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# Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session

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Wednesday, April 26, 1995  
Commissioners' Boardroom  
Hennepin County Government Center

*Hennepin County District Court  
Hennepin County Bar Association*

# **Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session**

**Convening of the Special Session of Hennepin County  
District Court  
Presiding  
The Honorable Kevin S. Burke  
Hennepin County District Court Chief Judge**

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**Invocation  
The Honorable Patrick Fitzgerald  
Hennepin County District Judge**

**Introduction of Special Guests**

**Musical Selection  
Barbara Bozonik, Piano and Vocals**

**Recognition of Deceased Members  
Wood R. Foster, Jr., Past President  
Hennepin County Bar Association**

**Introduction of Speaker  
Jarvis C. Jones, President  
Hennepin County Bar Association**

**Main Address  
The Honorable Diana E. Murphy  
U.S. Court of Appeals**

**Musical Selection**

**Memorials Presented to the Court**

**Presentation Accepted**

**Court Adjourned**

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**Wednesday, April 26, 1995**

**Hennepin County**

**Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association**

Sidney P. Abramson

Jerome Chapman

Richard W. DuFour, Jr.

James Fitzmaurice

J. Roscoe Furber

Chester G. W. Gustafson

Edward J. Hance

John W. Hanson

Orlando Hayes

George Peabody Hoke

Vincent H. Johnson

Ned W. Joubert

Lester Karjala

Frank C. LaGrange, Jr.

Geraldine M. Sargent

Will Skadsberg, Sr.

George F. Smith, Jr.

Karl H. Van D'Elden

## **INVOCATION**

Heavenly Father, God of us all, we are assembled here to remember our honored colleagues, their dear families, and many friends. It is our desire to pay to these lawyers the respect generated by their countless years of counsel to others, dedication to their profession, service to their community, and love of their families. Now that their days of labor in the vineyards of the court system and law offices are past, grant to them the glory of eternal life with You which You have promised to Your devoted servants.

We pray particularly that You extend to the families of our departed colleagues Your comfort, consolation, and all the blessings which so generously flow from You. For those of us here today, forever remind us that life is short and that the perplexities of our profession are for naught unless they are directed to the helping of others. The law is nothing in itself and can exist only so long as it serves goodness, rightfulness, and justice. Help us through our moments of doubt and guide us to make appropriate and just decisions for the betterment of all Your people.

God of light and truth, bestow on us the wisdom that is necessary so that we might further Your work and honor Your name and the memories of our colleagues that are now with You.

Heavenly Father, we ask all of this for our departed lawyers and for the sake of justice for Your people and in Your name.

Amen.

HON. PATRICK W. FITZGERALD

## **MUSIC**

**Barbara Bozonie, Piano and Vocals**



## HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BAR MEMORIAL SESSION

### PAST SPEAKERS

April 26, 1995.....	Judge Diana E. Murphy
April 27, 1994.....	Bernhard W. LeVander
April 28, 1993.....	Walter F. Mondale
April 22, 1992.....	Dean James F. Hogg
April 24, 1991.....	Judge Doris O. Huspeni
April 25, 1990.....	Frank Plant, Jr.
April 26, 1989.....	Allen I. Sacks
April 27, 1988.....	Arthur Whitney
April 22, 1987.....	Judge Susanne C. Sedgwick
April 23, 1986.....	Clinton A. Schroeder
April 24, 1985.....	Dean Robert A. Stein
April 25, 1984.....	Leonard E. Lindquist
April 27, 1983.....	Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
April 28, 1982.....	Associate Justice Rosalie Wahl
April 28, 1981.....	Maynard Pirsig
April 30, 1980.....	John M. Palmer
April 25, 1979.....	Charles T. Hvass, Sr.
February 15, 1978.....	Clyde F. Anderson
February 24, 1977.....	Edward J. Schwartzbauer
January 22, 1976.....	George C. Mastor
May 22, 1975.....	David R. Brink
May 22, 1974.....	Everett A. Drake
May 23, 1973.....	Robert F. Henson
May 24, 1972.....	Judge Philip Neville
May 27, 1971.....	Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran
May 26, 1970.....	Henry E. Halladay
May 27, 1969.....	Judge C. Donald Peterson
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# **MEMORIAL ADDRESS**

**By Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session**

**April 26, 1995**

Colleagues of the bench and bar, family and friends of those we remember and honor today – our presence here is important. It is fitting that we commemorate in this official court-sitting those whom we have lost from our midst during this past year and that we reflect on their lives and accomplishments.

If you look over the printed programs from prior sessions, you quickly observe that the real interest and meaning in them is not in the main memorial address, no matter how eloquent, but in the individual remembrances of those departed. Each page of these remembrances is written from its own unique perspective, capturing some of that lawyer's life and being, of that lawyer's contributions. Some have had quite public lives, others more private. Some have been involved directly in the development of the law, others have concentrated on quietly attending to the needs of their clients. And in our common law system it is not just the code drafters who create the law, but also those who struggle to find a good resolution to particular problems by taking them to court, and case by case the law grows and changes.

All of those admitted to the Minnesota bar are members of a community, bound together by tradition and training and the oath we have taken in common – to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, to give true faith and allegiance to the same, and "to demean (ourselves) as an attorney, proctor, and solicitor . . . uprightly and according to law." These are high ideals, and we are honored by those members of our professional community who have worked hard to uphold them, giving of themselves to help others and to build a better society.

