

Memorial Resolution of the Allen County Bar Association

Robert L. Hines

WHEREAS, we are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Judge Robert L. Hines, who passed away on April 15, 2006, at the age of 83.

WHEREAS, born on March 22, 1923, Bob Hines was raised in Fort Wayne where he was educated at Harrison Hill Elementary School and South Side High School. He played on South Side's basketball team that went to the Final Four in 1940. He was later inducted into South Side's Hall of Fame in 1997. Bob initially intended to enroll at Purdue University to pursue an engineering degree, but decided to attend Indiana University under a basketball scholarship instead. From 1942 to 1945, his undergraduate education was interrupted by World War II, where he served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps and achieved the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his service in the Army, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1947, followed by his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington in 1949. Bob was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana in April 1949.

WHEREAS, Bob married Maurine Ellen Leas in 1943. Bob and Maurine had two sons, Robert L. Jr. and J. Scott, as well as three daughters, Susan P. Muncy, Janice J. Sopata, and Barbara E. Hines. Surviving him are his wife, daughters, son Scott, eight grandchildren Julie and Jason, Leia and Tom, Marc, Chelsea, Chloe and Chase, and three great-grandchildren, Summer, Kady and Kody. Also surviving are his brothers, John H. Hines and Harry Hines and sister Mary L. Katovich.

WHEREAS, Bob began his professional career with his father-in-law, Fay W. Leas, in Fort Wayne in 1949, by becoming a partner in the law firm of Leas & Hines. He also served as an associate city attorney under the Paul "Mike" Burns administration. In 1971, Governor Edgar Whitcomb appointed Bob an Allen County Superior Court Judge. Bob was 48 years of age at the time of his appointment. For 20 years, Bob served every division of the Allen Superior Court, including misdemeanor, juvenile, felony, small claims and probate, before retiring in 1991. He was also Chief Judge for two terms. Bob played a major role in establishing the Alcohol Countermeasures Program and establishing the Misdemeanor & Traffic Division of the Allen Superior Court. He also oversaw the establishment of policies and procedures relating to the Court's role in mental health commitment matters, which served as a model for other counties throughout the State. After retirement, he continued to serve as a Senior Judge for another 12 years before retiring altogether on December 31, 2003.

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Allen County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor presented by a governor from former Governor Evan Bayh. Bob and Maurine were also two of the founders of the Johnny Appleseed School for mentally disabled children, where he served as director for five years. The school survives and is known today as Easter Seals Arc of Fort Wayne. In 1977, Bob received the Mental Health Association in Allen County's Distinguished Service Award. Bob also received the Outstanding Service award from the Alfred Alder institute. Bob was actively involved in the South Side Kiwanis Club, The North Webster Kiwanis Club, and had been a member of the Fort Wayne Friars, Orchard Ridge Country Club and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Bob was also a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as Deacon and Elder.

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines will be remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues as an intelligent, fair and well-prepared judge. He took pride in his attention to detail when evaluating the legal disputes before him. He was admired for his faith in the law, and was known as an outstanding judge, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

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 Judge Robert L. Hines; 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 Hines family; and

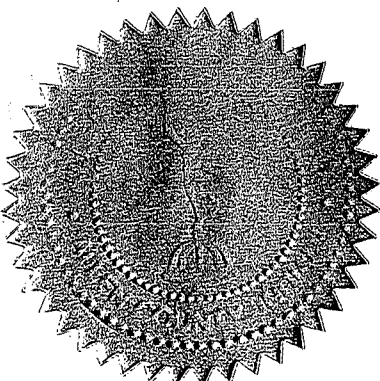
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Robert L. Hines.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2006, at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 
Robert E. Moreland, President

By: 
The Honorable Nancy Eshcoff Boyer
Judge, Allen Superior Court



**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
DEKALB COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**JUDGE ROBERT L. HINES
1923 - 2006**

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines died April 15, 2006,

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines was born in 1923, was a graduate of Indiana University and served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines, graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1949 and began the practice of law with his father-in-law, Fay W. Leas, in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines was appointed Judge of the Allen Superior Court by Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb in 1971 and continued as judge until his retirement, at which time he became a Senior Judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert L. Hines frequently served as Senior Judge in the DeKalb Circuit Court and the DeKalb Superior Court and was well respected by the DeKalb County Bar Association.

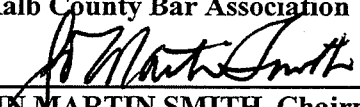
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the DeKalb County Bar Association duly assembled this 18th day of May, 2006, that the profound respect and appreciation for the Honorable Robert L. Hines and the appreciation for his long and distinguished career as an attorney, Superior Court Judge, and Senior Judge be duly recorded in this manner and that condolences be extended to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the order books of the DeKalb Circuit Court and the Allen Circuit Court and that copies be delivered to the family of the said Judge Robert L. Hines.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2005, at Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.



THOMPSON SMITH, President
DeKalb County Bar Association



JOHN MARTIN SMITH, Chairperson
Resolution Committee
DeKalb County Bar Association