

*Memorial Resolution of the
Allen County Bar Association*

T. RUSSELL STRUNK JR.

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, T. Russell Strunk Jr., who passed away on March 9, 2009, at the age of 53.

Russell was a Fort Wayne resident and attorney. He is survived by his wife Denise, son Tyler, and daughter Kelly. He was a loving husband, a kind and proud father, and a talented colleague and loyal friend.

Russell was born in Indianapolis and was a 1974 graduate from Indianapolis Southport High School, where he was an outstanding student and athlete. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in 1978, majoring in German, and earned his law degree, cum laude, from the I.U. School of Law in Bloomington in 1982.

In 1983, Russell was admitted into the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Court, the Northern District of Indiana, and the Southern District of Indiana. In 1984 he was admitted into the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Russell was a member of the Allen County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association.

When Russell first came to Fort Wayne, he was associated with Rothberg, Gallmeyer, Fruechtenicht & Logan for a number of years, where he began a civil litigation and business law practice. Russell subsequently developed considerable expertise in the field of employment law in addition to litigation and business law, practicing with the law firms of Arata & Strunk; Hawk, Haynie & Gallmeyer; and Warsco Brogan & Strunk. In 1998, Russell left private practice to join the Law Department of Lincoln Financial, where he spent 10 years. In 2008, Russell returned to private practice with the firm of Holleran & Trexler.

Russ was involved in his community. He was active in Democratic Party politics, serving as the party's local county treasurer. In 1996, he was the party's candidate for Indiana State Representative in District 82. Russell also served as president of his neighborhood association.

Russ very much enjoyed watching his children, Tyler and Kelly compete and participate in their many sports teams, where the kids benefit from inheriting their father's genetic trait for height, rather than the not-so-tall gene predominant in their mother's family. Russ enjoyed singing and was a bit of a frustrated actor, which stage skills he also passed along to his children. He enjoyed his role as captain of his pontoon boat at Hamilton Lake.

Russell loved languages and Shakespeare, and he thrilled in the intellectual rigor of the law. It was seldom that an incorrect use of the English language in his presence went without a good natured ribbing. Few members of the bar could cite the trial rules with the total recall that Russ possessed. Russell's analytical skills and legal reasoning were second to none. His passing at such a relatively young age, and with so much to live for is difficult to comprehend.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow and condolence upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Russell Strunk.

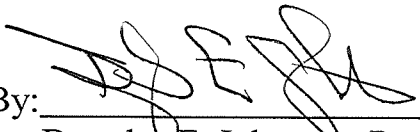
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

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 Strunk family; and

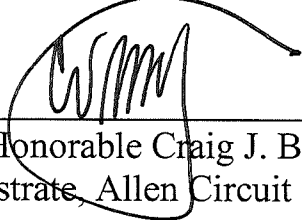
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, T. Russell Strunk Jr.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2009.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

Douglas E. Johnston, President

By: 

The Honorable Craig J. Bobay
Magistrate, Allen Circuit Court