Communities are nourished and strengthened by occasions at which their common bonds are recognized. This memorial session is one such occasion, following in a continuing annual line from 1965 on. These sessions have become a tradition, just as surely as the New Year's Day concert played each year by the Vienna Philharmonic, which has comforted the people of that city through years of war and destruction, as well as years of plenty. The notes of the familiar Strauss encores stir memories of what has been lost since the last concert and hope for what may yet come to be. So too we remember today each of our friends, colleagues, and loved ones who have gone before us, and who will be sorely missed. Today we stand in their places; tomorrow others will replace us.

Just as the Viennese have the accustomed strains of the Blue Danube Waltz and the Radetsky March to close each New Year concert, we have the tradition of the Hennepin County Court in special annual memorial session each year with the identical format, and for many years now with the same presenter of the eulogy, our friend Judge Pat Fitzgerald. Within this context we recognize those we have lost and look to what we can learn from their lives. Lawyers are not popular figures in the public view. Many associate us with things gone wrong, with ambition and greed. But let us draw sustenance from the example of those, like Jim Fitzmaurice, now sadly gone from our midst, who are loved even while fighting for the less favored, who keep the gentle word and a touch of humor alive in a profession ever more stressed and challenged.

When William De Parcq addressed our predecessors at the first memorial



## **MEMORIAL ADDRESS – PART 2**

session in 1965, the lawyers present could have had the sense that they were part of a professional group in which they all knew one another, at least by sight or reputation. Today we know we are part of a larger and much more amorphous group. Then there was no need to sign court papers with an attorney registration number; your name was enough. It was then a profession less regulated, less automated, less disciplined. It was a profession that still honored and rewarded experience and longevity at the bar, but it was indeed less representative of the demographic fullness of our society. The law has become ever more complex with thousands of new decisions every day, new regulations and rulings from ever-proliferating administrative bodies, new enactments of the Congress and the legislatures. The demands of the law have never been greater.

We need to nourish and encourage each other, just as we need to honor those who have gone before. It is a shame that we are so involved in the tasks of the day and what needs to be done next that we make little occasion to mark what is going on within the lives of our colleagues within the bar. We may take note of the big case won or lost, the new appointment, the change in firm membership or organization, but we forget about the personal journey. In the last analysis we know that this personal odyssey, this coming to terms with our individual fates, is the more significant. Let us reach out then, one to the other, as we advance into the future, following those who have blazed the way. And let us foster among ourselves a community which cares about its members and its virtue. For in truth, at our best we are an upright and caring profession.

JUDGE DIANA E. MURPHY,  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Eighth Circuit



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**SIDNEY P. ABRAMSON**

**May 8, 1936 – August 27, 1994**

A lot has been said and written in recent years about maintaining and enhancing civility in the practice of law. Efforts toward that goal suffered a setback on August 27, 1994, when Sid Abramson passed away at the much too young age of 58. For Sid, civility was much more than a discussion topic. It was the cornerstone of his law practice as a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. Even more importantly, it formed the basis of Sid's personal relationships, professional and otherwise.

Make no mistake, Sid was a zealous advocate for his clients. He relished a good legal fight, loved to win and hated to lose. At times, like most people, Sid became exasperated with some opponents and others, but he always treated his adversaries and everyone else courteously. He treated everyone with dignity and respect, which helps to explain why he was in such high demand as a mediator in recent years.

Certainly, much of Sid's professionalism reflected his vast experience. He was a Ramsey County District Court Judge from 1971 to 1981, an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1963-66 and a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney General in 1967. From 1967 until being appointed to the bench, Sid was in private practice in St. Paul with longtime friend Ted Collins. Sid was a member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, a Fellow of the American Bar Association and a former chair of the Judicial Merit Selection Council. He chaired the board of Gillette Children's Hospital, was president of the St. Paul Jewish Community Center and sat on the boards of St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, the St. Paul United Way and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

With his wealth of experience, Sid was a lawyer's lawyer – literally. He counseled and represented some of his colleagues in sensitive matters and he represented at least one District Court Judge. His advice was sought by industrial giants such as 3M, but he also volunteered his time to work on death penalty appeals. One case illustrates Sid's dignified treatment of people and the respect that he earned. In 1994, Sid advised a man about some licensing problems the man was having with a municipality. This man knew Sid because as a judge, Sid had sentenced him to prison. Years later, when the man needed legal advice from someone he could trust, he remembered the fairness and respect Judge Abramson had shown him, even as a convicted felon. The man called Sid, and Sid took the case.

Sid is survived by his wife, Sandy, his daughter, Nedra, and his son, Norman, who also is an attorney in the Twin Cities.

MARK D. WISSER

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JEROME CHAPMAN**

**February 20, 1925 – November 26, 1994**

Jerome Chapman was born in Minneapolis February 20, 1925, the son of Donald A. and Agnes (Hrkal) Chapman.

Jerome was educated in the Minneapolis public schools. While still in Washburn High School, he won several national awards for the design and building of free flight with timed engine controlled model airplanes. As a result, his high school career was interrupted for a time, while he worked for the government at Hampton Roads, Virginia, designing and testing aircraft components. He came back and finished high school in 1944.

