

**Memorial Resolution**  
**of the**  
**Allen County Bar Association**  
**Ivan A. Lebamoff**

*We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Ivan A. Lebamoff, who passed away on May 18, 2006, at the age of 73.*

*Born on July 20, 1932, Ivan Lebamoff was raised in Fort Wayne where he was educated at St. Patrick's Grade School and South Side High School. Ivan majored in History and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1954. Thereafter, he enrolled in the Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington and received his J.D. degree in 1957. During his law school career, he was a member of the Order of the Coif, President of the Phi Delta Phi society and a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary. Ivan was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1957. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1963.*

*Ivan served in the Air Force from 1957 to 1958 and 1961 to 1962, and achieved the rank of Airman First Class.*

*Ivan married Kay and they had three sons, Dr. Damian, Jordan, and Justin. Surviving him are his wife, sons and five grandchildren Jacob, Andrew, Sebastien, Julien, and Nicholas. Also surviving are his brother and sister, George A. Lebamoff and Marie Spahiev.*

*Ivan began his professional career at Lebamoff Law Offices in 1957. He became an active member of the Allen County Bar Association in 1958. Through 1963 and 1964, Ivan served as the United States Information Agency Foreign Service officer for the Commerce Department. From 1966 to 1968, Ivan served as a member of the Allen County Bar Association's Forms Committee. He also served as the Allen County Democratic Party Chairman from 1968 to 1987.*

*Ivan served as the Mayor of Fort Wayne from 1972 to 1975. From 1973 to 1974, Ivan was chairman of the Fort Wayne Future Conference. During his time as Mayor, Ivan implemented CETA, the Comprehensive Employment Training Act for youth. He also helped create the Woman's Bureau. He helped to establish Headwaters Park and the Rivergreenway and save the Embassy Theatre. Ivan advocated for and signed a 35-year, 55.6 million dollar lease of the City Light utility to Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. Ivan was a "tremendous community leader," who was involved in and concerned about the community around him. He worked with social welfare issues, and opened avenues for the African American community and for women, so that they could be recognized and given more responsibilities. Ivan was a champion of downtown and city neighborhoods and helped lay the groundwork for the rejuvenation of Fort Wayne. He went back to the law firm of Lebamoff, Ver Wiebe and Snow immediately after his term*

as Mayor ended. He returned to city government in 1984 as chairman of the board of the Parks and Recreation Department after being appointed by Mayor Win Moses Jr., and his term expired at the end of 1987. Ivan's sons Jordan and Justin are both lawyers and practiced with Ivan at Lebamoff Law Offices.

Ivan was a member of the American Trial Lawyer's Association and the National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives. He was a recipient of the Sam Hanna Award. Ivan was a visiting professor of Urban Affairs for Indiana University, and has been honored by the Fort Wayne Urban League for promoting racial and religious inclusion. He served as a U.S. Commissioner for the Northern District of Indiana. He was also a Board Member and the President of the St. Nicholas Board of Trustees and the Macedonian Patriotic Organization.

Ivan A. Lebamoff will be remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues as an intelligent man with a strong personality who served the people of Fort Wayne honorably. He was noted for speaking on logical issues, and held the perspective that "people are just different, not wrong." He was known as a good son, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of Ivan A. Lebamoff; 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 Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Lebamoff family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Ivan A. Lebamoff.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Wolfer, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine  
Judge, Allen Superior Court