

The Honorable
Walter E. Treanor

In Respect to the Memory

of

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Proceedings had on the Fourteenth Day of April
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-two

Before the

United States Circuit Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit



Hon. Walter E. Treanor

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At a regular term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, held in the City of Chicago, and begun on the Seventh Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One, and of the Independence of The United States of America the One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1942, the Court met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by proclamation.

Present:

Hon. Evan A. Evans, Circuit Judge, Presiding;
Hon. William M. Sparks, Circuit Judge;
Hon. J. Earl Major, Circuit Judge;
Hon. Otto Kerner, Circuit Judge;
Hon. Sherman Minton, Circuit Judge;
Kenneth J. Carrick, Clerk;
William H. McDonnell, Marshal.

There were also present and sitting with the Court:

Hon. John P. Barnes, District Judge;
Hon. William H. Holly, District Judge;
Hon. Michael L. Igoe, District Judge;
Hon. F. Ryan Duffy, District Judge.

Memorial Resolution

Mr. Patrick J. Smith of Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the members of the Bar of this Court, addressed the Court as follows:

On behalf of the Bar of this Court, leave is asked to present the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the members of the Bar of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit express their deep regret at the death of Walter Emanuel Treanor, late Judge of this Court, and desire to record their appreciation of his high character and of his outstanding public service to his fellowmen, his state and nation.

He was born on November 7, 1883, at Loogootee, Indiana, the son of James Donnelly Treanor and Gertrude Sommers Treanor.

He began his public service prior to World War I as a teacher in the public schools at Petersburg, Indiana.

In 1912 he was graduated with honors from Indiana University with the Bachelor of Arts degree.

From 1912 to 1915 he served as principal of the Petersburg School. He became superintendent of the school in 1915, and served as such until 1917, when he enlisted in the Armed Forces of the United States, and thereafter served overseas with the rank of Lieutenant.

On December 9, 1916, he was married to Aline Elizabeth Jean, who with their daughter, Rosemary, survives.

After his discharge from the Army he entered law school. He received the Bachelor of Laws degree from Indiana University in 1922 and the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1923.

He held a professorship of law at Indiana University School of Law from 1922 to 1930. During the school year 1926-1927, Judge Treanor studied at Harvard College of Law, and in 1927 the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science was conferred upon him.

He edited the Indiana Law Journal from 1927 to 1930. In the latter year he was elected to a judgeship on the Indiana Supreme Court. After serving one six-year term, he was re-elected in 1936. On December 27, 1937, he was appointed to this Court where he served until his death on April 26, 1941.

Throughout his life Judge Treanor was a man of high courage. He was unafraid. While on the Indiana Supreme Court his liberal views found expression in strong dissenting opinions. Later majority opinions have accepted many of his views.

He respected the principle of stare decisis, but did not believe the law static. It was a growing concept ever changing to meet the need of expanding social consciousness.

His intellectual and moral qualities, tolerance, breadth of vision and personal charm endeared him forever to his fellowmen. His service to his state and nation will cause him to be remembered always.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bar of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals now presents to the Court a portrait of Judge Walter Emanuel Treanor as a permanent memorial to a great man and a great jurist; that a copy of this resolution also be presented to the Court with a request it be appropriately spread upon the Court's records, and that the Chairman of the Bar's Committee provide the family of Judge Treanor with a copy thereof.

Submitted by the Committee on Resolutions.

PATRICK J. SMITH, *Chairman*
CASPER W. OOMS
MYRON H. GRAY
KENNETH F. BURGESS
B. HOWARD CAUGHRAN

