



Memorial Ceremony

HONORING OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

November 21, 2013
3:00 p.m.
Division 4 Courtroom



Remembering

The Honorable Richard Dorr

Ransom Ellis Jr.

William Mauck

The Honorable Almon Maus

Robert Schroff

PROGRAM



Convening of Court	Jim Arnott Greene County Sheriff
Call to Order	The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy Presiding Judge
Welcome	Chip Sheppard SMBA President
Presiding	Dwayne Fulk SMBA President-Elect
Presentation of Resolutions	Catherine Reade SMBA Secretary

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. DORR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 21st day of November, 2013, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the April 24, 2013 death of one of its distinguished members, the Honorable Richard E. Dorr.

Judge Dorr was born on August 26, 1943 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He attended the University of Illinois on a football scholarship and played in the 1964 Rose Bowl. After earning his undergraduate degree, Judge Dorr married his sweetheart Barbie Wilson and began law school at the University of Missouri in Columbia. After law school, Judge Dorr worked briefly as an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Missouri and then entered active duty as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force. He served on active duty until 1973 and then in the U.S.A.F. Reserve until his retirement in 1990.

Judge Dorr began a distinguished private law practice in 1973 with the Springfield firm of Mann, Walter, Burkart, Weathers and Walter. He later practiced as a partner with the firm of Harrison, Tucker and Dorr and then the firm of Dorr, Baird and Lightner. In 1996, Judge Dorr joined Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin (now Husch Blackwell) and took on the challenge of managing the firm's Springfield office. On August 1, 2002, Judge Dorr was confirmed by the Senate as a judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Judge Dorr's career was a case study in integrity, professionalism, hard work, high standards, and unmatched preparedness. Judge Dorr fervently believed in preserving dignity and respect in the legal profession. Daily, he donned a dark suit, pressed white shirt, and necktie—even on Fridays. He delighted in mentoring young attorneys. Judge Dorr exemplified all of the best things about the legal profession.

Judge Dorr's life was marked by his love for family and friends and by his dedicated service to his country and his community. Judge Dorr was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Ellis Dorr and Blanche Evelyn Dorr, by his sister Bonni Dorr, by his nephew Bob Dorr and by Aunt Mil. Judge Dorr is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Barbie, son Scott and his wife Tracy, grandchildren Kaleah, Elijah and Jordan, brother Robert Dorr and his wife Barbara, and their children Tom and Dan Dorr, and his beloved West Highland Terrier, Sadie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association hereby recognizes the achievements of the Honorable Richard E. Dorr. To perpetuate the esteem in which he was held by this Association, it is ORDERED that this resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association, that a copy hereof be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 31, and that a copy hereof be given to his family with the sincere sympathy and respect of the members of the Association.

This Resolution is duly adopted November 21, 2013.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF RANSOM ASBURY ELLIS, JR.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 21st day of November, 2013, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death on April 8, 2012, of one of its distinguished longtime members, Ransom Asbury Ellis, Jr.

Ransom was born on January 18, 1920, on a farm located near Leann, Missouri, in Barry County. He attended the one room Clay Hill school through the eighth grade and high school in the Aurora public schools. He graduated from Southwest Missouri Teachers College, now Missouri State University, in 1940. Ransom worked his way through college as a "house boy" for campus housing and by being a member of the Aurora National Guard Houn' Dog Regiment. While at State Teacher's College, Ransom participated in forensics and debate under Dr. Virginia Craig.

In 1940, the Houn' Dog Regiment was called to active duty preparatory to the beginning of World War II. Ransom initially served in an anti-aircraft battalion, but, because of his age and education, was accepted into Officer Candidate School, and after graduation, entered the newly formed Army Air Corps. His squadron was sent overseas to England in late 1943. He saw combat over France, Germany, Romania and elsewhere in Europe until the end of the war.

