MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Allen County Indiana Bar Association meets once again to pay its respect to the memory of one of its members.

David Peters was fatally stricken on February 15, 1980, while delivering a paper before the Fort Wayne Quest Club. He was 64 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Elberta E.; a son, David L., Fort Wayne; two daughters, Janine Mendis, San Diego, California, and Michele Guenther, Tempe, Arizona; and two brothers, Paul F. and J. William, both of San Diego.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mr. Peters graduated from North Side High School in 1934 and he received both his A.B. and LL.D. degrees from Indiana University. He began his law practice in Fort Wayne in 1941.

Mr. Peters served his country in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946, attaining the rank of first lieutenant, and spent 18 months in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

Mr. Peters was very active in all phases of community life, having served four years on the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board in the sixties. He devoted 18 years of service to the board of Fort Wayne Children's Home. Mr. Peters also served on the board of directors of Parkview Memorial Hospital, Goodwill Industries, and the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County and was a past president of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. He was a member of Fort Wayne Quest Club, Exchange Club, and Fortnightly Club.

In December 1950, he was appointed Probate Commissioner of Allen Superior Court No. 2, and he served as vice president of the Allen County Republican Club.

For many years, Mr. Peters was the Fourth District chairman of the Indiana University School of Law Alumni Association and also had served as its president. He was a member of the Allen County, Indiana and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Peters maintained a very active involvement in church affairs and was a member, as well as attorney, for the Blackhawk Baptist Church at the time of his death.

David Peters was strongly committed to the work ethic and his prodigious accomplishments in the practice of law were a testimony to this commitment. He was a man of impeccable integrity. When he accepted a client's case he was a most formidable advocate for that cause, be it as a negotiator or as a litigator. His example of meticulous preparation for court was certainly a model that present and future attorneys could well emulate to advantage. Eighteen hour days were the norm not the exception for David Peters. No one ever said that he was unprepared. His loyalty and total devotion to his clients earned him a wide and varied clientele. Our profession has lost a giant, but David Peters has provided a sterling example to those who follow. His unique Christian commitment and concern were frequently evident in his professional life and were reflected by the integrity and fidelity with which he handled matters entrusted to him by his clients.

To his family, the Allen County Bar Association pauses to extend its sympathy.

Mr. President, I move that the above resolution be adopted, that a copy of it be sent to Mrs. Peters and that it be spread of record in the Courts of Allen County.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Moellering Chairman, Memorial Committee

RESOLUTION

OF THE NOBLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, David Peters, a practicing attorney-at-law for many years in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a member of the Allen County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations, departed this life on the 15th day of February, 1980, as he was preparing to address a luncheon meeting; and

WHEREAS, the manner of his death in attempting to serve was so illustrative of his devotion to many organizations, including the following:

Fort Wayne Community Schools, Children's Home, Parkview Memorial Hospital, Goodwill Industries, Rescue Mission, Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, the United Church of Christ, and St. John's United Church of Christ;

and

WHEREAS, the services that he performed for the above organizations was partly illustrative of the energy that he devoted to the services of his clients in the practice of law, all of which was done with a very high degree of skill, competence, and complete integrity; and

WHEREAS, he was an outstanding example of what can be done by individuals in their chosen vocations and avocations who try to serve their fellow man;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Noble County Bar Association hereby makes this official expression of the sorrow of its members over the passing of David Peters and extends its condolences to his widow, children, and associates in the practice of law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to his family and that this document be spread of record in the Order Book of the Circuit Court of Noble County, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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For the Resolutions Committee