

**In Memoriam**

**Judge Louis Logan Manwaring**

June 23, 1868 – November 12, 1941

**Washington County Bar Association  
District Court  
Stillwater, Minnesota  
May 15, 1942**

**L. L. Manwaring**  
1868 – 1941

Judge L. L. Manwaring, President of the Washington County Bar Association, died on Wednesday, November 12, 1941 at the age of eighty-three years, after a long illness.

Mr. Manwaring was born on June 23, 1868 in Wheatland, Iowa, a son of George and Sophia B. Manwaring. He attended the public schools at the place of his birth and thereafter went to Ames, Iowa where he graduated from the Iowa State Agricultural College. He then entered the law office of his cousin, E. B. Manwaring, in Menomonie, Wisconsin where he studied law and next enrolled in the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin law school in 1881.

In 1882 Mr. Manwaring moved to Hudson, Wisconsin, and after being in the law office of John W. Bashford for a short time, he entered into partnership with W. H. McDonald. Later in 1882, he moved to Stillwater to practice law and became associated with L. E. Thompson. Thereafter he became the partner of the late Senator George H. Sullivan and the firm of Manwaring & Sullivan was known as the leading law firm of Washington County for many years. Mr. Manwaring had his office in the Telephone Building in the City of Stillwater for fifty-four years.

Mr. Manwaring lived during the prosperous lumbering era of this community and enjoyed a successful career. He numbered among his clients the leading businessmen and companies of this community. He was a counsellor in the true sense of the word and his advice was always sound and conservative. He did not enjoy trial work and very rarely appeared in Court.

He was county attorney for three terms, municipal judge of the City of Stillwater and also its city attorney. He was attorney and director the First National Bank of Stillwater for twenty years, an organizer, officer and director of the Connolly Shoe Company and Minnesota Mercantile Company.



Louis L. Manwaring and his dog pose for a photo in his car outside his home at 303 W. Olive Street. Stillwater, Minnesota (ca. 1920s).

He scrupulously observed the ethics of the legal profession and he treasured highly his word and his reputation. He was during all of his lifetime a diligent student and loved to read decisions of the Courts. During his lifetime he maintained what was undoubtedly the largest law library that any lawyer in private practice had in a community the size of Stillwater. He had in his library the New York

State Reports, all those from Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey, as well as those from Michigan and Wisconsin prior to the National Reporter system. He also had the Atlantic, Northeastern and Northwestern Reporters, as well as United States Supreme Court Reports, and also a large number of legal text books and encyclopedias and all of the statutes of Minnesota and Wisconsin from the earliest days.

Mr. Manwaring was survived by his widow, Tillie P. Manwaring.

Mr. Manwaring lived a long, successful, professional life such as is the lot of but few lawyers to enjoy. He lived while this community was rapidly developing and he played a prominent part in its success. He always upheld the dignity of the legal profession and strengthened the respect [of] laymen for lawyers.

Dated at Stillwater, Minn.  
May 13, 1942

Charles J. Wilson  
Reuben J. Larson  
Carl G. Purman  
Committee.

## Appendix

From 1 *History of the Bench and Bar of Minnesota* 233-234 (1904 (his middle initial should be L.):

Louis S. Manwaring, of the firm of Manwaring & Sullivan, was born in Iowa and located in Stillwater in 1882. He received his education at the Iowa state college and the University of Wisconsin. He is admitted to practice in the courts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and United States courts. He has held the office of special municipal judge in this city and county attorney of Washington county

From Albert N. Marquis, ed., *Book of Minnesotans* 339 (1907):

MANWARING, Louis Logan, lawyer; born in Clinton Co., Ia., June 22, 1858; son of George and Sophia (Bundy) Manwaring; graduate Iowa State College, Ames, Ia., degree of B.S., 1879; Law Department, University of Wisconsin, degree of LL.B., 1881; married at Stillwater, Minn., 1892, to Tillie Paulsen. Began practice at Hudson, 1881; removed to Stillwater, 1882, where he has since been engaged in practice. Member law firm of Manwaring & Sullivan. Director Minnesota Mercantile Co., Connolly Shoe Co. County, attorney of Washington Co., 1892-1900, City Attorney, City of Stillwater, 1907, term expires, 1909. Republican. Mason. Recreation: Hunting. Address: Stillwater, Minn.

From: James C. Fifield, ed., *The American Bar: A Biographical Directory of Contemporary Lawyers of the United States and Canada* 465 (1919):

**MANWARING & SULLIVAN**

General practice. Firm consists of: Louis Logan Manwaring, George H. Sullivan.

Louis Logan Manwaring, b. Clinton Co., Ia., June 23, 1858; a. to bar, 1881, Wis., 1882, Minn.; ed. pub. schs., Ia.; grad. Ia. State College, B.Sc., 1879; legal ed. law office, Wis. Univ., LL.B., 1881. Sp'l Municipal Judge, 1886-1890; Co. Atty., Washington Co., Minn., 1890-1898; City Atty., 1906-1912. Mem. Delta Tau Delta fraternity; Washington Co., and Minn. State Bar Ass'ns.

George H. Sullivan, b. Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 20, 1867; a. to bar, 1888, Wis.; ed. pub. schs., Stillwater; legal ed. Wis. Univ., LL.B., 1888. Co. Atty., Washington Co., Minn., 1891-1893; City Atty., 1901-1907. Mem. Minn. State Bar Ass'n.

Attorneys for: First Nat'l Bank; Lumbermens Nat'l Bank; Minn. Merc. Co.; Northern States Power Co.; Anderson Lumber Co.; C. N. Nelson, Inc.

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