

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, we are here today to honor the memory of Thomas David Logan who died on November 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Tom was the middle and last living of the three sons of Esther Bresnahan Logan and Felix Leslie Logan, Sr. (the three brothers being known as the "Logan Boys of Curdes Avenue"); and

WHEREAS, Tom will always be remembered as an outstanding and faithful husband, father, family man, lawyer, mentor and friend.

Tom is survived by his loving spouse of 58 years, Carol; four children, Tim Logan, Mary Elaine Steckbeck, Jill Thierwechter, and Paul Logan; ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Tom graduated from Notre Dame cum laude, and from Indiana University Law School with distinction. He was elected to the Order of the Coif and to Law Review. Following graduation, Tom graduated from Military Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and was assigned to the United States Armed Forces in the Far East where he served eighteen months in Korea. After an honorable discharge, Tom accepted a position as a Teaching Fellow at Indiana University Law School at Bloomington.

Tom then began an almost 60-year affiliation with the firm, which bears his name. Tom joined the firm, now known as Rothberg Logan & Warsco, some three years after it was founded by Sol Rothberg, Dick Doermer, and Tom Gallmeyer, Sr., and spent his entire legal career with the firm, maintaining an office there until his passing.

Tom rapidly developed an excellent reputation as a bank, business, tax and estate attorney representing such clients as Indiana Bank, where his friend, client and law firm founder, Dick Doermer had matriculated to, Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission, and the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, and many others. While Tom tried a few cases early in his career, he did not build his reputation as a trial lawyer.

In recognition of his excellence in the practice of law, Tom was selected as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" during the years 1991--2006. Noted local attorney, Jim Koday, was recently quoted as saying, "Tom was one of the smartest lawyers I have ever known."

One of Tom's long-time colleagues at the law firm, Susan Trent, summed up her thoughts on Tom as follows:

"Simply put, Tom Logan had tremendous impact on me as a mentor, friend and source of constant encouragement. Tom's technical legal acumen brought him exceedingly well-deserved accolades across Indiana throughout his career. But it was Tom's way of "building up" – both individuals and organizations – that truly distinguished him. Of the many things that I learned from Tom, the most important was that a kind word, a happy, enthusiastic and engaged attitude, a good sense of humor, intellectual curiosity, honesty and trustworthiness, and consistent demonstrations of genuine care and concern for friends, clients, colleagues and for the work itself – is critical to success. Why? Because it is this kind of personality that is best-suited to the task of mentoring individuals and binding talent to a common enterprise, to transparently addressing opportunities and resolving obstacles equitably and with sensitivity, to solidifying internal and external relationships, and to enhancing internal culture over time. It is no wonder, therefore, that for the last sixty (60) years – this Firm that Tom helped establish and built together with our other distinguished alumni – has thrived. We at Rothberg Logan & Warsco owe a great deal to Tom Logan for his loyalty and leadership of the Firm. Fortunately, our debt can be repaid fairly simply: by continuing Tom's legacy of "building up" as we go about the practice of law in the years to come."

I know Susan's thoughts are shared by all of us at the law firm.

When the law firm moved to its new offices in late 2009, as a tribute to Tom, we named our primary conference room "The Thomas D. Logan Board Room."

In one of his last endeavors on behalf of the firm, Tom worked with the partnership to preserve its written and photographic history, as well as that of its distinguished alumni – helping to ensure that future generations of lawyers of the Firm will seek to emulate the high professional standards and active community involvement set by Tom.

Tom was also very active in bar association matters. He served as President of the Allen County Bar Association in 1979 and 1980, and as some of you will recall, was at the helm of the bar association when it

settled a complaint brought by the United States Department of Justice over the association's real estate practices, which signified the end of the abstract examination era.

Tom loved the practice of law. He also loved the business of law. He also loved golf. Those of us who love golf have always been a bit conflicted about how best to mix business and golf. So was Tom. One sunny day many years ago, Tom left the office telling the receptionist he had a meeting in Roanoke, which seemed a bit odd at the time. The next day, Tom's name was listed prominently in the morning paper as having scored a hole in one at the Orchard Ridge. Everyone got a good laugh over that one, including Tom.

Tom was very true to his Catholic faith, the roots of which were first sewn at St. Jude, then at Central Catholic High School and then further at Notre Dame. One could often find Tom and Carol at noon Mass at the Cathedral, especially on First Fridays.

Tom was a dedicated family man. Carol and his children all have fond memories and great stories of times and vacations with them and the grandchildren. Tom and Carol loved to travel and Tom got a hint of that on their wedding day. Tom's wedding present to Carol was a crystal rosary and a Bible; Carol's gift to Tom was a suitcase.

Tom performed extensive genealogical research and wrote beautifully about his family's heritage. Many members of the Logan family have received a magnificent 138-page work called, "The History of the Logan Families," authored by Tom. This is how Tom summed up the chapter on his parents:

"Gram and Papa were wonderful parents. They devoted their lives to we three boys and could not have loved their grandchildren more. Both were idolized by all of us. And both were ideals after whom we modeled our lives."

And Tom set an ideal after whom many of us have modeled our lives.

Tom was a fine public speaker and was frequently called upon to make comments at various gatherings, and he loved to do so. Tom's longtime partner and mentee, Dennis Dykhuizen, recalled such an occasion. In the early 1980's, Tom was asked by one of the Firm's new associates to move for his admission to the bar of the local District Court with the Honorable Jesse Eschbach presiding. Tom had made a very eloquent introduction of this young associate and he moved for his admission to the Court. Judge Eschbach paused and gave Tom a very serious look and said "Mr. Logan, that would all be good and fine, except that I

don't see that you have ever been admitted to this Court." At which time, Lee Eilbacher, who was also in the courtroom, immediately got up and moved for Tom's admission so that he could complete the task at hand.

Tom had a lot of friends and he spent time with them as often as he could. Occasionally, others of us would get invited to the Window Garden for lunch where the likes of Otto Bonohoom, Howard Chapman, Lindy Moss, Fred Beckman, Don Doxsee, Sol Rothberg, Joe Levine and Eli Samaan could be found. The level of fun, camaraderie and laughter enjoyed at those lunches was a good lesson for a young lawyer to experience.

And there were golf trips, always with a client or two, led by Mark Slen, the then CEO of Parkview Hospital, and some of the same lunch buddies from the Window Garden.

Tom was a giant to his family, friends and law firm. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of its sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of life of Thomas D. Logan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be unanimously adopted by those present upon this occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted by the Allen County Bar Association, the members of the Thomas D. Logan family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts in Allen County to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the bench and the bar for their departed friend, mentor and colleague, Thomas D. Logan.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2016, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: _____

Bart Arnold, President

By: _____

Honorable David J. Avery
Judge, Allen Superior Court

Resolution prepared and presented by: F. L. Dennis Logan