He had already enlisted in the Army Air Corps., and became a navigator on B-17s and later on B-29s preparatory to leaving for the South Pacific Theater. The war ended; he returned to Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota. He then attended the Minneapolis College of Law. He graduated and was admitted to practice in 1952. He worked with his father and brother Donald, Jr. in their law practice in Minneapolis until 1955; then joined the staff at the Attorney General of Minnesota. There was then a great deal of highway condemnation work going on in that office, and Jerry became the leading expert on real estate titles. He taught many of his group of member attorneys, including the writer of this memorial, what title work was all about. He was a perfectionist, but very patient with others.

During the period of 1962 to 1972, Jerry, his two brothers and his father were all admitted lawyers in the State of Minnesota and acted in their respective fields of law. Donald Jr. was a referee at Juvenile Court.

After leaving the Attorney General Office in 1962, he went into private practice in Minneapolis until 1972, when he joined the staff of the Hennepin County Attorney. There he served in the condemnation division until 1985. He transferred to the child support, spousal maintenance and paternity actions in 1985 until 1989 when he retired.

Jerry had great mechanical aptitude and if he couldn't fix a car, probably no one could. He was generous in lending his skills to others. After he retired, his job was to help his son Jerome establish what is now a very successful auto repair garage in St. Louis Park. He helped out there until shortly before his death.

Jerry is survived by his wife, the former Bernadine Norum, his son Jerome F. Chapman, and his brother (also a lawyer), John T. Chapman.

This quiet, unspectacular man also left behind a host of friends, who will remember him for his precise knowledge of the law and his willingness to teach that knowledge in a kindly and patient fashion.

WILLIAM J. YOUNG



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**RICHARD W. DuFOUR, JR.**

**April 11, 1940 – July 9, 1994**

Dick DuFour was born on April 11, 1940, in Minneapolis. He grew up locally and he graduated from Washburn High School and attended the University of Minnesota, where he obtained both his bachelor's degree and his law degree. Dick was a member of the Minnesota Law Review and the Order of the Coif.

Upon his graduation from law school cum laude, he was hired by a large corporate law firm in Minneapolis. Soon thereafter, he realized that his unique style, and independent nature would be more compatible in a small firm with no one to answer to but himself. As those who knew Dick were aware, he was not a "morning person." He preferred to come into the office in the afternoon and work late into the evening. It was not unusual for him to work a 12-14 hour day, much of which occurred after everybody else had gone home.

Dick was extremely accomplished in the areas of business, tax or estate planning, and prided himself in delivering the same or greater quality of work than the large "big name" firms. His success can be measured in the hundreds of satisfied clients who have returned to him and referred others to him over the years.

Dick also served on the ethics board and demanded that his partners and associates aggressively advocate on behalf of their clients up to, but never over, the line of ethical professional conduct, with which he was extremely well versed.

He is survived by, among others, his immediate family including his beautiful wife, Mary, and his two children, Nicole and Rick. His devotion to them ran deep, and yet they shared Dick with his work more than most.

Dick was also a very able office administrator. In this capacity he was without parallel in cutting costs down to the bone without sacrificing efficiency. Well, I should say, almost perfect. It did take me several years to convince him that computers were more than a "fad" and were here to stay and we might as well join the 20th century. However, I must admit that once he was convinced they were here to stay he did dive into working with them wholeheartedly and gave it his full support.

In addition to his legal career, Dick enjoyed a lifelong passion with tournament bridge, where he was a nationally ranked life master. He loved to get away to weekend tournaments and lose himself in the precision of a perfectly played bridge hand. His remarkable memory and quick mind gave him an advantage over his opponents.

On Saturday, July 9, 1994, while working in his office, Dick suffered a massive heart attack. Dick passed away the next day.

Dick will be sorely missed by both his loyal clients, his friends and, of course, his family. The consensus of all of those who knew, worked, and/or lived with Dick is that he was, without question, the most unique person any of us has ever known or will ever know.

THOMAS H. OLIVE

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JAMES FITZMAURICE**

**December 31, 1931 – November 21, 1994**

Jim was born in Chicago. He graduated from Georgetown University with a B.A. in English Literature in 1953. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and served in Korea. He returned to Georgetown for his legal education and received an LL.B. in 1957. The following year he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Devitt in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

In 1959 Jim joined Faegre & Benson and has practiced since that time as a trial lawyer specializing in commercial and tort litigation. He served on the Management Committee for 15 years and was head of the General Litigation Group for approximately 20 years.

Jim's accomplishments as a trial lawyer have been recognized by his nomination to membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers as well as his listing in "The Best Lawyers in America." He has frequently lectured at seminars on trial law issues including evidence, expert witnesses, damages and trial tactics. He has also served as a faculty member on trial practice at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Jim's more notable cases include Patrick vs. Brunswick Corp. in which he successfully argued that the company's football helmet design did not cause injury. Recently he represented Marv Wolfenson and Harvey Ratner in federal court in their effort to stop a group of New Orleans businessmen from buying the Minnesota Timberwolves. He also was trial counsel for the Minnesota Vikings during an ownership dispute and continued to work for the National Football League in the players' antitrust case, which started in federal court in Minneapolis in 1992. Besides representing companies in trials involving everything from medical devices to aviation products, Fitzmaurice defended the news media, including the Star Tribune, in many cases.

