Memorial Ceremony



Thursday, November 8, 2018 4:00 p.m. Greene County Judicial Courts 1010 Boonville



In Memory Of

Grant Q. Haden

Max W. Lilley

Raymond Irwin Plaster

The Honorable Richard Teitelman

Brent Vincent Tyndall

Richard K. Wilson

Call to Order The Honorable Michael Cordonnier, Presiding Judge

Welcome John Pratt, SMBA President

Introduction of Memorials Michael Miller, SMBA President-Elect

Reading of Memorials Randy Cowherd for Grant Haden

Bill Powell for Max Lilley

Dan Nelson for Raymond Plaster

Crista Hogan for Judge Richard Teitelman

Doug Nickell for Vincent Tyndall Jerry Redfern for Richard Wilson

Presentation of Resolutions Chantel Kelly, SMBA Secretary

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF GRANT Q. HADEN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 8th of November, 2018, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the November 24, 2016 death of one of its distinguished members, Grant Q. Haden.

Grant was born in Ava, Missouri on May 7, 1954 to the Honorable Quentin and Irmgard Haden. Grant completed his undergraduate education at Drury College, where he was a devoted Sigma Nu. Grant thereafter studied law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. While a young lawyer, he met and married CeCe Lumpe of Springfield, Missouri. Grant and CeCe have three children; son Jonathan, son Ben and daughter Emily. Jonathan resides in Springfield, as does Ben, now an ophthalmologist, with his wife Lauren and daughter June, while Emily lives in Chicago with her husband Alex Lee. Fortunately, Grant was able to enjoy time with June, his first grandchild, before he passed.

Grant began the practice of law in Ava, Missouri with Dan Wade. Grant's practice in Ava involved a general practice as well as the opportunity to gain valuable trial experience, including first degree murder trials. For those who practiced with Grant or interacted with him significantly, the Ava years also left Grant with many humorous and sometimes shocking tales. Unfortunately, many, though true, are not suitable for publication. One funny experience Grant retold was of a client who told him that "Ava had nice weather for a town that size."

Grant and his family decided to relocate to Springfield, Missouri in 1990 when he joined the law firm of Schroff, Glass & Newberry. In 1997, Grant became one of the founding partners of the law firm that eventually became Haden, Cowherd & Bullock. Grant was a long time AV Preeminent attorney handling numerous complex auto and product liability cases throughout his legal career. Grant frequently used his wit, humor and tales to accomplish settlements in complex litigation cases where resolution short of trial appeared unlikely. His contributions to the community included service as President of the Ozarks Trails Council of the Boys Scouts of America, an elder at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church and service on the Boards of Directors of Cox Hospital and Great Southern Bank. Grant frequently was consulted by political figures or those running for judicial offices, providing his unique insight to assist and guide them.

Grant loved the outdoors-floating and camping on the Buffalo River and Bryant Creek, spending time at Table Rock Lake with his family, and hunting and fishing with his sons. Grant's rural background combined with his intellect and wit played a significant role in both his legal career and community service. Grant was able to weave into nearly any situation a tale that would combine humor with a practical solution.

Grant was widely known for his unique and influential approach to the cases he managed. Grant employed his keen country wit and charm along with numerous backwoods tales and quips to promote his client's interests and accomplish favorable resolutions, yet with a sense of decorum and great respect for the judicial process. In addition to the sample quote above, Grant was known to describe a far-fetched legal theory in the following way:

"If I Had some Ham, I'd Have Ham and Eggs, If I had some Eggs"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member Grant Q. Haden and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Grant Q. Haden be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF MAX W. LILLEY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, in a memorial service held on this 8th day of November, 2018, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the passing on March 22, 2018, of its distinguished member, Max W. Lilley, who was 96 years of age at the time of his death, following a legal career that spanned almost five decades and he left an indelible mark on the legal community of Springfield, Missouri.

Max was born in Hartville, Missouri, on November 19, 1921. His family moved to Springfield where Max graduated from Senior High School (now Central High School) in 1938. After high school, Max attended Southwest Missouri State Teachers College (now Missouri State University) and graduated in 1941.

In 1943, Max married Una Virginia Lilley and they remained married until her death in 2005 at age 85. As engraved on their joint cremation memorial stone, throughout their 62 years of marriage, they were "Always Lovers".

