

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION
ON THE DEATH OF JUDGE LLOYD S. HARTZLER

Throughout its long history, the Allen County Bar Association has, without exception, paused in its professional pursuits to pay fitting tribute to the memory of a departed member; and today the members of the Association, in keeping with that honored tradition, meet to pay homage to a respected and long-time member, the late Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler.

The incident of death is not more mysterious than the incident of birth, and not more uncommon; we were born to die, and we die that we may live. This is the whole philosophy of human existence. Born of the first spark of reason and unchanged throughout the fleeting centuries, although a natural and inevitable event the final summons always comes to those we love with a blow that seems to crush our hearts. It produces anguish and mourning and opens a gulf of which we vainly strive to bridge with strands of flowers and garlands of living green; and out of the kingship of sorrow we think gentile thoughts, we speak tender words, we halt, we wander, we reason, we scan the heaven and perforce we become reconciled.

Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler was born on June 25, 1897 in Hicksville, Ohio and died on January 2, 1969 at approximately 2:00 P.M. along the fishing area of the Intra Coastal Waterway at Boca Raton, Florida, where he has resided since retirement on December 1, 1967.

Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler has definitely contributed to the political and fraternal life of our community, to the legal profession, and to the judicial system of Allen County and the State of Indiana.

He graduated from Hicksville High School, at which time he was the President of his Senior High School Class. Judge Hartzler was destined to be a man of the community. He was not satisfied with working entirely for himself but was very much interested in other people, their problems, their welfare and their happiness. While in the Hicksville High School Judge Hartzler became a member of a four-piece band, and this band remained in existence throughout the twenties and until about 1932; this band and its accomplishments were recognized in the State of Ohio and the northeast sector of the State of Indiana.

Ohio Wesleyan University was his undergraduate school, from which he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. While at this university he was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. In 1924 Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler received his law degree from Columbia University, and at that time commenced his law practice in Allen County - Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Early in his adult life he became a member of many organizations, many of which elevated him to the leadership of those organizations. He is the Past President of the Allen County Bar Association; Past Master of Maumee Lodge No. 725, Free and Accepted Masons; Past President of the Fort Wayne Lions Club; Past District Governor of the Lions International; a member of

the Izaak Walton League, a member of the American Legion Post 47, the Loyal Order of Moose, Fort Wayne Lodge No. 200, the American Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association.

Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler served his country in World War I as a member of the great Navy aboard the U. S. S. Kentucky.

Politics was a study and science with Lloyd S. Hartzler due to his enormous past experience and appreciation by those he served so well. He was designated the former Assistant United States District Attorney, a former Associate City Attorney for the City of Fort Wayne; Assistant County Chairman, and later on became the Allen County Republican Chairman for the years 1950 to 1955.

On July 1, 1955 Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler was appointed Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 3 by Hon. George M. Craig, Governor of the State of Indiana; he was elected as Judge of this court in November, 1956, and thereafter reelected in 1960 and 1964, and continued to serve actively and judiciously as Judge of Allen Superior Court No. 3 until the date of his retirement on December 1, 1967.

This, by no means, is intended that these few brief remarks should be a complete summation of Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler's illustrious career in life, the presentation of merely the highlights alone would consume hours of time. If ever there existed a person who understood the value, use, meaning and purpose of life, it was Judge Hartzler; he was a considerate husband and devoted father, and his passing was

untimely. We all feel a great sense of personal loss at this time.

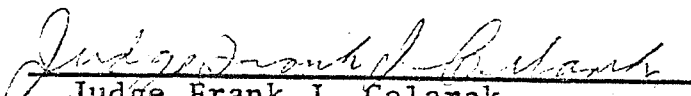
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Allen County Bar Association give a public expression of the sorrow of its members on the death of Judge Lloyd S. Hartzler.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the widow, Marguerite Hartzler, and to his son, William H. Hartzler.

BE It Further Resolved that this Resolution be placed of record in the permanent records of the courts of Allen County, State of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted

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HIGHEST EXCELLENCE

The Honorable Lloyd S. Hartzler retires as Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 3 of Allen County, Indiana, December 1, 1967. For more than twelve years he served the lawyers who practiced before him and the people of Allen County with unswerving devotion and highest legal ability.

Cases involving the most intricate problems have confronted him ever since his appointment as Judge. In these cases he has researched the law with the care, insight and intelligence of the diligent trial lawyer.

A resolute and determined Republican, he became a Judge with whom politics played no part in his decisions. A powerful and fighting advocate for his clients, he became a Judge who forgot advocacy and sought the truth. Neither friendship nor party affiliation influenced his decisions.

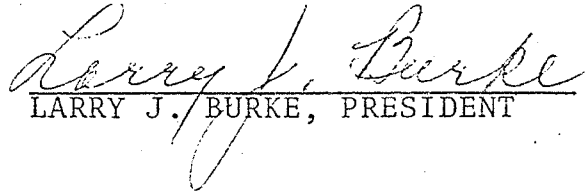
The test of the case to him is, "What is the law and what are the facts?" In trial he reversed himself if he thought he was in error. Books were not a decoration to be admired: they were tools to be used in building just and impartial decisions.

Lloyd S. Hartzler was a "Lawyer's Judge". No lawyer entered his Court anticipating the Judge's wrath or scorn or ridicule. He knew that he would receive a fair, intelligent and sympathetic hearing. The client who lost his case before Judge Hartzler heard words of praise for his lawyer from the lips of the Judge.

Each lawyer hearing these words has a full right to criticize because of the inadequacy of the remarks. Mentally, each lawyer present will add his own thoughts of highest praise for the wonderful friend who has served all of us so brilliantly.

If this modest man were not with us to accuse us of too high praise, our sincere expressions of appreciation would be extended far more. We terribly regret that his health demands his resignation. Judges like him are too few. In departing the bench he takes with him our everlasting appreciation, respect and affection.

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