

Memorial Resolution of the Allen County Bar Association

Mickey M. Miller

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Mickey M. Miller, who passed away on December 12, 2006, at the age of 86.

Mickey was born on a farm near Morgantown, Indiana, on May 19, 1920. He graduated from Monticello High School and then attended Indiana University in Bloomington where he became President of his college fraternity, Delta Upsilon.

Upon graduating with a degree in Business in 1942, Mickey entered the United States Army and served in North Africa and Europe during World War II. He received the Silver Star for exceptionally meritorious conduct in combat.

Upon the termination of the war, Mickey returned to Indiana University and entered law school. He and the other returning veterans brought a new seriousness to the study of law. Nevertheless, they had time to found the Barristers Club, which had no noble purpose other than having a good time, and the Indiana Flaw Journal, a parody on all that was sacred to the Legal Establishment. In his Senior year, Mickey was President of the Law Club.

While in law school, Mickey met and married a fellow law student, Jeanne Seidel. With the help of the GI Bill, Mickey and Jeanne began married life in a trailer court on the Bloomington campus.

Mickey began practicing law in Fort Wayne in 1948 as an associate with the law firm of Clyde Reed, Mart Torborg and Bob Eggeman. His starting salary was \$150.00 per month. Fortunately, over time, the salary was increased, and he remained in the general practice of law with his firm, under the name Torborg, Miller, Moss and Harris, until his retirement in 1985.

Mickey was always very proud to be a lawyer. He never regretted his choice of vocation. He respected his partners and his secretaries and enjoyed working with them. He was very proud that his three children, Ward, Carl and Marjorie, each became lawyers. Mickey set demanding standards for himself and for others.

Like most lawyers, Mickey was active in bar association affairs. He served as President of the Allen County Bar Association and as President of the Allen County Legal Aid Society. Like most lawyers, he provided leadership in the community. He served as Commander of the Thomas Lau Suedhoff Post 9500 Veterans of Foreign Wars, as President of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, as President of Lutheran Social Services, and as Charter President of the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club.

Mickey enjoyed numerous hobbies and leisure activities, including woodworking and fishing. He immensely enjoyed refurbishing his old Greyhound bus and for many years he drove lawyers to bar meetings all over the State and to IU football games. For thirteen summers he drove a rowdy bunch of lawyers to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario.

Mickey was a friendly and outgoing person. He especially enjoyed the company of other lawyers. He could be found most noons in their company at the Lawyers' Round Table at the Window Garden Restaurant.

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 Mickey Miller; 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 Miller family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Mickey M. Miller.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2007.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: Cindy A. Wolfer
Cindy A. Wolfer, President

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