

Memorial Resolution
Of the
Allen County Bar Association
Max Edward Hobbs

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Max Edward Hobbs, who passed away on April 3, 2005.

Born in Decatur, Indiana on November 20, 1931, Max Hobbs was raised in Fort Wayne and graduated from South Side High School in 1950. Max received his Bachelor of Science from Indiana University in 1954. Following graduation, Max served as a Captain in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1957. Following his discharge from the Air Force, he entered law school at Indiana University, receiving his J.D. in 1960. Max was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana in September 1960 and practiced law in Fort Wayne for forty-five (45) years before retiring to Traverse City, Michigan a couple of years ago.

Around the time Max entered law school, he married Holley Johnson in Antigo, Wisconsin on August 24, 1957. Just prior to receiving his J.D., Max and Holley's son, John was born on February 7, 1960. A second son, Thomas, was born on October 30, 1961. Max's wife and both sons survive him.

Max was active in the Allen County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He served on the Allen County Bar Association's Committees for the Courthouse Preservation and Civil Procedure. In 1966, he was appointed to the ABA's committee on Labor Arbitration and Law of Collective Bargaining Agreements. He taught labor law for the Labor Educations and Research Center of Indiana University. Max served as President of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society for multiple terms in the 1970's. He served as Associate City Attorney in the 1960's and was the Democratic nominee for Congress in 1964, losing the election by only a few hundred votes.

Max also contributed his time and talents to community theatres in both Fort Wayne and Traverse City. Max made his first stage appearance with the Fort Wayne Children's Theatre in 1942 at age twelve (12). In 1980, Max was awarded the Civic Theatre's principal acting, Anthony award for his comic interpretation of the lovable crook, Joseph, in "My Three Angels." He also received the Anthony award as Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." He received honors as Best Director by the Indiana Community Theatre League. During his retirement in Traverse City, Max continued his passion for the theatre with the Old Town Playhouse where he worked on sets, acted and directed. Max also enjoyed the symphony and sailing.

His family, friends and colleagues will remember Max Hobbs as a happy and intelligent man who contributed his time and talents to enrich his community. Max was not only an outstanding lawyer and leader but also a great conversationalist and a good 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 Max Edward Hobbs; and

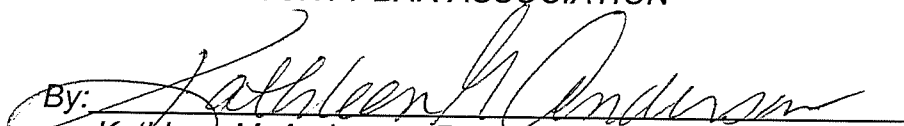
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and


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 Hobbs family; and

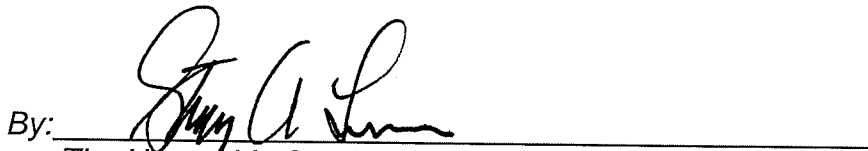
Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Max Edwards Hobbs.

Dated this 24th day of May 2005.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 
Kathleen M. Anderson, President

By: 
The Honorable William C. Lee
Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana

By: 
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine
Judge, Allen Superior Court