Jim was a member of the Minneapolis Club and the Minikahda Club where he was an avid tennis player. He took pleasure in art and dabbled in painting. He built, collected and restored antique pond yachts. Jim also restored and tinkered with antique iron fountains and took great pleasure in feeding and watching backyard birds.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Stewart; four children, Matthew and his wife, Lisa, of Minneapolis; Suzanne and Sara Fitzmaurice, of New York, and Molly Fitzmaurice, of Minneapolis; a grandson, Jack, of Minneapolis; his mother, Ruth, of Minneapolis; a brother Owen, of Minneapolis; two stepchildren, Ellen Davies, of California, and Callie Stewart, of Minneapolis, and Jim Fitzmaurice's former wife, Barbara, of Minneapolis.

As a consequence of his service, standards, and ability, his influence on Faegre & Benson was significant. Jim was a superb lawyer, a ready listener and advisor and an always decent and thoughtful friend.

Memorial funds in his memory have been established at the Basilica of St. Mary Restoration Fund and the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

THOMAS M. CROSBY, JR.



## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **J. ROSCOE FURBER**

**January 31, 1904 – July 17, 1993**

J. Roscoe (Roc) Furber was born in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. He graduated from Minneapolis East High School and then enrolled at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, with honors, in Electrical Engineering. That same year he became employed by Northern States Power where he remained for 45 years. He began as a student trainee and became a Sales Engineer in 1925. In 1942 he was appointed as manager of the company's municipal and resale section and it was then that he enrolled for night school at the Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law so that he could be a more valuable employee. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1948 with the highest scholastic average earned by any student to that time and won two scholarship awards from the Minnesota State Bar Foundation.

In 1948 he was appointed General Sales Manager and in April of 1960 was elected a vice president of NSP and was named manager of the Minneapolis division. In that position he managed all of the company's utility operations in the metropolitan area. He retired from NSP in 1969 but kept up his interest and activity in civic matters.

Roc was a strong believer in, and supporter of, civic causes and activities and was constantly involved with organizations and agencies seeking to improve the metropolitan area's business and living environment. He served as president of the Downtown Council and of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce during the time of the planning and development of the Nicollet Mall and the building of Interstate Highway 94 between Minneapolis and St. Paul.

On July 5, 1928, Roscoe married Jessie Vilendrer of St. Paul and celebrated 63 years of marriage before her death in February, 1992.

Roc was a Board member of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, the Minneapolis Aquatennial Association, the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Minneapolis Engineers Club, Theta Xi fraternity and many other civic and professional groups. His daughter, Sally Hickman of West St. Paul, summed up his civic activity in saying, "He was really interested in the growth of Minneapolis and was proud to be a part of it all."

He was the recipient of many honors for his civic contributions, including the Minneapolis Jaycee's "Boss of the Year" award, the Salvation Army's "Others" award and WCCO's "Good Neighbor" award.

Besides his daughter Sally, he was survived by daughter, Cynthia Cooley of Pittsburgh, a sister, Margaret Sova and a brother, Stanley, both of Minneapolis, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DOUGLAS K. AMDAHL

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**CHESTER G.W. GUSTAFSON**

**August 18, 1910 – July 1, 1993**

Chester G.W. Gustafson, a man who loved the law and delighted in the practice thereof, lived a happy and honorable life. Chet was born in his parents home in Southeast Minneapolis, that home being located on property where the University of Minnesota Hospital now stands.

After graduation from Marshall High School he attended the University of Minnesota and eventually graduated from the Minnesota College of Law. After admission to the Bar he practiced law in downtown Minneapolis during his entire career.

Chet met Phyllis Hawlish while attending the University and they were married in 1940. They were together until Phyllis' death in 1988. There were two children born of that marriage, Chester G.W. Gustafson, Jr. and Jo Gustafson.

Chet maintained a solo practice most of his career, however he was associated with William Tautges for a few years. He was well acquainted in both Southeast and Northeast Minneapolis and a great majority of his clients came from those sections of town. His practice focused on probate law but he handled all types of cases.

Chet was a careful, thoughtful lawyer, respected by his peers and loved by his clients. His clients came from all walks of life. He was truly a family lawyer representing people from birth to death, helping them with their personal and financial affairs, and concerning himself with their health and welfare.

Chet retired from the practice of law in 1990 because of problems that developed with his eyesight. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and many sad clients.

JAMES A. FRIDLAND



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**EDWARD J. HANCE**

**(1942 - 1994)**

Ed was born and raised in the hardware business long before Menards and Builders Square forever changed that neighborhood institution. It was there working with his family as a young boy that Ed learned the skill of listening to customers, assessing their needs and helping them solve their problems. Ed developed these basic people skills to the master's level and they became the foundation of a life of service.

After he completed his education at the University of St. Thomas in accounting Ed decided that he could best utilize his listening and problem solving skills by becoming an attorney. He attended William Mitchell Law School at night and was employed by Honeywell during the day. These years were not easy, but calmly balancing the demands of a full-time job, a night law school, and a growing young family seemed to come naturally to Ed. After his admission to the Bar in 1969 Ed opened his office as a sole practitioner in St. Anthony Village where he began a life of service and leadership to his profession and his community. Ed's deep commitment to community service was evidenced by his serving as President of the St. Anthony Jaycees, President of St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce, active in the St. Anthony Villagefest, a member of the St. Anthony Redevelopment Commission and a member of the St. Anthony Kiwanis. To honor Ed's community service in 1994 he was nominated for the "Villager of the Year" award sponsored by the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce.

