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This morning our Allen County Indiana Bar Association gives opportunity for expressions of respect, tribute and appreciation for the man, Phil McClellan McNagny, and to his memory.

To know him was to respect him. He was truly an honorable man. His high regard for integrity made integrity a part of him. His brilliant mind was clothed in humility. He who was his friend' was rich indeed.

Phil M. McNagny possessed that intellect, industry and talent which made him an able and brilliant lawyer. He was characterized by a noble character, delightful personality and a winning charm. Incisive and penetrating, he was an aggressive and successful practitioner of the law.

Phil M. McNagny was the total, the complete lawyer and gentleman, in the finest sense and import of those words.

On the twenty-second day of February in the year 1886 Phil McClellan McNagny was born in Columbia City, Indiana. He attended the public schools and Culver Military Academy and graduated in the year 1904 as the number one student in his senior class. Some years after his graduation the Cum Laude Society was established and Phil was made an honorary member of the society. At Culver he was a "Three Letter Man" in baseball, track and tennis.

He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at the University of Virginia, where again he won his letters in baseball, track and tennis and graduated with high honors.

After his graduation in 1907 he taught French and English at Culver for several years.

He returned to Columbia City in 1911 and studied law with and became a member of the law firm of Marshall, McNagny and Clugston,

of which firm his father, William F. McNagny, was a member, and Thomas R. Marshall, later Vice-President of the United States of America, was a senior partner.

He was elected to the State Legislature in 1916 and resigned in 1917 to volunteer for the First Officers Training Camp of World War I. In the service of his country he attained the rank of Major.

After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, he returned to the practice of law with his former associates in Columbia City, Indiana.

He was a charter member and former president of the Columbia City Rotary Club, member and Past Commander of the Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98, and was also a member of Columbia City Lodge F.&A.M. No. 189.

He participated enthusiastically in golf and tennis and at one time was doubles tennis champion in the State of Indiana.

In 1924 he entered the practice of law in the City of Fort Wayne and became a member of the law firm of Barrett, Barrett, and McNagny. In 1953 he was elected a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. When the Federal Rules were under consideration, he was called upon as a panel member in many seminars.

Phil was a member of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Wayne Country Club, Allen County Indiana and Whitley County Indiana Bar Associations, Indiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and American Judicature Association.

Phil was a dedicated gentleman. He loved, respected and was devoted to his family.

He was survived by his lovely wife, Lucy, his three sons, our own highly respected and dear friend William F. McNagny, II., Phil M. McNagny, Jr., of the Whitley County Indiana Bar Association, Bayard C. McNagny, one daughter, Mrs. David Ellison, and his brother, our most respected friend, Judge Rob R. McNagny, also a member of

The Whitley County Indiana Bar Association and by eleven grandchildren.

His life was an example for the ardent lawyer. Incarnate in him were all those values and qualities which bind men closely together in the firm bonds of eternal friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

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