After returning from the war, Ransom entered the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law. In December, 1948, he graduated from law school with honors (Order of the Coif) and began practicing law in Springfield on January 1, 1949 as a solo practitioner. Ransom practiced law in Springfield for over sixty years in several firms, including: Neale, Newman, Bradshaw, Freeman and Neale and Daniel Clampett, Ellis, Rittershouse and Dalton. In 1977, he founded what is now the firm of Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, where he finished his legal career.

During his professional career, Ransom was an active member of the Missouri Bar Association, The American Bar Association and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, serving as President of the SMBA in 1985. In 2006, Ransom was honored by the SMBA with its Distinguished Attorney Award. He also valued the opportunity to give back to his community by serving as a Member and the Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities for Springfield, one of the founding Elders of National Avenue Christian Church and Chairman of its Board of Elders, Chairman of the United Way Fund Drive, Member of the Advisory Board of St. John's Hospital and Board Member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Ransom was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Hazel Joan (Anderson) Ellis and his three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his second wife, Frances Dye Ellis; his sons Ransom A. Ellis, III (Jennifer) and Christopher Anderson Ellis; and his grandchildren, Dr. Ransom Asbury Ellis, IV (Kelstan) and Taryn Delaney Ellis; and many nieces and nephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association hereby recognizes the achievements of Ransom Asbury Ellis, Jr. and to perpetuate the esteem in which he was held by this Association, directs that a copy hereof be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 31, and that a copy hereof be given to his family with the sincere sympathy and respect of the members of the Association.

This Resolution is duly adopted November 21, 2013.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM L. ("BILL") MAUCK

BE IT RESOLVED, the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 21st day of November, 2013, acknowledges and celebrates the life and contributions of its respected and popular longtime member, William L. ("Bill") Mauck.

William L. (Bill) Mauck will be remembered as a man who dedicated his many talents in service to his country and community and faced all of life's challenges with optimism, humor, strength and grace. He died on May 3, 2013.

Bill Mauck was born on June 8, 1941 and grew up in Springfield, Missouri. He attended Greenwood Laboratory School and was a Sigma Nu at Drury College, graduating in 1963 with degrees in History and Political Science. He then attended Washington University School of Law in St. Louis where he met his sweetheart Barbara Ann Snasdell. They were married following his graduation in 1966 and last year celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

In 1967 Bill was commissioned as an officer with the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Navy and served as active duty legal advisor until 1970. He served in the U.S.N.R. with tours throughout the U.S., England, Italy, and Japan, until his retirement as a Captain in 1994. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.

After active duty, Bill returned to Springfield and in 1971 co-founded a distinguished law practice which became Yates, Mauck, Bohrer, Elliff, Croessman, and Wieland, P.C. and Yates, Mauck, Bohrer, Elliff & Fels, P.C. Bill's practice focused on litigation, health law, business formation and transactions and dispute resolution. He thrived on the intellectual challenge and held a great respect for the profession he loved.

Few people had more pride than Bill in their country and community. He devoted his life to making it a better place. He served as President of the Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees; President of the Ozarks Council, Boy Scouts of America; Chair of the Greene County Republican Central Committee; Chair of Missouri Committee for Support of Guard and Reserve and held many other positions on boards and committees. He was a lifelong member of the Rotary Club of Springfield and was also a member of the Solomon Lodge., various Masonic bodies and Abou Ben Adhem Temple. He was a proud Boy Scout and recipient of the Eagle Scout Award and the Silver Beaver Award.

Bill was a lifelong member of First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. He served as a Sunday School Teacher, Elder, Deacon and was on the Board of Trustees. He also served as Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission, Synod of Mid-America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Inc.

Bill had a zest for life and a twinkle in his eye. He was an eternal optimist and had a special skill for making ordinary things fun. The life of the party, he excelled at entertaining and joke telling. He loved the quip and double entendre, which he referred to as being "punny". He was a gifted writer and avid reader with a keen quest for knowledge. He also had a strong sense of adventure. He loved fishing, camping, canoeing and spending Sunday afternoons on his sailboat on Fellows Lake. He rarely passed up an opportunity to travel. He relied on his optimism and senses of adventure and humor in his final years as he bravely weathered Alzheimer's.

