

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Memorial to:

SAMUEL JULIAN LEVY



Hennepin County Bar Association
May 10, 1958

Samuel J. Levy was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 18, 1881, the son of Isaac and Belle Levy. The family came to Minneapolis before the turn of the century and Sam attended public school in Minneapolis and graduated from the old East High School.

Upon graduation, he attended the law school at the University of Minnesota, taking his courses at night as was possible in those days. While attending school at night, he worked during the day as a male stenographer in a law office. He graduated from the University Law School in 1902 (sic), but at the time of his graduation, he had not reached the age of 21 and therefore, could not be admitted to practice.

When he reached his 21st birthday, he was admitted to practice [on June 6, 1902] and continued such practice for more than 40 years.

On October 20, 1914, he married Edna Meyers of St. Louis, Missouri and he and his wife raised three children: James H. Levy who is an attorney in private practice in St. Paul, Minnesota, Edward F. Levy who is in charge of organic research for the Gillette Company of Boston, Massachusetts, and Mrs. William S. (Eleanor) Zaslow of Silver Spring, Maryland. At the time of his death, Mr. Levy was survived by his wife and these children as well as five great grandchildren

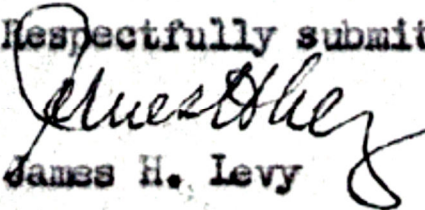
During his 40 years of practice, Samuel J. Levy was associated with various other attorneys in the city. He was associated with Judge W. W. Bardwell before the Judge took his place on the bench of this Court. Later he became associated with the late Nathan H. Chase and remained

with him until Mr. Chase's untimely death. After the death of Mr. Chase, Samuel J. Levy became counsel for the Citizens Alliance which later became known as Associated Industries of Minneapolis. Through this, he became directly involved in the two truck drivers' strikes which completely tied up the city in 1934 and again in 1937. In the case of each strike, there were days and days of continuous negotiations and numerous legal actions, petitions for injunctions and meetings which lasted far into the night. Sam threw himself wholeheartedly into the strike managed to retain a balance and common sense looking toward a practical solution. He tried to avoid the highly colored denunciations which were being issued daily by both sides. The proof of his success in doing this was that in later years, the representatives of the labor movement always respected his judgment and his fairness even though they did not agree with his position.

Sam represented many other clients, both large and small and dealt with them all equally, and devoted his best attention, legal knowledge and experience to the case before him regardless of its size or importance. He was known to his colleagues at the bar for his ability and his intelligence and also for a quick wit, a wonderful sense of humor and friendly attitude which came for him the affection of all who knew him. He was a pioneer of many fields of labor law in the state of Minnesota at the time when the subject was still new and relatively unexplored.

A combination of physical and mental conditions cause Sam to retire from the practice of law in 1945, although he continued his interest in legal matters up to the time of his death. He passed away very suddenly by reason of a heart attack on Saturday, January 4, 1958.

Those who knew him as a lawyer and as a friend, remember his zeal and his ability which enabled him to carry on his practice with a great degree of success and yet never caused him to forget the feeling of friendships and the obligation to be honest, upright and fair. He was a credit to himself, his family and to the profession to which he devoted the bulk of his life.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Levy

Appendix

Levy graduated from the Law School in 1901.
From the *Catalogue of the Alumni of the College of Law* (1916):

Sam Julian Levy, LL. B., 01; Lawyer; mem. Elks and Elysium Clubs. 607 First Natl. Soo Line Bldg., and 2407 S. Girard Ave., Mpls., Minn.
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For articles on Levy's client, The Citizen's Alliance, in which he is mentioned, see:

William Millikan, "Maintaining 'Law and Order'—The Minneapolis Citizen's Alliance in the 1920's," 51 *Minnesota History* 219-233 (Summer 1989).

William Millikan, *A Union Against Unions: The Minneapolis Citizen's Alliance and the Fight against Organized Labor, 1903-1943* (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2001).

From Volume 42 *Hubbell's Legal Directory for Lawyers and Businessman*, page 1641 (1912) (enlarged).

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Sam Levy, lawyer, Minneapolis Mayor Marvin L. Kline and John McLean, First National Bank official inspect a watch for the Russian Army.

Date of photograph: March 3, 1943.

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Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection,
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