Ed had an overwhelming love for the practice of law. He was a highly skilled advocate and was one of the first to be certified as a Civil Trial Specialist. An example of his commitment to his clients and his profession, Ed tried his last case, which he won, with his loving wife, Vicki, at his side changing his life sustaining portable oxygen bottles at the counsel table. For many years Ed was active in the Lawyer Referral Committee of the Hennepin County Bar Association. In the year of his death he became the founding partner of Hance, Iverson, Zappia, Levahn, Berndt & Desmond, Ltd.

After his family and the practice of law Ed's next love was hunting with his dogs, Ranger and Emmer. Ed was an avid outdoor sportsman and collector of wildlife art.

As Ed was waging his battle with chronic lung disease and waiting on the lung transplant list at the University of Minnesota Hospitals Ed took this opportunity to increase the awareness of the fact that 35,000 persons await organ transplants and only 7,000 transplants are performed annually. As he had lived his life in service to others, his final gift was the gift of life by the donation of his kidneys, corneas and heart valves.

Allen Desmond, Ed's litigation partner, perfectly described Ed:

*"With laughter, passion, and generosity of spirit.*

*Ed made a difference in people's lives."*

Ed was survived by his wife, Vicki, sons, Stephen and John, and a daughter, Catherine, and will be profoundly missed by his family, his profession, and his community.

CLARK M. IVERSON



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JOHN W. HANSON**

**September 23, 1925 – August 15, 1994**

John Hanson was born September 23, 1925 in Minneapolis. He was raised in North Minneapolis and graduated from North High School. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Upon his return from the Pacific he earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Minnesota. He worked for an insurance company in New York and took post-graduate business courses for a year before returning to Minneapolis. In 1951 he married Mary Jean Leyse and they moved to San Francisco. His father's ill health prompted him to return to Minneapolis in 1956, where he began practicing law in North Minneapolis.

During the late 1950's and the 1960's Hanson was very active in Republican politics. He twice ran unsuccessfully for the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners. He helped manage campaigns for several candidates, including former U.S. Rep. Clark MacGregor and former Governor Harold LeVander.

In 1969 Hanson was appointed to a part-time position on the Minnesota Tax Court by Governor LeVander. Shortly afterward he was appointed to Minneapolis Municipal Court.

While on the bench he handled a number of significant cases. After the occupation of Wounded Knee, SD, by Indian activists in 1973, Hanson was involved in a case involving a courtroom protest by the American Indian Movement. An Indian was being arraigned on an assault charge, and dozens of Indians in traditional dress used the case to symbolically mark the beginning of "The Trail of Broken Treaties." The march started in Minneapolis and ended in a federal courtroom in Washington, D.C., which was destroyed in protest. But Hanson's calm demeanor prevented similar problems in his courtroom.

While on the bench Hanson taught continuing education courses for the National Conference of State Trial Judges in Reno, Nevada and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He also helped develop Hennepin County's first detoxification center. He retired from the bench in 1973.

After retiring from the bench he practiced law in Brooklyn Center until his death. He and Vincent S. Dahle were partners for many years in the firm of Dahle & Hanson. After he and Dahle each started their own practices, he went into practice with Timothy P. Frederick.

John and his wife Mary Jean were married for over 42 years. They had three children – Rebecca Frederick of Edina, Barbara Parks of Plymouth, and Walter Hanson of Minneapolis. They also had three grandchildren – John Paul Frederick (age 10), Jennifer Parks (age 9), and Christina Parks (age 1). John was very close to his family, and he always had time for his children despite his busy legal career. He adored his grandchildren and delighted in spoiling them whenever given the opportunity.

John died August 15, 1994 at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minnesota at the age of 68. Although he had been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer almost two years previously, he had remained relatively healthy until his wife Mary Jean died in May 1994. Shortly after losing his companion of 42 years he became ill and soon died.

Many lawyers and judges will remember what a big heart John had. As a lawyer and a judge, he always took time to listen to everybody's story. Although he was an admirable judge, he preferred practicing law because it allowed him to help people more. He rarely turned anyone away, even clients who couldn't pay his fees, because he wanted to extend a helping hand. He practiced law as a profession, not a business. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, clients and community.

BARBARA H. PARKS



**IN MEMORIAM**

**ORLANDO HAYES**

**March 25, 1953 – May 27, 1994**

Orlando Hayes, Minnesota's first and only African American certified public accountant and attorney, died on May 27, 1994 of a ruptured pancreas. He was 41. Hayes was the founding partner of Elite International, a legal consulting firm and Hayes & Company, a certified public accounting firm. He was also of counsel to Clinton Collins & Associates, P.A.

Orlando was born in Hampton, Virginia and raised by his grandparents in Mississippi. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from California State University. He then earned a Master's degree in business from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and in 1984 he received a Master's degree in Taxation from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Finally, he earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1989.

Orlando believed in "giving back" to the community. He represented, often at no charge, many aspiring local bands such as Mint Condition. He volunteered his time to agencies such as the Urban League and the NAACP. Despite a very demanding practice and the press of his many civic commitments, he was also a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. In the words of one of Orlando's many clients, "Orlando walked it like he talked it. And if he was going to do something, he did it."

Orlando is survived by his father Adron of Louisville, Mississippi, his brothers Adron, Jr., Stephen, Sidney and Arnold and four sisters, Lorraine Fause and Kalendra Hayes, Joyce Hayes Brewer and Jackie Hayes Thompson and his stepmother Cleo Hayes.

