

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

OLIVER H. EGGERS

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association and friends.

As we gather to honor the memory of a departed brother, Oliver H. Eggers, I am reminded of the words of William Shakespeare in one of his poems:

"Beauty, truth and rarity,
Grace in all simplicity,
Here enclosed in cinders be."

To me, these words, beauty, truth, rarity and grace, characterize the life of Ollie. This is a difficult memorial for the author, because I have known him for almost 50 years. My personal feeling can best be expressed by paraphrasing the poet John Donne:

"A part of me has been washed
away to the sea, and I am the
lesser because of it."

Ollie Eggers was valedictorian of the South Side High School Class of 1931. I was a member of that class. We were close personally until the military service separated us. Ollie had been practicing law for several years following his graduation from Valparaiso University Law School when he left this community to serve in the Navy in World War II. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant, serving in the South Pacific.

In the practice of law, he started with Bill Fruechtenicht, Sr., and later spent many years in association with Henry Hasley, John Logan, and finally with the firm of Jackson, Parrish, Eggers and Larson. He was a competent attorney, and throughout his career

observed the highest standards of professional ethics.

Ollie was a public spirited citizen. He exercised his influence in many ways, and especially in his activities with and for the political party of his choice. He served as Associate City Attorney and as a member of the Legal Fee Department of the Public Service Commission of Indiana. He also served as President of Home Bound Meals, Inc.

He was interested in young people and in seeing that they had opportunities for advancement, as evidenced by his many years of service to the Anthony Wayne Council Boy Scouts of America; his membership in and his service as President of the Concordia Educational Foundation and his service as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Valparaiso University School of Law.

As a family man, he set an example for all to emulate. His family consisted of his wife Dorthea, one son also a lawyer, and four daughters, as well as three sisters who survive him. He also has two grandchildren of whom he was most proud. In the family relationship, he demonstrated to the highest degree his recognition of the rights and interests of others. In the day before the ecumenical movement, and at a time when the inter-relationship between Missouri Synod Lutheran and Catholics was rather difficult, he married a Catholic, and each developed and maintained a role of leadership in their respective churches. He was ahead of his time in recognizing that if Christianity was to continue as a major force in civilization, the different denominations must emphasize their points of agreement and work together to influence the progress of mankind. Naturally, he was active in Emmaus Lutheran Church and

was a former president of the congregation.

To his wife Dorthea, his children, and other members of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy. Indeed, today we are the lesser.

Mr. President, I move that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members upon the death of Oliver H. Eggers;

That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his widow Dorthea and family;

That a copy of this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the Association for its departed brother.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 23rd day of June, 1975.

Respectfully submitted
The Allen County Bar Association
Memorial Resolution Committee


JUDGE ROBERT E. MEYERS, Chairman

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IN MEMORIAM

OLIVER H. EGGERS

The members of the Wells County Bar were saddened to learn of the untimely death of Oliver Eggers, who was affectionately known as "Ollie" on Sunday, June 15th, 1975.

Ollie was a prominent Allen County lawyer and was considered by the members of our Bar who knew him to be a gentleman, a scholar and a very competent lawyer and one who represented his clients with integrity.

In past years he appeared in our court on many occasions and several of us have practiced with him and opposed him in litigation and we all learned to know him as an honest practitioner, dedicated to serving justice in court and he steadfastly stood by his convictions.

During the years when he was associated with Henry Hasley, and after joining his present firm of Jackson, Parrish, Eggers and Larson in 1973, he practiced in our court and added stature to an already well recognized law firm.

In addition to being an outstanding lawyer, he was very active in his community and served in the Emmaus Lutheran Church and was President of the Concordia Educational Foundation. He graduated from South Side High School; was class valedictorian and later graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1936. He served in World War II as a Navy Lieutenant in the South Pacific Theatre of Operations.

He was also an attorney examiner for the Indiana Public Service Commission for a period of time and later practiced law with William Freuchtenicht and John Logan. He served as a member of the board of directors of the Anthony Wayne Council and Boy Scouts of America and was active in the United Chest Council of Allen County as a Director of Lutheran Social Services.

He was engaged in many other community activities and gave much of his time for the benefit of the Allen County community.

He is survived by his wife, Dorthea, a son, Jerome Eggers of San Diego, California, who is an attorney, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Angela Conner,

Ellen Eggers, Elizabeth Eggers and Laura Eggers.

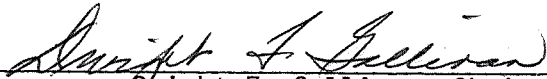
We of the Wells County Bar, in meeting assembled this 23rd day of June, 1975, have adopted the following Resolution:


"Be It Resolved by the Wells County Bar Association that we express to the family of Oliver H. Eggers our sincere sympathy in his passing.

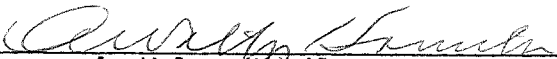
"Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of this Association cause a copy of this Memoriam to be placed of record in the Wells Circuit Court and forward a copy thereof to the Allen County Bar Association and copies to the family of Mr. Eggers.


"Be It Further Resolved that the above and foregoing Memoriam expresses the heartfelt sympathies of the members of the Wells County Bar Association."

WELLS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION


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