

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN F. SHAUGHNESSY

(February 11, 1889 – October 2, 1957)

**HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
(1958)**

JOHN F. SHAUGHNESSY

My father, John F. Shaughnessy, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 11, 1889, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the 2nd day of October, 1957.

My father's Grandparents came to Minnesota from Ireland and homesteaded land near Green Isles, Minnesota. His parents, John Shaughnessy and Ellen Shaughnessy, came to Minneapolis immediately after their marriage.

My father attended the Motley Grade School and graduated from Minneapolis East High School in 1908. He always wanted to become a lawyer but financial circumstances prevented him from attending College after his graduation from High School. In fact he worked during all of his years in High School because his parents were unable to help him financially.

The day after he graduated for East High School he started to work for the Ault and Wiborg Company in Minneapolis. He started as a clerk and worked himself up in a position as one of the firm's leading salesman. Although my father was a very successful salesman, he was never satisfied with that type of work as he always had the desire to practice law.

In 1925 he started to study law at night at the Minnesota College of Law. He did not have an easy time obtaining his legal education as he had to continue with his regular job in order to support his family. He graduated from the Minneapolis College of Law on June 17, 1929. He was one of the top students in his class and was elected the President of his graduating class by his fellow classmates. I believe that one of the happiest days in my father's life as the day he graduated from Law School and realized his great ambition to become a Lawyer.

My Father was admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota in 1930 and started to practice law in the City of Minneapolis. He always considered it a great privilege to be able to practice law in Minnesota and always conducted his business accordingly.

He specialized largely in the fields of real property and probate law. In those fields he had an extensive practice which he handled carefully and well.

My father was a Third and Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and held many offices including the position of Faithful Navigator. In years past he was an active member of Aerie 34 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and held many offices including the post of President. In years past he was very active in the Hennepin County and State of Minnesota Bar Associations. He was compelled to give up many of his outside activities because of the long illness of his wife, Barbara B. Shaughnessy, who passed away in 1956.

He was survived by four children: Mary Lucille Shaughnessy, Barbara Joan Enzler, Robert E. Shaughnessy and John H. Shaughnessy.

Many of the clients that father had at the time of his death had been clients of his practically all of the time he practiced law and were extremely close to him. The clients he served without remuneration were many.

My father was a kind and cheerful man and had many close friends among the people employed at the Court House in the City of Minneapolis. Recently I was talking with one of the deputies in the Office of the County Treasurer about my father. He concluded our conversation with following remark: "We are certainly going to miss the Old Gentleman around here". I believe that this statement best describes my father because he was always a gentleman in his relations with all people regardless of their station in life.

John H. Shaughnessy
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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