

*Memorial Resolution of the
Allen County Bar Association*

THOMAS M. MOORHEAD

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Thomas M. Moorhead, who passed away on December 17, 2008, at the age of 87.

Tom was a Fort Wayne resident and attorney. He is survived by his wife, Lieselotte (Lisa), and his daughter, Regina.

Tom graduated from South Side High School in 1939. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University majoring in Government in 1948, and his law degree from Stetson University in Deland, Florida in 1950. Tom was admitted into the Florida Bar in 1950 and the Indiana Bar in 1951.

Tom saw battle as a Lieutenant in the Navy from 1943 – 1946, and until his recent illness regularly attended reunions of shipmates.

After the war, Tom built and flew without incident his own "stick" aircraft before pilot's licensing was required.

Tom served on the Allen County Bar Association Board of Trustees from 1969 – 1972. Tom served as Vice President of the Allen County Bar Association in 1970, as President Elect from 1970 – 1971, and as President from 1971 - 1972.

Tom's other professional affiliations included membership in the American Bar Association, the Indiana and American Trial Lawyers Associations, Bar Association for the 7th Federal Circuit, the Allen County Trial Lawyers' Association, and the American Judicature Society. Tom was active in the Indiana State Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section, serving on the Board of Directors, then as Secretary-Treasurer, and then as Chairman.

Tom followed his father into the practice of law and was a member of the law firm of Shoaff, Keegan, Baird & Simon, formerly known as Shoaff, Parker & Keegan.

Tom also was an accomplished football player at Indiana University back in the days when players went both ways in leather helmets without face guards. In fact, Tom may have used his nose to help block three punts in I.U.'s game against Kansas State in 1942, thereby setting a national single-game record for that category. Tom's record was not officiated by the NCAA until brought to their attention by Dick VerWiebe in 1987, and thereafter appeared as a "new" record reference in the 1988 edition of the Official NCAA Football Record Book. And today that record still stands. Tom's support of I.U. football continued for the remainder of his life.

Tom was well known for his meticulous preparation for depositions and trials. This attribute led some lawyers to think of Tom as a competent but gruff adversary. In truth, he was just a big teddy bear masquerading as the "Golden Girl" alongside Stan Levine in a number of Gridiron shows.

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 of Thomas M. Moorhead.

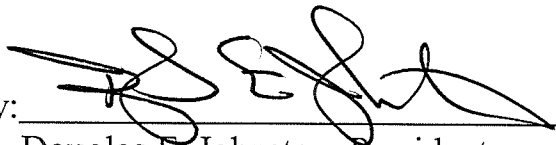
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

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 Moorhead family; and

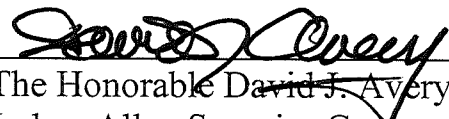
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Thomas M. Moorhead.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2009.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

Douglas E. Johnston, President

By: 

The Honorable David J. Avery
Judge, Allen Superior Court