JOHN H. LOGAN

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We gather once again to mourn the loss of a fellow lawyer and an especially kind man.

John Logan left us a week ago last Saturday, at age 75, as an active member of the practicing Bar. John died at his home, in a weekend respite from his busy practice.

He was admitted to the Bar 51 years ago, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame School of Law in 1936. He had attained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the same University the year before. He started his practice in Fort Wayne in the firm of Hilgemann & Logan. His partner had been the Judge of the Allen Circuit Court. In 1942, he left for service in World War II, during which he rose to the rank of Major in the United States Army.

He re-entered private practice after the War, and was promptly admitted to the United States Tax Court and the United States Supreme Court. For a short while, he was a partner in the firm of Haynie, Logan & Van Orman, but, for most of his life, he was a sole practitioner.

Perhaps John became best known to the more senior members of the Bar during his service as Judge of City Court, a venerable institution in the old City Hall. He presided for two terms in a nostalgic era, although after the days of live radio broadcasts from that Court. City Court in those years was the principal exposure of the citizenry to the justice system, and Judge Logan presided with dignity. The law was keenly, but compassionately, applied. For a deserving defendant, a "CI," or "Continued Indefinitely," was the appropriate last order.

In his equally prominent political life, John was an avid Democrat, and chaired the Election Committees for both mayoral and gubernatorial candidates. He was attorney for the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne for several

years, ending his service in 1983.

In his religious life, he was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, and was a Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

He remained loyal to his University, and was chosen as Notre Dame's Man of the Year in 1968.

John lost his beloved wife, Betty Jane, only a year ago. He was comforted in that loss by his three sons, and his daughter, all of whom reside in Fort Wayne, except for one son who has chosen a career in the United States Navy. John and Betty Logan had four grandchildren. John also had with him here in Fort Wayne his brother and two sisters. We share the grief of the Logan family in John's passing.

John Logan was an energetic lawyer, and reported no thoughts of retirement. The day before his death, he was in the Clerk's office, filing his papers, and calling out his usual greetings to his many friends and acquaintances.

Merely to see John in passing, at the Court House or along Berry Street, lifted one's spirits.

John Logan was a credit to his family, his political party, his University, his church, and his profession. We shall remember him fondly, and miss him deeply.

Respectfully submitted,

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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