

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE SEVENTH FEDERAL CIRCUIT AT ITS
ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 1, 1989

William George Juergens was born in Steeleville, Illinois, September 7, 1904. He grew up in nearby Chester, Illinois and was educated in its schools. He then attended Carthage College from which he graduated in 1925 and the University of Michigan Law School where he graduated in 1928. He was admitted that year to the Illinois Bar, commenced private practice in Chester and two years later became its City Attorney. In 1929, he had married Helen A. Young who was his wife until her death in 1966. They were the parents of a son, now Dr. William G. Juergens, Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri and a daughter, now Jane Juergens Hays of Belleville, Illinois. In 1938, he was elected County Judge of Randolph County, Illinois, which office he held until 1951 when he became judge of the Circuit Court of Illinois for the Third

Judicial Circuit. In 1956, President Eisenhower nominated Judge Juergens for judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois and he was seated in that office. The Eastern District is now designated the Southern District. Judge Juergens became Chief Judge of that Court in 1965. In 1967, he married Charlotte Louise Mann. In 1972 he took Senior Judge status but continued trying some cases. He died on December 7, 1988 in the Chester Memorial Hospital. He had been a member of the bar for more than 60 years and a judge for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, his son and daughter; a brother, Dr. Albert Juergens of Dillon, Montana; a sister, Lola Juergens of Chester; and five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Judge Juergens was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. Among his community activities were membership for many years on the Chester Budget Commission and Charter Membership in the Chester Lions Club. He also was a member of the Randolph County, Illinois State &

Federal Bar Associations, The Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit, and the National Lawyers Club. He also had been a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Juvenile Research.

In 1961, Judge Juergens was honored by his alma mater, Carthage College, with its first annual Honor Alumnus Award. In 1970, Carthage College also conferred upon him its degree of Doctor of Laws. William Woods College honored him in 1977 with the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science. In 1978, the Freedoms Foundation awarded Judge Juergens its George Washington Honor Medal Award.

Judge Juergens was recognized throughout his life as a man of impeccable character. He was a quiet and reserved person whose principal interests, other than his work, were his home and his community. He was a dedicated member and an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Chester where he also was a teacher in the Sunday school. His religious convictions were strong and

profoundly important to him. We respectfully quote what he described as one of his most important personal beliefs:

"The foundation of this nation is spiritual. It is founded on the belief that God is the sovereign and that He, rather than the government granted men their rights."

Judge Juergens lived his long life as a devout Christian, a devoted husband and father and a contributing leader of his community. He was an accomplished jurist who served his jurisdiction ably and with dedication to the ever demanding needs for justice, wisdom and compassion.

BEVERLY W. PATTISHALL
MAY 1, 1989

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND MEMBERS
OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AT NOON ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1989

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors and Committee Chairs of The Seventh Circuit Bar Association was called to order at noon, Tuesday, May 2, 1989, at The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to call by the President.

Present were:

OFFICERS: William A. Montgomery, President; Howard A. Pollack, First Vice President; Harvey M. Silets, Second Vice President; Thomas F. Ryan, Secretary; Eugene C. Miller, Jr., Immediate Past President.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Patrick W. O'Brien, Thomas L. Shriner, Jr., William F. Welch, Thomas W. Yoder.

PAST PRESIDENTS: Joseph B. Carney, Robert C. Williams, Jerry P. Belknap, Irvin B. Charne, William M. Evans, Edward A. Haight, Sidney Newman, Theodore R. Scott.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CIRCUIT RIDER: Alan Raphael, Vice Chair.

MEETINGS ARRANGEMENTS: Thomas B. Quinn, General Chair.

MEETINGS PROGRAMS: David E. Bennett, General Chair.