

MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL L. IGOE

(1885-1967)

The Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit expresses by this resolution its appreciation of the dedicated judicial service and high personal character of Judge Michael Lambert Igoe. Judge Igoe was inducted as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois on November 21, 1938, retired to senior status on August 31, 1965, and died on August 21, 1967, leaving surviving him Ruth O'Connor Igoe, his widow, Michael L. Igoe, Jr., a member of the Illinois Bar, his son, and four grandchildren.

Judge Igoe was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 16, 1885 to James F. and Katherine Sherrin Igoe, and because of the early death of his father was brought to Chicago as a young child. He was educated here in the public and parochial schools and at De LaSalle Institute, of which he was a prominent and loyal graduate. He obtained his law degree from Georgetown University in 1908 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in the same year.

Prior to his distinguished judicial service Judge Igoe had public service of a high order and of great variety which

eminently fitted him for the widely diversified cases which he tried as United States District Judge. He served in the Illinois Legislature for eight two-year terms, was Chief Assistant in the office of the United States District Attorney for two years, and for twelve years was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the South Park District which at that time included the Chicago Loop and important lake front developments. He was politically active in the Democratic party and was elected Congressman at Large from Illinois in 1934, but resigned in May, 1935, to accept a four year appointment as United States District Attorney, as the office was then known, for the Northern District of Illinois.

As a judge Michael L. Igoe was humane but firm, industrious but not arbitrary, and an extremely competent trial judge before whom every member of the Bar felt fortunate to appear.

One of the most important and patriotic functions of the District Court sitting in Chicago has been the admission to citizenship. Such a ceremony conducted by Judge Igoe was extremely impressive and displayed in splendid context the judge's own personal character and spiritual qualities.

Be it Now RESOLVED, by The Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit that we record on the official records of this

Association our respect, esteem and affectionate regard for the man and for the jurist, MICHAEL LAMBERT IGOE.

Further RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread of record in the minutes of this meeting of the Association and that a copy be furnished to the members of the family.