

Memorial Resolution  
of the  
Allen County Bar Association  
Marvin Lee Komisarow

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Marvin Lee Komisarow, who passed away on November 11, 2007, at the age of 80.

Marvin was a long time Fort Wayne resident, attorney and businessman. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Ethel Komisarow. He is survived by his wife, Marva Komisarow, of Fort Wayne, and 5 nephews in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Marvin graduated from North Side High School in 1944 and obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree, with distinction, from Indiana University in 1947. He received his Law Degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1951, with honors.

Marvin's early legal career found him practicing with Robert Bueller, a legendary Fort Wayne attorney. He then went on to form a long time partnership with Richard Baach in the Komisarow and Baach Law Firm. During the years that he practiced law in Fort Wayne, Marvin was known as a leading criminal defense and domestic relations lawyer. He was also one of the most active attorneys in Fort Wayne City Court, appearing there almost daily and often finding himself hired on the spot by defendants appearing in Court. With his keen business sense, Marvin essentially became the first lawyer in Fort Wayne to organize a successful law practice based upon a high volume of cases in both domestic relations and traffic and misdemeanor Court.

In addition to practicing law in Fort Wayne for over 30 years, Marvin also owned the Shoney's Big Boy franchise in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area for 35 years. Again, by his use of sound business principals, Marvin took a struggling business and turned into one of the most successful restaurant franchises in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Not only did Marvin have a well deserved reputation as a successful lawyer and businessman, he was also known to be a caring individual towards other members of the Bar. On more than one occasion he could be found visiting fellow lawyers when they had fallen ill or he would simply and sincerely ask about someone's family and he really wanted to know how they were doing.

Marvin also had a well earned reputation for being somewhat mischievous. When facing a new Deputy Prosecutor at trial, Marvin would have an individual, not the defendant sit next to him at defense table during trial. The police officer, whose recollection of the circumstances surrounding the issuance of a traffic ticket had faded, would identify the person sitting next to Marvin as the defendant. Marvin would then argue misidentification of the defendant since the person seated next to him was not the true defendant in the case. Deputy Prosecutors quickly learned to ask the Court to verify that all parties were present in Court at the start of the trial.

Marvin Komisarow's personality will remain fondly etched in the minds of numerous attorneys, citizens and of course, his family.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Marvin Lee Komisarow; and

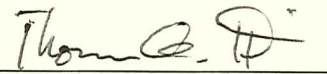
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

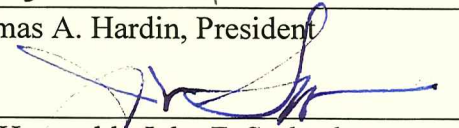
Be it further, resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Komisarow family; and

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 Marvin Lee Komisarow.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By:   
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Thomas A. Hardin, President

By:   
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The Honorable John F. Surbeck  
Judge, Allen Superior Court