

District Judge Juergens presented a Memorial Resolution of respect to the memory of Hon. Fred L. Wham, late Chief Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois, which Memorial Resolution was unanimously adopted and spread of record and the Secretary of the Conference was directed to deliver same to the family of the late Judge Wham.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT TO THE
MEMORY OF
THE LATE HONORABLE FRED L. WHAM, SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

It is my privilege to present this tribute to the late Judge Fred L. Wham, a tribute of affection and a tender of praise that is due to him.

Judge Fred L. Wham was graduated from the old Southern Illinois Normal University in 1904 and obtained his law degree at the University of Illinois in 1909. He not only worked his way through school but also became an all-star tackle on the Illini football team.

He first practiced law in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas. He worked in the solicitor's office of the United States Department of Agriculture from 1915 to 1917. He later returned to Centralia to set up law practice with his brother Charles.

In 1927 President Calvin Coolidge appointed him as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois, which office he held until his retirement on March 4, 1956. He remained active as a Senior Judge until a few weeks before his death, accepting assignments throughout the United States. He died at the age of 82.

Judge Wham was a man of conviction. He was a practical man. He was a modest man. He seldom gave orders but preferred to lead, to persuade, and to inspire. He respected the intelligence and the abilities of those around him. He let his actions and achievements speak for him. He was a man of character and humility. He presented two faces to the world and both wore well. Off the bench he was quiet and unassuming; his manner bordered on the timid. On the bench he was a stern defender of the Federal Law. For the occasional sinner he always was ready with the lecture and the light sentence. A professional criminal could expect to have the book thrown at him. He was a great humanitarian and loved people and was always ready to go out of his way to help when it was possible for him to do so. In his deep devotion to the basic principles of our Constitution and our American way of life, he demonstrated statesmanlike qualities of leadership and applied his energies and his thinking to issues of great concern to our people and our country. He always regarded his judicial position as a sacred trust.

He was active in Boy Scout work. He was a religious man, serving as a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School superintendent in his church, and he held many lay positions in the Presbyterian Church. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Annual Judicial Conference of the Federal Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in session assembled at Chicago, Illinois on May 10, 1967, that we acclaim in behalf of the memory of Judge Fred L. Wham appreciation for his kindness, gratitude for his services, admiration for his professional ability and his deep and abiding regard for the rights of his fellowman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this tribute of esteem and affection for Judge Fred L. Wham be spread upon the records of this Conference and that copies be sent to his family as a mark of the sympathy and respect of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) William G. Juergens
William G. Juergens, Chief Judge
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Illinois

(s) Henry S. Wise
Henry S. Wise, Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Illinois

(s) Omer Poos
Omer Poos, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Illinois

ATTEST:

(s) Kenneth J. Carrick
Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit. (SEAL)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH
CIRCUIT HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON MAY 9 AND 10, 1967

The Annual Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit convened, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Rule 30 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 9, 1967 in the Four Georges Room of the Ambassador West, Chicago, Illinois.

Present were:

Hon. Tom C. Clark, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit.
Hon. John S. Hastings, Chief Judge
Hon. F. Ryan Duffy, Senior, Circuit Judge
Hon. Elmer J. Schnackenberg, Circuit Judge
Hon. Win G. Knoch, Circuit Judge
Hon. Latham Castle, Circuit Judge
Hon. Roger J. Kiley, Circuit Judge
Hon. Luther M. Swygert, Circuit Judge
Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Circuit Judge
Hon. Walter J. Cummings, Jr., Circuit Judge
Hon. William J. Campbell, District Judge
Hon. Robert E. Tehan, District Judge
Hon. William E. Steckler, District Judge
Hon. Julius J. Hoffman, District Judge
Hon. Cale J. Holder, District Judge
Hon. William G. Juergens, District Judge
Hon. Robert A. Grant, District Judge
Hon. Omer Poos, District Judge
Hon. Richard B. Austin, District Judge
Hon. James B. Parsons, District Judge
Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, District Judge
Hon. Hubert L. Will, District Judge
Hon. George N. Beamer, District Judge
Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, District Judge
Hon. Bernard M. Decker, District Judge
Hon. Abraham L. Marovitz, District Judge
Hon. John W. Reynolds, District Judge
Hon. James E. Doyle, District Judge
Hon. William J. Lynch, District Judge
Hon. Henry S. Wise, District Judge
Hon. Alexander J. Napoli, District Judge
Hon. James E. Noland, District Judge
Hon. Myron L. Gordon, District Judge
Hon. Walter J. LaBuy, Senior District Judge
Hon. Michael L. Igoe, Senior District Judge
Hon. Kenneth P. Grubb, Senior District Judge
Mr. Kenneth J. Carrick, Secretary of the Judicial Conference
Officers and Members of the Bar Association of the Seventh
Federal Circuit.