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George exemplified service and leadership to our community. He served two terms on the Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association and was an Indiana Bar Fellow. From 1959 to 1964, he served on the Allen County School Reorganization Committee, part of the statewide effort to consolidate public school districts. In the 1950s and 1960's, he served on the Aboite Township School Advisory Committee, and was instrumental in the Township's purchase of the acreage that now houses Homestead High School, Woodside Middle School,

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George was also a member of the American Legion Post 47 and Disabled American Veterans Post 40. He was a past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9500. He was a member of the Caldron Club, the SERRA Club, the Sol D. Bayless Masonic Lodge #359, the Mizpah Temple and the Scottish Rite. He was a member of the St. John the Baptist parish in Fort Wayne.

George's first wife, Marion Stuart, preceded him in death. George is survived by his wife, Agnes and his son, John of Fort Wayne and daughter, Mary A. Lindenmeyer of Batesville, Indiana, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his brother, Victor, of Marietta, Georgia. George was also preceded in death by his brothers, Harry, Bronson and Henry.

George Kowalczyk will be remembered by his family, friends and colleagues as not only an outstanding lawyer but as a true and loyal friend, a proud man who was very courteous to his colleagues, a man of his word and who was very exact in his work. George was well known and regarded for his accuracy in his real estate abstract opinions.

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 George Kowalczyk; and

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

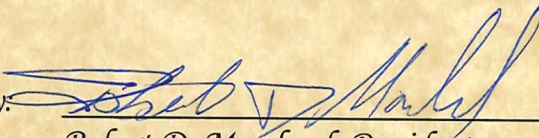
BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Kowalczyk family; and

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, George Kowalczyk.

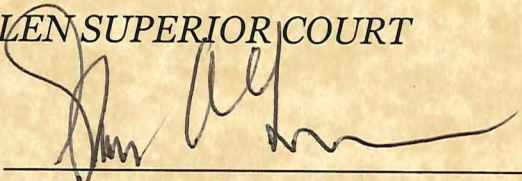
Dated this 18th day of October, 2005, at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.



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By: 
Robert D. Moreland, President

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*The Honorable Stanley A. Levine,
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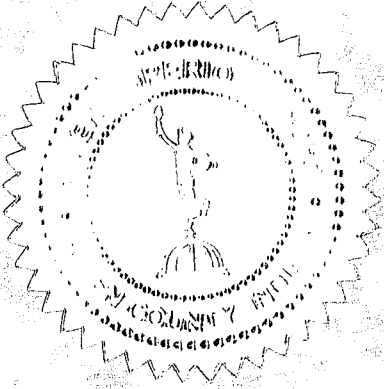
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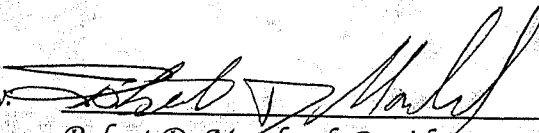
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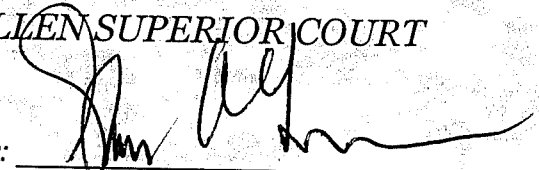
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