

MEMORIAL OF ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

PAUL W. PHILIPS

August 25, 1914 - August 23, 1991

This morning we are gathered to pay our respects to the memory of our colleague, Paul W. Philips, who passed away on <sup>Wednesday</sup> Friday, August 23, 1991.

Paul was born in Lafayette, Indiana, on August 25, 1914. His undergraduate and law degree was taken at the University of Michigan. Paul remained a staunch supporter of the University of Michigan throughout his life.

Upon graduation in 1939, Paul entered the military service. Paul served under General Eisenhower, in the Armored Infantry, from 1940 through 1945, where he achieved the rank of Lt. Col. While serving in the African, Sicilian and European campaigns, he earned five decorations.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the military service, he came to Fort Wayne in 1946.

Paul began his practice with Walter Helmke and Glen Beams. In 1946, a partnership was formed, which continued for 24 years. During his practice, Paul served as City Attorney during the administration of Mayor Harry W. Baals and Mayor Robert E. Meyers.

During Paul's active practice, he was well-known as being an excellent litigator, trying numerous cases in state and federal courts, including several appeals to the 7th Circuit. Paul was admired by his colleagues as being a dynamic individual, who thrust

himself into all that he undertook.

Paul was very active in his professional associations, as he served as President of the Allen County Bar Association in 1964 and 1965. He was also a delegate to the Indiana State Bar Association, and was a 4th District Representative for a number of years. In 1974, Paul was granted a honorary life-time membership in the Indiana State Bar Association in recognition of his contributions to both the organization and the profession of law in Indiana.

Paul was a devoted family man and father. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, a former President of the Association of Churches of Fort Wayne, a former Chairman of the Allen County Interfaith Commission, a member of the Inter-Church Housing Corporation, and Co-Chairman of the Committee for the Preservation of Life. Early in his career, he spent numerous hours with Glen Beams, presenting a mock trial of Jesus Christ, throughout churches in Fort Wayne and Allen County. He was also active and very supportive of St. Gregory Abbey of Three Rivers, Michigan.

Paul's civic activities are legion. He was instrumental in establishing the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. He served as President of the Allen County Election Board from 1951 through 1952, President of the Fort Wayne Estate Planning Council from 1957 to 1958, Director and President of Family and Children Services of Fort Wayne, Director of the Child Welfare League of America, Director of the American Red Cross, Director of the Allen County United Fund, Legal Counsel for the Indiana Municipal League. In addition, he was a member of American Legion Post 296, which he was

instrumental in forming, VFW Post 9500, Summit City Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Quest Club, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Paul was known and admired by his colleagues for his good humor, his excellent legal talents and his golf game (as he served at one time as the President of the Fort Wayne Country Club). He will be remembered for his born leadership abilities, and his military bearing, which he preserved, even after Walter Helmke, Sr., convinced him that he need not carry his riding crop with him to court.

Paul must be remembered by us as a man who endured and carried his faith, in spite of tragedies, such as the loss of two young daughters to polio and the debilitating stroke which he suffered in 1970, while at the peak of his career. Even after his stroke, Paul continued with the practice of the law as special counsel in the City Legal Department. His resolve in life sets a standard which we all must seek to achieve.

Paul is survived by his lovely wife, Gwendolen, a son, Paul C. Philips of Fort Wayne, and a daughter, Jeanann Richardson of Reedpoint, Montana. To the family of Paul Philips, we express our sorrow. Paul was a man devoted to his family, his faith, his community, and his profession.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the death of Paul W. Philips; and

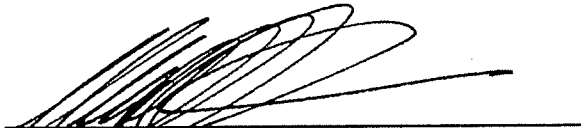
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be unanimously

passed 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 Bar Association of Allen County to the members of the Philips family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Court of Allen County to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the Bar and Bench for their departed brother, Paul W. Philips.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1991.



Mark C. Chambers  
President  
Allen County Bar Association



Terry L. Cornelius  
Memorial Committee  
Allen County Bar Association

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