

Memorial Resolution of the Bar Association of the Seventh
Federal Circuit at Its Annual Meeting, May 14, 1984

JUDGE JULIUS J. HOFFMAN

Judge Julius J. Hoffman was born on July 7, 1895, in Chicago. He graduated from Northwestern University at the age of 17 and from its law school at the age of 20. He was then admitted to the Illinois Bar, practiced in Chicago for 32 years, and became Vice President, General Counsel and a Director of Brunswick Corporation. Judge Hoffman was a devoted alumnus of Northwestern University. He was a former President of its Alumni Association and recipient of the Northwestern University Award of Merit. He was a contributor of numerous articles to law journals and a former Editor of the American Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology.

In 1947, Judge Hoffman became a judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois and in 1953, he became a Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He served in that capacity until 1972, at which time he became a Senior District Judge, which he remained until his death on July 1, 1983. He was a judge for 36 years.

Judge Hoffman was deeply devoted to his wife, Eleanor, and he attended her constantly and with the greatest care and affection during the long years of her final illness. He was a warm, gregarious, acutely intelligent and sensitive man. He particularly enjoyed his life in his clubs and was in regular attendance and participation at the Lake Shore Country, Tavern, Standard, Union League, Mid-Day and Law Clubs. He was also a very generous and concerned philanthropist whose financial support and personal efforts will be sorely missed by many of Chicago's charitable endeavors.

Judge Hoffman's greatest passion was the law and the profession of the law. Most particularly, he revered the role of the law giver, the judge. He demanded of himself, and others, excellence in all things, but particularly those involving his profession, and unremittingly, those touching his professional role of judging.

Judge Hoffman served his revered profession for 68 years. Few have served it longer and few have held it in so high esteem. Were all of us within its ranks so dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, our profession would be less troubled today.

Judge Hoffman rightly viewed the position of a judge as the most superior of all possible occupations. Nothing for him could approach the dynamics of its significance, its challenge or its ultimate consequence. He drew constantly upon all of himself to rise to his measure of that position, and his near spiritual reverence for the role provided inspiration that never really lessened during his 36 years as a judge.

Judge Hoffman gave of his brilliant capacities as best he could to the law and to his high role in it. We can ask no more and we are grateful for his legacy, and for the enrichment his friendship brought to so many of us.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH FEDERAL
CIRCUIT HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA ON
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1984

The meeting of the Board of Governors and Committee Chairmen of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit was called to order at noon on Tuesday, May 15, 1984, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel pursuant to call by the President and notice from the Secretary.

Present were:

Officers: Joseph B. Carney, President; Mark Crane, First Vice President; John S. Skilton, Second Vice President; Dale E. Ihlenfeldt, Treasurer.

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