Above all, Bill loved his family. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Margaret Lacy and William Edgar Mauck and brother Sam Million Mauck. He is survived by wife Barbara Ann Mauck, daughters Kathleen Ann (Katie) Mauck and Victoria Lee (Vickie) Schatz, her husband David, two grandchildren Emerson Lacy and Benjamin Alan, and numerous cousins and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association hereby recognizes the achievements of its honorable member, William L. ("Bill") Mauck. To perpetuate the esteem to which he was held by this Association, it is ORDERED that this resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, a copy hereof be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit to be maintained in the permanent memorial records of the Court, and a copy hereof be given to his family with sincere condolences, all as a memorial of the respect and high regard the membership of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association had for its departed colleague, Bill Mauck.

This Resolution is duly adopted November 21, 2013.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF ALMON HENRY MAUS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 21st day of November, 2013, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, Almon Henry Maus.

Almon Henry Maus was born on March 17, 1923 and died on January 9, 2012 in Springfield.

Judge Maus graduated from Central High School in 1940. He served overseas in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Judge Maus attended Southwest Missouri State and the University of Missouri, receiving his LL.B. in 1948.

Judge Maus led a life dedicated to the practice of law. He engaged in general practice in Monett, Missouri from 1948 until 1979. He served as Probate Judge and Magistrate of Barry County from 1949 to 1950. Judge Maus authored a three volume Missouri Practice series on probate law and practice in 1960 and the series and Judge's numerous updates served as a beacon of clarity for generations of probate practitioners.

Judge Maus was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals effective January 2, 1979 and authored more than 400 opinions prior to his mandatory retirement in 1993. Following his retirement from the Court, Judge Maus could not divorce himself from an active interest in the laws of Missouri and served as special counsel to the firm of Miller & Sanford while continuing to write. A study of the development of the law and legal writing had become a way of life. In 1997, West published Judge Maus' treatise on Insurance Law and Practice as part of the Missouri Practice series.

Judge Maus loved the outdoors, especially fishing, evidenced by his annual pilgrimages to Belize for many years.

Judge Maus is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Elaine Maus, his son, Dr. Stephen Maus and his wife Nancy, a daughter, Dr. Sherill Easterling and her husband Jerry Springer. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Natalie Clark, and two great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association hereby recognizes the achievements of Judge Almon Henry Maus. To perpetuate the esteem in which he was held by this Association, it is ORDERED that this resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association, that a copy hereby be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 31, and that a copy hereof be given to his family with the sincere sympathy and respect of the members of the Association.

This Resolution is duly adopted November 21, 2013.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT W. SCHROFF

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 21st day of November, 2013, expresses its sorrow upon the death on February 7, 2012, of distinguished member Robert W. Schroff.

Bob was born on September 15, 1928 to Margaret and Highland Schroff in New Madrid, Missouri. After receiving a degree in Marketing and Accounting from Kansas University, Bob worked for the Carnation Co. He left the company to enroll in Law School at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, attending night school while working for Kansas City Life Insurance Co.

Bob and his family moved to Springfield in 1955 when he joined the Mann Firm. He later opened his own law firm in 1969 which became Schroff, Glass & Newberry. Bob served his profession and community in many ways. He was a past President of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association and served stints as Chairman of the Springfield Zoning and Planning Board and Chairman of the City Utilities Board. He also served as a member of the Board of Twin Oaks Country Club and as a senior volunteer at St. John's Auxiliary.

He was a good friend to all who knew him and a father and a husband who is missed and remembered always.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Schroff of Springfield, Missouri; and their children, Daniel P. Schroff of Mesa, Arizona; Robert W. Schroff, Jr. of Edmonds, Washington; and Stephen J. Schroff of Springfield, Missouri, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association hereby recognizes the achievements of Robert W. Schroff. To perpetuate the esteem in which he was held by this Association, it is ORDERED that this resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association, that a copy hereof be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 31, and that a copy hereof be given to his family with the sincere sympathy and respect of the members of the Association.

This Resolution is duly adopted November 21, 2013.

Thank You

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