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Once again we are met in sorrow to note the passing of one of our gifted and learned members of the Allen County Bar Association, James P. Murphy, who died Friday, March 11th, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Active in the practice of law in Fort Wayne since his admission to the Bar in the year 1913, he earned the admiration and respect of all his fellow lawyers by his untiring energies in the field of law and his deep understanding of the principles of law and his ability to set forth those authorities in the many briefs which he prepared and argued. He was gifted with a keen and alert mind which enable him to quickly grasp the facts in his cases and to apply the law to those facts in arguing them before the Appellate Courts before which he so frequently appeared in his many years of practice. A gifted trial lawyer as well, his chief activity was in the appeal of cases and the writing of briefs which is an art that made him invaluable to his fellow lawyers. Everyone Recognized his skill and knowledge both in pleading, medical jurisprudence and the rules of appellate procedure.

Born in Fort Wayne, the son of Patrick and Margaret Murphy, pioneer residents, he spent his entire life here where he gained the admiration and respect of all his fellow lawyers as well as the Courts before which he appeared. His genial nature and quick wit endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was a delightful companion and confidante on all occasions.

A graduate of St. Patrick Grade School and the Cathedral Brothers School and throughout his life, an active and sincere member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Later, he pursued his study of law at Valparaiso University and was graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1913 with a degree of LLB. That same year after his admission, he became Assistant General Counsel of the Medical Protective Association of Fort Wayne and remained such until 1929. He was first associated with the firm of Niezer, Crosby and Murphy and later with the firm of Peters, Leas and Murphy.

In 1917 he enlisted in the Army during World War I and served with the Fifth Regiment Engineers in this country and overseas attaining the rank of Sergeant and was discharged in 1919. He was a charter member of Post 47 American Legion.

Upon his return from service he became associated with the firm of Eggeman, Reed and Cleland. Later he formed a partnership with Ira D. Snouffer which continued until the latter was appointed Chairman of the Industrial Board, after which he formed a partnership with Dan Flanagan, who died February 28th, 1960.

A life-long Democrat, he was the Democratic candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana in 1954.

He is survived by his wife, the former Blanche F. Forker, whom he married in 1922 and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Hoerner of this city.

A learned lawyer, an outstanding citizen, a charming companion and a distinguished member of our organization, James P. Murphy was one of our members of whom we are justly proud.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of each of the Courts of Allen County and further that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved widow and his sister.

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