## Memorial Resolution of the Allen County Bar Association Paul S. Steigmeyer

We are here to pay respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Paul S. Steigmeyer, who passed away on February 16, 2005.

Born in Fort Wayne on December 26, 1931, Paul graduated from St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School and Central Catholic High School. Paul received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Saint Joseph's College of Indiana in 1954.

A few months after graduating from Saint Joseph's College, Paul began serving our Country as a Specialist Third Class during the Korean War. He was stationed predominately in Japan in the Adjutant General's Office Headquarters. Upon his return to Fort Wayne in 1956, he began his accounting career as a junior accountant at Magnavox and worked in budget and cost accounting matters until March of 1958.

After leaving Magnavox, Paul entered the Indiana University College of Law in Indianapolis in 1958. Paul found his niche early on when he won the Will Writing Contest sponsored by Merchants National Bank & Trust Company during his first year of law school. While in law school, Paul also worked full time for an Indianapolis public accounting firm, Rogers & Company, averaging at least forty (40) hours a week. He was President of the Student Bar Association and Law Club. He competed in Moot Court. He graduated from law school in 1961 at the top of his class. In recognition of his significant accomplishments, Paul was nominated in 1961 for Man of the Year of the international legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

Paul Steigmeyer was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1961. He began his law practice with the law firm of Barrett Barrett & McNagny in that year and continued his practice of law for forty years at Barrett & McNagny until his retirement in 2001. One of Paul's particularly noteworthy talents was his ability to practice law without offending anyone, ever. He had a stellar reputation, many grateful clients and he was well respected by his colleagues.

Paul exemplified service and leadership to his church and community. He was a member at St. Charles Catholic Church and worked on its Finance Committee and its Building Committee. Paul served as an officer and director of Catholic Cemetery, Byron Health Center, the Franciscan Center and Saint Anne Home & Retirement Community. Paul served as the Sack Lunch Minister for the Franciscan Center. He was a member of the Estate Planning Council, the Planning Giving Council of Northeast Indiana, the Volunteer Lawyers Association and the Fort Wayne Sierra Club. Paul was an active member of the Allen County Bar Association and served on various committees for both the Allen County Bar and the Indiana State Bar Association. All these memberships and positions underscore his contributions of his time and talents to his church and community and his deep love of service to his community.

Paul married his wife, Marilyn, in 1965 and they have five surviving children: two sons of Fort Wayne: Clement J. ("C.J.") and Nathan P. and three daughters: Sarah E. Robinson, Emily M. Walden both of Fort Wayne and Clare E. Sheddy of Fishers, Indiana. His wife, Marilyn, predeceased Paul as did his brother, John. Paul is also survived by twelve grandchildren and his brother, Dr. David Steigmeyer of Fort Wayne and sisters, Mary Federspiel and Carol Offerle both of Fort Wayne and his twin sister, Susan Haffner of Indianapolis.

Paul Steigmeyer will be remembered by his family, friends and colleagues as not only an outstanding lawyer and a devoted husband and father, but as a humble, kind, gentle person that everyone considered a friend. Paul was the type of person that made everyone around him a better person. Paul especially enjoyed treating his family, friends, colleagues and young associates to lunch or dinner no matter the protest they might make. Paul took extraordinary pride in his children and the activities that they were involved with. Many also remember countless discussions with Paul about Indiana University, Bishop Dwenger and St. Charles athletics, the neighborhood gatherings in his backyard, as well as piling into the car from the pool and stopping for ice cream on the way home. In fact, the neighborhood children were always hoping for Paul to be picking them up at the pool because the other parents did not stop for ice cream, but Paul always had time for an ice cream stop. Paul always had time for everyone and looked out for doing the best for everyone, whether he was their father, attorney, neighbor or friend.

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 and death of Paul S. Steigmeyer; and

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 Steigmeyer family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Paul S. Steigmeyer.

Dated this 28th day of April 2005.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Kathleen M. Anderson, President

The Honorable Phillip E. Houk

Magistrate, Allen Superior Court