

RESOLUTION OF WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
IN MEMORY OF DAN C. FLANAGAN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bar Association of Whitley County, Indiana, that proper tribute be paid to the memory of Dan C. Flanagan, a distinguished jurist and lawyer of Indiana.

Dan C. Flanagan came to Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a young lawyer. His Father before him had a distinguished career in Indiana as a lawyer. From the very beginning of his practice he demonstrated his marked ability as a trial lawyer and as an outstanding advocate. His abilities gained him recognition not only in his own County, but throughout the State. He was selected for many outstanding assignments because of his ability and his devotion to the Law.

Dan C. Flanagan had the unusual experience of having served both on the Appellate Court of the State of Indiana and the Supreme Court of our State. His decisions as a jurist were outstanding and the Bar of Indiana recognized that his decisions were thorough and decided with great clarity of the legal questions involved. On many occasions he appeared before the Whitley County Bar and he always enjoyed the friendship and respect of all members of our Bar.

Few men have attained the heights of Dan C. Flanagan in Indiana as a lawyer and as a jurist.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the Whitley Circuit Court and that a copy be forwarded to his family and a copy to the Bar Association of Allen County, Indiana.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 1960.

Lowell L. Pefley  
Benton W. Bloom  
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WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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Immediately upon his graduation from law school he hung his shingle in Frankfort, Indiana, and practiced law there until 1924 when he moved to Fort Wayne.

Upon moving to Fort Wayne, he first became associated with the law firm of Heaton & Heaton. In the year 1931 he became a member of the firm of Leonard, Rose, Flanagan and McCreevy.

In 1925, shortly after coming to Fort Wayne, he became acquainted with Mabelle Cass, and Dan and Mabelle were married on October 5, 1925; and to this union one son, Daniel C. Flanagan, Jr., was born.

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with Charles Bond in the firm then known as Flanagan and Bond.

Probably few members of this Association shall ever enjoy such a varied and interesting career, such as was Dan's good fortune to enjoy. He not only held the top political offices of his party in this county but also the highest office of his profession in this state. He served as Deputy Prosecutor in Clinton County in 1921 and 1922 and as Deputy Prosecutor in Allen County in 1929 and 1930. In 1936 Dan became Chairman of the Allen County Republican Central Committee and it was immediately after his assumption of the chairmanship of that committee that the fortunes of the Republican Party changed for the better, and during Dan's term as County Chairman many successful campaigns were conducted.

January 1, 1940 Dan was named Allen County Attorney and served in this capacity for approximately one year, at which time he was appointed to the Appellate Court by the Governor of the State of Indiana, for which office he later was a candidate, being the only candidate in history to win a State Convention nomination by acclamation four consecutive times. He won the office in 1940 and '44 and served in this capacity until 1948, at which time he returned to the general practice of law until again called to public service by the Governor when a vacancy occurred on the Supreme Court bench. Dan was appointed as a member of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana in 1953 and served in that capacity until January of 1955. During this time as a member of the Appellate and Supreme Court Judge Flanagan handed down many profound and sound opinions, which are still being followed by the upper courts.

Dan returned to the practice of law again in Fort Wayne and in May of 1959 formed a new law firm with Robert S. McCain, which law firm was in existence at the time of Dan's death.

Dan, during his lifetime, was the recipient of many honors, having been named at one time to the Valparaiso University Law College extension lecture staff and also served on the permanent lecture staff of the University of Notre Dame. Of course everyone in the legal profession is acquainted with the fact that Dan was the author of several textbooks which have gained wide reputation and use throughout the profession, and, as a matter of fact, have been cited numerous times by the upper courts in their decisions.

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Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Allen County Indiana Bar Association give a public expression of the sorrow of its members on the death of Judge Dan C. Flanagan.

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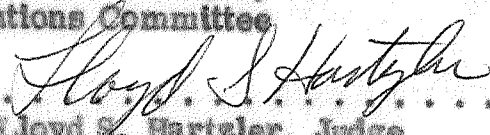
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Respectfully submitted,  
Allen County Bar Association, by  
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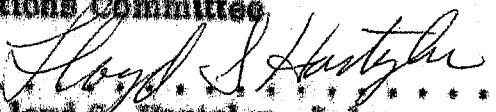
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