

# MEMORIAL

## EDWARD D. LIBERA

(March 18, 1898 – April 9, 1969)

Winona County District Court  
Third Judicial District  
Winona, Minnesota

Winona County Bar Association

April 22, 1969

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(1898 – 1969)

Ed Libera was born in Winona, Minnesota, on March 18, 1898 to Michael and Julia Libera and lived in this city until his death on April 9, 1969. He was truly a product of the community, graduating from Cotter High School and St. Marys College. He apprenticed in the law offices of Tawney, Smith & Tawney after his graduation from St. Marys and until he entered service in World War I. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army, and was married during his army service at Fort Sheridan, Illinois to Gertrude Trippe.

After the war he continued to read law in the offices of Tawney, Smith & Tawney and was admitted to the practice of law by the Minnesota Supreme Court on June 4, 1921 after successfully passing the State Bar Examination. Thereafter the law firm of Tawney, Smith, Tawney & Libera was formed. This firm continued in practice in this city until the death of D. E. Tawney. Thereafter Ed practiced alone and after World War II with his sons, Harold and Thomas.

Ed Libera served our city and county well in many capacities: He was Winona County Attorney for eight years. He served as Municipal Judge for twenty-six years and as Judge of Probate and Juvenile Courts from 1959 until his death.

During his more than forty-eight years as an attorney, Ed Libera was a respected member of the legal profession. He served as President of the Winona County Bar Association, as President of the Minnesota Bar Foundation and for many years as a member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He leaves behind him a distinguished record of achievement in our profession.

Judge Libera is survived by three sons, Harold J. Libera, Winona, Minnesota; Richard E. Libera, Washington, D. C.; and Thomas M. Libera, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Harold is a practicing attorney in the City of Winona and Thomas is in the Trust Department of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Richard is employed in Washington, D. C., by the United States Government.

Judge Libera was a member of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and its Holy Name Society. He was affiliated with many civic groups in the City of Winona. These included the Knights of Columbus, Winona Athletic Club, Winona Civic Association, Elks Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Improved Order of Redmen, Westfield Golf Club, American Legion, 40 & 8, Izaak Walton League and Winona Rod & Gun Club.

He was an ardent sportsman and enjoyed duck hunting until recent years. He lived a full and productive life in every way. He was a credit to this Bar, to his family and to his community.

At this time the Winona County Bar Association moves that this testimonial to Ed Libera's services to the Bar and Community, and our great regard for him as a respected lawyer and judge, be spread upon the records of this Court, and that copies of this memorial be forwarded by the Clerk of this Court to the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward D. Libera Memorial Committee

By /s/ Harold Streater

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