

MEMORIAL OF ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ON  
THE DEATH OF JUDGE WALTER D. STUMP

The members of the Allen County Bar Association pause in their activities to express their grief at the death on Tuesday, February 6, of Judge Walter D. Stump, formerly Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court.

From 1913 to 1946 Judge Stump was active in the practice of the law in Northeastern Indiana. He was one of a vanishing race of lawyers known as trial lawyers, and his activities during his practice brought him in close contact with those members of the Allen County Bar who devoted a considerable portion of their time during those years to the trial of cases. Many of us were closely associated with him in the trial of cases in the DeKalb Circuit Court, and many of us met him either as opposing counsel or as co-counsel in the trial of cases in Allen County and in many other Northeastern Indiana counties.

Judge Stump was an able and kindly associate when he was with you; and he was a formidable and conscientious opponent when you found yourself on the other side. In his practice, he devoted himself to the rights of his client, but he was always mindful of his duty to the Court and his obligation to opposing counsel. To have him associate with you in the trial of a case was a pleasure, and in working with him prior to trial, you realized the value of full and complete preparation. He gave

every measure of his great ability to co-counsel and to his clients.

For twelve years he served as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court and during that time tried many cases in which members of our association were involved as counsel. As a trial judge he expected and received the same consideration from attorneys that he had extended during the years when he was active as a trial lawyer. It was a pleasure for a trial lawyer to try a case in his court, and the trial lawyer knew from the start of the case that the Judge was in control of the litigation and that, at all times, he was fully aware of all of the legal implications involved. He ruled promptly and did everything that he could to expedite trials in a busy court.

Those of us who have been associated with him over the years, in looking back review that association with pleasure, and we have a feeling of great loss when we realize that future trips to Auburn will not result in further pleasant association with a fine lawyer, a good Judge and a public spirited citizen.