CLINTON COLLINS, JR.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GEORGE PEABODY HOKE**

**March 18, 1913 – December 31, 1994**

George P. Hoke grew up in Minneapolis and resided for many years at 1945 Kenwood Parkway. His father, George E. Hoke, was a founding partner of the Faegre, Benson Law Firm. George was very proud of his father's accomplishments and quite obviously looked back upon his father with great respect.

George graduated from Shattuck School in 1931, Dartmouth College in 1935 and Yale Law School in 1938. Following admission to the Minnesota Bar, George joined his father's firm of Hoke, Cobb & Janes. A merger then occurred with Snyder, Gale & Richards with the new name of Snyder, Gale, Hoke, Richards & Janes. As a partner in this firm George served as general counsel for the Interprovincial Pipeline Company of Canada, as well as, doing substantial surety work for Aetna Insurance Company.

Throughout his life, George was a very avid sportsman with incredible endurance. He was very proud of his years as Minnesota State Squash Champion in the 1940's and 1950's and his name still appears on several plaques in the Minneapolis Club.

I knew George initially as a very avid and entertaining tennis player on the original red clay courts across the street from Northrop Collegiate School on Kenwood Parkway. George's favorite opponent throughout those years was his neighbor, Dan Brennan. Dan was a freelance writer who was equally proud of his Irish heritage and his second world war years as a bombardier for the Canadian Royal Air Force. Dan was the only person that I know of who could match George's command of the English language and I can assure you that their tennis matches were legendary. Physically George looked more like a lineman from one of Bernie Bierman's Gopher teams than he did a tennis player and his strokes could best be described as "different." I can only say that it was difficult to concentrate whenever George and Dan were going at each other.

In 1975, George associated with our office at 212 Ridgewood Avenue. He was with us until he retired to his home in 1983. I was very privileged to be able to maintain our friendship in the years that followed.

In closing, let me say that George was probably the most unique "character" that I have ever known. One can truly say that after he was created they "broke the mold."

GEORGE M. ROEHRDANZ



## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **VINCENT H. JOHNSON**

**June 25, 1898 – August 19, 1994**

Vincent Johnson was born in Minneapolis, the son of a men's clothing store owner who, with his wife, owned the land that became Powderhorn Park. Vince graduated from the University of Minnesota, where he was editor of the *Minnesota Daily* and the *Alumni Weekly* newsletter. He received his legal training at the Yale University Law School, graduating in 1923.

He practiced law in Minneapolis for a number of years, sharing office facilities with Glenn Fassett for some time. Due to an auto accident, he gave up the practice of law and moved to Mound where he started, at the suggestion of his doctor, an apple orchard called "Applegarden Apples." He was a Justice of the Peace in Mound.

Vince was very active in many organizations. He helped found the Minnesota chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, believing that the American legal system should provide support for everybody. He made major contributions to the University of Minnesota, particularly for research in the School of Forestry. Vince was a longtime and active member of the First Unitarian Society.

In his apple orchard, he often used experimental apples developed by the University of Minnesota. He sold the orchard when his wife, Ethelyn, died.

He developed several homes and apartment buildings including the Groveland Terrace Apartments in the Lowry Hill neighborhood adjacent to the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis.

Vince suffered some severe personal losses. His young son drowned and his daughter died at age 39. In 1977, his wife, Ethelyn, died and his brother, Lloyd, died. Despite these losses, he was always enthusiastic and cheerful.

In later years, he moved to Friendship Village, where he was living at the time of his death on August 19, 1994.

Vince is survived by his sisters, Ethelyn Bros of Bloomington, and Edith Drescher of Cincinnati, son-in-law Frank Berall, grandson Erik Berall, granddaughter Elissa Berall, niece Susan Collins, nephews Ronald Johnson and Lloyd Johnson, Jr., and many friends.

Vince was a pleasure to know. Even when he was near death, he was friendly and cheerful.

**FREDERICK LANGE**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**NED W. JOUBERT**

**March 12, 1904 – January 11, 1995**

Ned Joubert died January 11, 1995 at Chapel View Nursing Home, Hopkins, at age 90 from Alzheimer's disease. He was born at Wheaton, Minnesota, March 12, 1904, where his father was Postmaster and founder of a newspaper.

Ned graduated from Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law (now William Mitchell College of Law) in 1925. He practiced law in Minneapolis over fifty years most of which he officed in the 512 Nicollet Building. He was awarded the honor of the fifty-year certificate. He was a sole practitioner and his practice was of a general nature but he was a highly regarded specialist in arbitration matters. He handled many important arbitration matters involving utilities and labor organizations.

Ned was a long-time member of Linden Hills Congregational Church UCC.

Also it must be said Ned had a very fine voice and for over 20 years sang with the Apollo Club. He was president of the Shrine Chanters and soloist in the Shrine Merrimakers. His funeral service was a Masonic Service conducted at Thomson Brothers Funeral Home; his interment was at Lakewood Cemetery.

Ned was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel, who died in 1978. During their married life Ned and Muriel travelled extensively in the States, the Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, The Philippines, Thailand and Japan.

Ned was a staunch Republican and although he never ran for public office himself he successfully managed several political campaigns for others.

Ned is survived by daughter Betty J. (Mrs. Arthur) Gould, a retired teacher, and granddaughters Cathy and husband Rod Ohliger, of Minneapolis, Jan and husband Greg Peters of South St. Paul, great-grandchildren Cal and Jarek Ohliger, and Hannan, David, Joshua, and Jonathan Peters.

