

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

NORBERT L. WYSS

We are here today to pay our respects to the memory of our distinguished colleague and friend, Norb Wyss, who passed away on Saturday, March 19, 1994.

Norb was a life-long resident of Fort Wayne and shared his youth with more than a few of you assembled here today as he matriculated through the Fort Wayne school system. After graduating from North Side High School in 1940, Norb's college education at Bowling Green and Transylvania Universities was interrupted by World War II. Norb joined the Army Air Corp and was a combat pilot in the Pacific Theatre during the war, greatly distinguishing himself in his service to his country.

After the war, Norb completed his college education and then attended Valparaiso University Law School, from which he graduated in 1950. Norb was admitted to the Indiana Bar that same year, and began his practice in Fort Wayne in the fall of 1950. He continued as an active practitioner until the time of his passing, providing over forty years of professional service to business and individual members of his community.

While developing a very successful practice and otherwise maintaining the highest standards of our profession, Norb never forgot his "roots", and made it a point to assist, direct and encourage young lawyers as they began their practice in this community. Norb counselled younger attorneys that they should

always attempt to provide the best possible legal services to their clients while always maintaining the highest ethical standards and also being considerate of those less fortunate.

Practicing what he preached, Norb personally financed the educations of more than a few of his clients. Although Norb would probably be embarrassed at this recitation, there were at least several occasions when Norb would "negotiate" with his clients, agreeing to pay for their education in exchange for the client agreeing to correct personal, financial or behavioral problems. Norb personified the adage that no one stands taller than when he stoops to help one less fortunate.

As well as his professional practice, Norb devoted himself to community activities. He was a member of the Lions Club, the VFW and American Legion, and the local Chamber of Commerce. He was past Chairman of the Republican Speaker's Bureau and District Chairman of the Young Republicans.

Norb is survived by his wife, Radafay, and son, JaiSon, his brother, Alen, and sister, Mary, and five grandchildren.

To Radafay, JaiSon and all the members of Norb's family, and to the members of his law firm, Wyss, McNellis, Riebenack & Myers, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the death of Norb Wyss; 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 Bar Association of Allen County to the members of the Wyss Family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the Bar and Bench for their departed friend, Norb Wyss.

DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 1994.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY:

Thomas P. Ryan, Judge
Allen Circuit Court

BY:

Matthew J. Connelly

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Memorial Committee