

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE  
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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ALLEN CIRCUIT COURT

ORA R. KUHLMAN

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association and friends.

Ora R. Kuhlman died on August 6, 1981, at the age of 83. Mr. Kuhlman was one of the last of a group of lawyers who participated in helping to create our modern institutions.

Among lawyers of his vintage, Mr. Kuhlman would have been known as the father of the welfare system.

Mr. Kuhlman was born in DeKalb County, was a graduate of Tri-State College and was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law.

Following his law school career he heeded the call of his country and joined the military forces in World War I. During heated combat he received a severe shrapnel wound and was later decorated with the Purple Heart.

Following his discharge from the United States Armed Forces, he began practicing law in the City of Fort Wayne in 1926.

It was not long until he became aware of a need to serve the underprivileged and those who could not serve themselves. In 1931 he was appointed attorney for the Board of Children's Guardians and for the Allen County Juvenile Court. He served those boards until 1936.

In 1936 he organized the Allen County Department of Public Welfare and became its first director and served in that capacity until 1945. He continued as a member of the Board of the Department of Public Welfare until his retirement in 1960. He belonged to the Round Table of the American Public Welfare Association in both Washington, D. C. and in Chicago, Illinois.

He was a member of this Bar Association for more than 50 years.

Following his official retirement from the private practice in 1960 Ora R. Kuhlman became one of the first declared specialists in our legal community. He contacted by letter every lawyer in this County and in the venue counties and advised that his practice of law would be limited to appellate procedures. He offered to assist lawyers in their writing of briefs, preparation of transcripts and presentation of oral argument at the Appellate and Supreme Court levels of our State judicial system. He became a recognized practitioner in brief writing and research and was respected by those lawyers whom he served in that capacity.

He is survived by his lovely wife, Lorea and two sons, John of Merced, California and Ora of Portuguese Bend, California.


Mr. President, I move that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members upon the death of Ora R. Kuhlman;

That the adoption of this Resolution be made a matter of record in the order books of the Courts of Allen County;

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to his widow, Lorea and family.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 10th day of August, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Allen County Bar Association  
Memorial Resolution Committee

  
Judge Robert E. Meyers, Chairman

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