**BETTY J. GOULD**



## **IN MEMORIAM**

# **LESTER R. KARJALA**

**November 6, 1932 – May 31, 1994**

Lester R. Karjala was born and raised in northern Minnesota. His early years were enjoyed on the family farm. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1959. After graduation he opened his general private practice of law in Cloquet, Minnesota and was soon elected Carlton County Attorney, a position in which he served for several years as county prosecutor and advisor to the county board of commissioners. He also operated an amusement park business in Park Rapids, Minnesota during that same period of time. He moved to Minneapolis and became an assistant attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Then in 1973 he joined the Minneapolis City Attorney Office where he was one of the leading litigators until his retirement in January 1993. He served the City by defending the City and police officers in a variety of law suits, becoming a leading defender of Minneapolis police officers who were the subject of litigation. His case load included several cases involving serious injuries and death brought against the City. He also prepared innovative housing ordinances and provided general legal advice to the city council and various departments. For several years he participated as an instructor to the Minneapolis Police Department. In my experience Les was a fine gentleman, and a meticulous attorney with a dedicated work ethic.

Les always enjoyed the outdoors and after a week of litigation he would be ready for a weekend of solitude at his cabin retreat in northern Minnesota. He would frequently invite his friends to join him at his cabin to enjoy the wildlife that abounded there. Every fall he would invite several friends to join him in the annual deer hunt on the land surrounding his cabin. During the winters there was always the invigorating activity of cross country skiing and snowmobiling. He always looked forward to an annual spring fishing trip with a group of friends to northern Minnesota or Canada.

After retirement Les had planned to join his brother LeRoy in his business in Maracaibo, Venezuela and when that plan did not come to fruition he bought a retirement home in Port Charlotte, Florida.

He is survived by his sons Kent and Kevin Karjala of Minneapolis, his sister Ellen Pelham, of San Leandro, California and brother LeRoy Karjala, of Maracaibo, Venezuela.

**JEROME F. FITZGERALD**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

# **FRANK CRAWFORD LA GRANGE, JR.**

**April 17, 1920 – October 19, 1994**

Frank was born in New York City in 1920 and attended its public schools where he excelled in academics and athletics. Frank continued his education by working his way through Queen's College NY, by working long shifts on the railroad. These traits of hard work and self-reliance served Frank well throughout his life.

In 1942 Frank volunteered for service in the United States Navy, serving as a Lieutenant Pacific, commanding his own LST in the support of amphibious landings.

After restoring peace to the Pacific, Frank returned home and earned his law degree from the University of Iowa. Frank then practiced law in New York until answering his country's call a second time. The Korean War saw Frank as a Lieutenant Commander serving as a legal officer in Japan. On his return flight to the U.S., Frank met a Northwest Airlines stewardess, Darlene Ann Lorence who was to become his life partner. After a short courtship, Frank and Darlene married and settled in Minnesota, where Frank gained admission to practice in a third state.

While Frank spent some years in private practice in Brooklyn Park, most of the next 41 years were focused on the public sector. Frank served as the mayor of Fridley during the late 1950's, as a suburban prosecutor and as the city attorney for the City of Crystal for four years. Frank was appointed an assistant city attorney for the City of Minneapolis in 1964 and served in both the civil and criminal divisions of that office until his retirement in 1990. Frank was known for conscientiously representing the city's interest while maintaining empathy and respect for those seeking his help as well as those who were his adversaries in a particular case.

After retirement from the City, Frank continued activity in the legal community as Hennepin County District Court arbitrator.

The family was the center of Frank's life and he made certain to play an active role in the raising of his seven children and in his community as a whole. He served as president of the PTA, was active in the Boy Scouts, Director of the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association, was a member of the Brooklyn Park Planning Commission and adviser to its Charter Commission. Frank was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Frank was widely read in history, politics, economics and philosophy. His remarkable breadth of interest and knowledge made any discussion or conversation with Frank intriguing and informative.

Frank's family and his many friends and colleagues will truly miss this kind and just man.

**LARRY WARREN**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GERALDINE SARGENT**

**June 27, 1896 – September 14, 1994**

Geraldine Sargent was born June 27, 1896. She graduated from Northwestern College of Law in Minneapolis with a Bachelor of Law Degree on June 14, 1921. Geraldine was admitted as an attorney in Minnesota on August 21, 1921. Thereafter Gerry practiced law for about 35 years. During World War II she volunteered as a WAC, became a 1st Lt., and was a Legal Assistance Officer. Gerry then served in the Veterans Administration as a Legal Adjudicator at Fort Snelling. She was an active member of the Phi Delta Delta, an organization of women in the law. Gerry retired and moved to California. There she married Orval Wilson. After Orval's death, she married Fred Siebert. She died September 14, 1994. Gerry was a real pioneer in the law. She was an able and compassionate attorney. She was a role model to many of us women when there were very few of us in the practice.

ELIZABETH DRAKE



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WILL SKADSBERG, SR.**

**June 6, 1918 – February 14, 1994**

Will Skadsberg was born in Bangsund, Norway. When he was seven years old, his family emigrated to the United States, locating in Duluth, Minnesota. Will graduated from Central High School in Duluth. After high school, he attended the University of Washington.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy for five years. While stationed in Washington D.C., he met his future wife, Bonnie Bonham, who was also in the U.S. Navy, having previously enlisted in the Waves in October 1942. They were married on February 7, 1944. Later, Will saw service in the South Pacific.

