne Street.

Along with his dedication to his law practice, John served Easter Seals ARC in a variety of capacities for 32 years. He served as Chairman of the Board, Senior Advisor and a member of the ARC

Foundation Board, as well as Easter Seals ARC's official attorney. He also helped several committees of Easter Seals ARC, including the Human Resource Committee.

Another little known vocation of John's was at the helm of a snow plow. John took it as a source of pride to get up before dawn after a large snowfall and plow the Knight Parking Company parking lots of his father, Stan Knight, deferring commencement of his law practice on those days until the lots were clear, then stomping into the Lincoln Tower in full snow regalia, smacking his gloves

During John's clerkship with Judge Moellering he decorated his office with a Christmas tree. A fellow law clerk measured the tree with a yardstick and brought in his own Christmas tree that was six inches taller. Thus began a Christmas contest which included painted scenes on the courthouse windows and concluded with a Christmas program judged by Stan, a Sheriff's deputy. John's program featured the Superior Court Judges in their robes singing Christmas carols. The competition featured a choir of court clerks and a niece in the role of "littlest angel." Stan declared the contest a tie.

Distinctive characteristics aside, John was a dedicated lawyer in this community representing his clients with dignity and professionalism. He was a first-rate personality and a first-rate lawyer. He was a loving husband and a very proud father and grandfather. John S. Knight touched many lives and he will be remembered fondly by so many people.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of John S. Knight; and

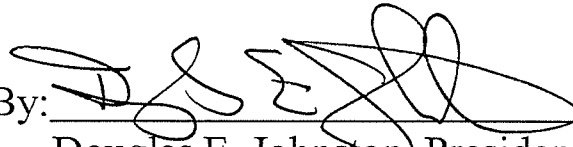
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and


Be it further, resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Knight family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, John Knight.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2008.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By:   
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Douglas E. Johnston, President  
Allen County Bar Association

By:   
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The Honorable Stanley A. Levine  
Judge, Allen Superior Court