

Judge William Henry Schannen, one of the oldest and most venerable members of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association passed away Thursday evening, February 27, 1964. A native of Aboite Township, Judge Schannen graduated from Fort Wayne High School in 1905.

He taught school in Aboite Township and worked as a guard in a penal institution to obtain funds to attend Indiana University. He received the AB degree from Indiana in 1912 and the LLD degree in 1913.

Judge Schannen began the practice of law in the Gettle Building. In his early career he was Deputy Prosecuting attorney under Louis Crosby, with whom he was later associated in the law practice. The Judge was also Public Defender under Judge Sol Wood.

Mr. Schannen served with distinction as judge of our Allen Circuit Court for 18 years until his retirement December 31, 1960. He was elected to this bench three times, 1942, 1946 and 1954. He was judge of City Court 12 years. He was first elected to this bench in 1926. In 1930 he was defeated but came back and was re-elected in 1934 and 1938.

The Judge will be remembered not because of the four score years he lived but because of his fine personal traits, his kindly and cheerful disposition, his sense of humor and his integrity and devotion to the highest principles of humanity and justice.

He enjoyed life and helped everyone around him to enjoy life. He was a devoted family man. He thrilled in speeding to Massachusetts with Mrs. Schannen to see their son and family.

Judge Schannen was very active in civic affairs and organizations. He was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana State Judges Association, Allen County Republican Club, Knights of Pythias, YMCA, Citizens Historical Association, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine

Temple and a 33^o Mason. He was elected president of our Allen County Bar Association in 1924. He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ.

Mr. Schannen was well known for his witticisms and he was always a much sought-after speaker. Most of us who practiced before his bench have felt his well-aimed puns during a trial.

To the members of the legal profession and to his friends, he will be sorely missed. And to his wife and son, no words can express their great loss. We, as members of the Allen County Bar here assembled, extend our most sincere sympathy to his family in their hour of bereavement.

Judge Schannen was predeceased by a daughter, Lorraine. Surviving are his wife, Anna; a son Richard of Lynnfield Center, Massachusetts, and two grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Indiana Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members on the death of Judge William H. Schannen;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the widow and the son of Judge Schannen;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be placed of record in the permanent records of the courts of Allen County, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
by its Memorial Resolution Committee

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