

IN MEMORIAL  
OF  
LEONARD M. BANE

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Leonard M. Bane, one of the oldest and most venerable members of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association passed away Sunday, August 21, 1960. On November 3, 1880, he was born in the State of Pennsylvania, where he received his elementary education in the county schools of Washington, and his high school education from the Class of 1900 of Madison Academy. He then attended Valparaiso University, where he graduated in 1907 with an LL.B. degree. In this year he was admitted to practice in Indiana, and immediately began the active practice of law in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He then married Julia A. Sweer, who is still living, and two daughters were born to this marriage--Juliana M. Bordner and Mary P. Brunson.

Leonard worked alone at his chosen profession until 1952, when he became associated with his son-in-law, Glenn Bordner, and the firm of Bane & Bordner was formed. In addition to the Allen County Indiana Bar Association, Leonard was a member of the Indiana Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Of his 79 years of life, he devoted over half a century to the active practice of law, and was active therein until a few weeks before his death. Leonard will be remembered not because of the many years he lived and practiced law but because

of his fine personal traits, his kindly and cheerful disposition, his sense of humor, his diligence and knowledge of the law, and his integrity and devotion to the highest principles of humanity and justice.

Leonard enjoyed life. He attended and took an active part in the social and business affairs of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association, in which he held the office of Trustee for three terms, totaling nine years. He had a sincerity of mind and purpose, which were reflected in his charm, his courtesy and his manners.

His kindness to the younger members of his profession is a well-established fact. It was a privilege to know him. He leaves an indelible imprint on all who knew him, as a loving and considerate husband and father, a loyal friend, a gentleman and a lawyer. He was a definite credit to his profession. We shall long cherish the memory of our pleasant association with him.

Death is invariably accompanied with grief, anguish, heartache and sorrow. It comes with sudden and shocking severity to the loved ones who survive. To his devoted wife and his two daughters, we express our most tender sympathies. May the knowledge of his superior qualities as a husband, father and lawyer, and the affectionate regard in which he was held by his lawyer friends, comfort and sustain his loved ones during the hours of their grief.

Respectfully submitted,

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