After World War II, he worked for American Airlines, where he had both foreign and domestic assignments. Attracted to the law, he attended William Mitchell College of Law at night, taking notes in shorthand for later transcription. He graduated from law school in 1954, cum laude, and was admitted to the bar in Minnesota.

He opened a travel agency in St. Louis Park in 1955, intending that work could support his family while he was establishing a law practice. But, the travel business grew at such pace that Will never did begin a private practice of law. Will's wife, Bonnie, worked with him in the travel business and together they built it up to a substantial business enterprise. Will Skadsberg, Jr. joined the agency in 1970, and is now President of the company.

Will traveled frequently with his family, and enjoyed being close to the water. His home looked over Lake Minnetonka.

He was a member of the Zuhrah Shrine Temple, Minnetonka Shrine Club, and Wayzata Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, a son Will, Jr., a daughter, Lynn Hannah of Cincinnati, Ohio, four granddaughters, and a brother Frank Skadsberg of Duluth.

**DONALD C. SAVELKOUL**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GEORGE F. SMITH, JR.**

**February 15, 1908 -- February 12, 1994**

George F. Smith, Jr., died on February 12, 1994. George was eighty-five years old when he died and embodied virtues that are timeless; in any era George would have been counted a gentleman and a scholar. As a child, George was stricken with polio. Though he was quite seriously disabled by the disease, he was an example of grace under pressure. George was uncomplaining, always of good cheer, and unfailingly polite.

Three things - family, religion, and the law - were important to George and he was loyal and devoted to all three. George attended the College of St. Thomas, University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota College of Law.

After graduation from law school, George worked for Honeywell for several years. He became a referee in the Probate Court in the early 1960's, where the public was able to benefit from his sterling character and scholarship. George retired in 1978 after serving the public to the best of his ability for nearly twenty years.

George was a staunch backer of the College of St. Thomas and received special recognition from that institution for his many generous gifts. He was especially beloved by the athletic department at the College where he was well-known as a constant fan, significant benefactor, and dear friend. Indeed he is a member of the College's Hall of Fame in recognition of his many generous contributions to the athletic program.

George was careful, thoughtful, and understood the personal element in each case. He was decent, thorough, and caring. George kept a file on all probate cases ever decided in Minnesota. He had read and briefed those cases and was always willing to share his knowledge. Everyone who appeared before George left the courtroom believing that he or she had received a fair hearing and that a decision would be fairly and honestly made. He was a person whose demeanor buttressed public respect for the law. Outside the courtroom, his life was no different: George evoked respect and honor from all who knew him.

George was also a lucky person. In the days of office pools he was a regular winner. While visiting his sister in New Jersey he once purchased a church raffle ticket from her and won a Mercedes Benz. Gentleman that he was, George sold it to a relative at a discount. His good luck gave meaning to the term that "it couldn't happen to a nicer person."

Everyone who knew George held him in the highest regard. He was the model of what a gentleman should be and his memory remains as a standard for those who were privileged to work with him.

George is survived by two sisters, Patricia Doherty of New Jersey, and Isabelle Crosson, of Pequot Lakes, a nephew and niece Doug and Christine Berg of Prior Lake, and a nephew, Timothy McArdle of Ramsey, Minnesota.

RICHARD WOLFSON



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**KARL H. VAN D'ELDEN**

**September 9, 1923 – February 1, 1994**

Karl H. Van D'Elden was a renaissance man. His remarkable breadth of interest and experience in private life and public service made him a Man for all Seasons. Karl was a soldier, a scholar, an educator, and an attorney. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Karl came to America at the age of 17 shortly before his father was arrested and imprisoned by the Nazis for aiding Jews to escape Germany. In May 1942, Karl's father and family left Germany when they were exchanged for German nationals in the United States.

Karl relished the pursuit of learning. He earned a B.A. from Penn State University, an M.A. from Harvard University, a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve, and at age 52, he earned a law degree from William Mitchell School of Law. He served in the Korean War rising to the rank of Major. He was a parachutist, company and battalion commander and general staff officer in the Army during the Korean War. Major Van D'Elden continued his military career after the war, serving as an assistant professor in charge of German instruction at the U.S. Military Academy, the Director of Instruction at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and language professor at West Point and The Citadel. In 1973, he co-authored *Was Deutsche Lesen* published by McGraw Hill. In 1979, he wrote *West German Poets on Society and Politics* published by Wayne State University Press.

Karl joined the faculty of Hamline University in 1968. At Hamline, Professor Van D'Elden was Chairman of the Modern Languages Department and later became Director of Legal Studies. After a brief stint in private practice, Van D'Elden joined the Hennepin County Attorney's office. In 1983, Karl became an Assistant City Attorney in the criminal division.

In his personal life, Karl's love of the humanities and arts were an inspiration to us all. He knew the great operas and could sing them with a perfect tenor voice. As a world traveler, he personally visited and studied the great architectural monuments and works of art. His sense of wonder extended to language and he could recite in Old High German. He was fluent in many languages.

Karl's love of learning and teaching was constantly in evidence in his role as a prosecutor with the City of Minneapolis. He was always ready to assist new attorneys, as well as more seasoned colleagues with the benefit of his academic and practical experience. His courtly manner and respect for all participants in the legal system brought a degree of civility and humanity often lacking in our criminal process.

Karl is survived by his wife, Professor Stephanie Cain Van D'Elden of Minneapolis and his sister Rosemarie Birman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and a host of in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

JERRY SNIDER  
LARRY WARREN



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