

MEMORIAL TO JUDGE ELMER J. SCHNACKENBERG

The Judicial Conference of the Seventh Federal Circuit and the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit express by this resolution their deep appreciation of the dedicated judicial service and high personal character of the late Judge Elmer J. Schnackenberg.

Judge Schnackenberg was inducted as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on February 23, 1954. He departed this life on September 15, 1968, leaving as his survivors Hazel E. Schnackenberg, his widow, five sons, one daughter and 19 grandchildren.

He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 22, 1889, to Jacob and Anne Farley Schnackenberg. Prior to his admission to the Illinois Bar in 1912, Judge Schnackenberg served as a stenographer for two Chicago companies for two years, served in a law office for two years, and taught in the Chicago public schools for two years. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and practiced law thereafter in Chicago from 1912 to 1945.

Prior to his distinguished judicial service, Judge Schnackenberg had over a quarter century of public service of a high order, which eminently fitted him for the great diversity of decisions in which he was later to participate on the Court of Appeals. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1912. Failing reelection, he was again elected in 1922 and served until 1944, the last four years as Speaker of the House. He also served as General Attorney for the South Park Commissioners from 1925 to 1930.

Judge Schnackenberg then began his second career, as a jurist, again for nearly a quarter of a century. He was elected to the bench of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1945, where he served with great distinction for approximately 10 years, before the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 1954.

During his 14-1/2 years on the Court of Appeals bench, Judge Schnackenberg wrote over 600 opinions, including more than 40 dissents. He participated in decisions ranging from reapportionment of Illinois Senate districts,

to anti-trust cases, to cases involving hoodlums, to those involving police interference with newsmen covering demonstrations during last summer's Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Of him it has been said by a close friend and observer that "he had the capacity to grow and he exercised that capacity all through his life * * * he grew in wisdom and stature * * * in knowledge * * * in wisdom and worth." He had a long and distinguished career as an attorney, a legislator, Speaker of the Illinois House, a Circuit Court Judge, and finally as a distinguished Federal jurist, which he handled with balance, dignity and courage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this memorial and tribute to the memory of the late Judge Elmer Jacob Schnackenberg be permanently entered and preserved in the records of the Annual Judicial Conference of the Federal Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit and of the Bar Association for the Seventh Federal Circuit, and that appropriate copies be sent to his family.

- presented by William A. McSwain
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Seventh Federal Circuit

MINUTES OF THE 19TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH
FEDERAL CIRCUIT HELD AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - MAY 6 AND 7, 1969

The nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7, 1969, at the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

The meeting on May 6 was held jointly with the judges of the Seventh Circuit as part of their annual Judicial Conference, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of Rule 30 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

The minutes of the proceedings on May 6 were taken for the Judicial Conference by Kenneth J. Carrick, Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Secretary of the Judicial Conference.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 7, 1969, a joint meeting of judges and lawyers was held at the Court of Appeals Conference Room, United States Court House. The subject for discussion was "The Federal Magistrate Act -- Assistance for United States Courts in Criminal and Civil Matters." After introductory remarks by Justice Tom C. Clark, an interesting and constructive panel discussion followed. Participants in the panel discussions were: