

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

OLIVER WENDELL LANNING

We are here today to pay our respects to the memory of our distinguished colleague and friend, Oliver Wendell Lanning, who passed away on Sunday, March 31, 1996.

Wendell was born in Butler, Indiana, on August 2, 1914. He graduated from DePauw University in 1937 and from Northwestern University School of Law in 1940. Upon graduation from law school, Wendell began his long and distinguished association with The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, an association that was soon interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. After returning to work at Lincoln National after the war, he continued as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, until his honorable discharge from the Army Reserves in 1955.

During Wendell's legal career with Lincoln National, he participated in the growth and expansion of The Lincoln into one of the largest insurance and financial services companies in the United States and, correspondingly, participated in the growth of Lincoln's law division from 6 attorneys in 1940 to over 35 lawyers at the time of his retirement in 1979. As more and more new young attorneys joined the Law Department, Wendell unselfishly shared his experience and knowledge as a "mentor" (before that term became fashionable) for many current members of Lincoln's law division. He was also known as a gentleman who treated everyone with whom he worked with kindness and respect, as evidenced by his designation as "Boss of the Year" by a local chapter of the American Business Women's Association. At the time of his retirement in 1979, Wendell was a Second Vice President and Associate General Counsel of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Wendell was devoted to his profession, as indicated by his membership in the Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and The Association of Life Insurance Counsel. He was the recipient of the Golden Year Award given by the Indiana State Bar Association, and was a life member of the American Bar Association. He was a charter member of the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation, and was a sustaining life member of that Foundation. Even after his retirement, Wendell continued to share his legal ability and experience by serving as a volunteer lawyer at the Senior Citizens Center.

In addition to his professional activities, Wendell was an active member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and was involved in many community activities, including serving on the Boards of the Fort Wayne Community Concert Association and Crossroads/Fort Wayne Children's Home.

After his retirement, Wendell continued to make full use of his intellectual abilities and was a frequent writer of letters to public figures on matters of public interest. He also enjoyed gardening and nature, and was devoted to his family.

Wendell is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and his children, Thomas, Martha, and Marilyn. Wendell will long be remembered as a respected and dedicated lawyer and mentor by his colleagues at Lincoln National and the members of this Bar Association. His devotion to his profession, his community, and his family will long be remembered by all who knew him. To his family, we express our deepest regrets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the death of Oliver Wendell Lanning; 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 Bar Association of Allen County to the members of the Lanning family; and

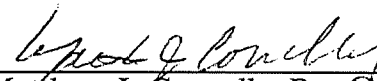
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the courts of Allen County to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the Bar and Bench for their departed friend, Oliver Wendell Lanning.

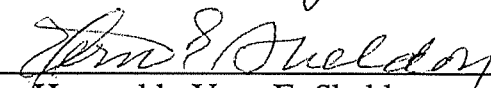
Dated this 14th day of May, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 
David A. Scott, Vice President

By: 
Matthew J. Connelly, President

By: 
The Honorable Vern E. Sheldon
Allen Superior Court