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FRED B. SHOAFF

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The members of the Allen County Bar Association assemble to pay tribute to one of its most distinguished members, Fred B. Shoaff, who died unexpectedly August 17, 1961 after a long and honorable career at the Bar and in the service of his community.

Born of pioneer stock, Fred Shoaff attended public schools in Fort Wayne and thereafter Williams College, the University of Michigan and the University of Heidelberg where he did graduate work. He graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1903 and practiced his profession continuously thereafter for 58 years in Fort Wayne.

Blessed with an incisive mind and a deep knowledge and affection for the law and legal processes, he was in every respect "a lawyer's lawyer." His advice and assistance was sought by his clients and his fellow attorneys in some of the most important business and financial ventures of his community over the many years his illustrious career spanned.

With more than his fair share of a sense of civic responsibility, he served his community untiringly in many capacities. For 39 years he served upon the City Park Board and has been its President since 1935, being reappointed by both Democratic and Republican administrations. By implanting his own scrupulous integrity and incorruptibility in the Department, he elevated it above the plane of partisan politics and commanded for it a public respect perhaps unequalled in the history of Fort Wayne.

His conviction as to his obligation to his fellow men was characterized by continual generousities to his community, his colleges, his Church and the philanthropic projects in which he was interested. Such contributions which were more than substantial were always unobtrusive.

A devoted father and grandfather, his interests over and above the profession he ervered and the community he served, were centered in his family which returned in full measure the love and devotion he bore them.

He will be missed and mourned by all who knew him. We are proud to remember that a man and citizen of his stature considered himself primarily a lawyer and that his was the noblest of all professions,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED That the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members upon the death of Fred B. Shoaff, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of these Resolutions 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.

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