After college, Max joined the United States Coast Guard where he served on a Landing Ship Tank, or LST. These World War II ships supported amphibious operations by carrying armored combat vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly to shore without use of docks or piers. Max's LST was involved in prominent missions in World War II, including the invasion of Italy, and the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, known as D-Day, in 1944. In D-Day, Max's ship carried British soldiers and support armament for landing on Gold Beach during Operation Overlord.

Following his honorable discharge from the military, Max attended law school at the University of Missouri in Columbia. While in law school, Una worked as a secretary in the offices of Stephens College. Max completed law school in 1947, but because the law school was on a quarterly schedule, he did not formally graduate until 1948.

Max returned to Springfield to practice law, first as a sole practitioner working out of a small office given to him by Attorney Arthur Curtis. He later served as an assistant prosecutor in the office of the Greene County Prosecutor.

Having gained trial experience as an assistant prosecutor, Max joined the law firm of Collinson, Walker and Daniel. He joined E. Wayne Collinson in operating the firm's north-side office on Commercial Street, and the pair formed the firm of Collinson and Lilley. At that time, Max mainly practiced real estate law, reading abstracts of title and issuing legal title opinions.

In the early 1960s, Max joined forces with his law school study-partner, Louis Cowan, and they practiced together as Lilley and Cowan. They officed in the Woodruff Building for a quarter century, where Max was engaged in the general practice of law, with a collection practice and expertise in the area of bankruptcy. During that time, Max handled many notable cases before the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Western District of Missouri.

In the late 1970s, Max established himself in defending healthcare providers in medical malpractice cases, eventually becoming general counsel for Smith-Glynn-Callaway Clinic, then the largest medical clinic in Springfield. Max was instrumental in the formation of, and was legal counsel for the medical malpractice insurance companies of Risk Control Associates (RCA) and Insurance Risk Limited (IRL), a reinsurance company. These medical liability insurance companies later evolved into Intermed Insurance Company, which became a national medical malpractice insurer with offices in many major cities in the country.

In 1984, Lilley and Cowan merged with the Daniel Clampett law firm, and the firm became Daniel, Clampett, Rittershouse, Lilley, Dalton, Powell and Cunningham. Max remained actively engaged in the practice of law and continued to serve as general legal counsel for Intermed Insurance Company until his retirement in approximately 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member Max W. Lilley and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Max W. Lilley be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND IRWIN PLASTER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service held on the 8th day of November, 2018, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, Raymond Irwin Plaster.

Raymond Irwin Plaster was born August 1, 1961 in Springfield, Missouri to parents Raymond and Jacque Plaster. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 1979 and then attended Missouri State University where he earned his undergraduate degree in political science in 1983. Raymond received his law degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1986 where he was also a member of the law review.

After passing the bar examination in 1986, Raymond returned to Springfield, Missouri to practice law. His primary practice areas were business law, commercial litigation, bankruptcy law and real estate. He was highly regarded by his peers and was recognized throughout southwest Missouri as an accomplished bankruptcy practitioner. Raymond served as a Springfield municipal court judge from 1993 to 1997. He also was a former adjunct instructor at Drury University, teaching a class in bankruptcy law to students in the paralegal assistant program.

Raymond had many interests outside the practice of law. He did things others only talked about doing. He was a musician and produced a music video. He was a writer and published a novel, "Confirmation Bias," in 2010. He was a member of the Springfield Writers' Guild and served on the MSU English Department's Advisory Council. Raymond earned his pilot's license in 1996 and was a member of the Missouri Pilots Association. His passion was flying his private plane.

Raymond passed away on July 16, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife, Doris, sons, Bob and Owen; daughters, Claire and Sydney; stepson, Ernie; brother, Mike Pettet; sister, Camilla Hyde; and several aunts, nieces and nephews. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Jacque.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD B. TEITELMAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in its 2018 Memorial Service expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the 2016 death of one of its distinguished members, the Honorable Richard B. Teitelman.

Judge Teitelman was memorable. Most mornings before a Missouri Supreme Court session was to begin, Judge Rick, a large disheveled man with big thick glasses and a smile to match, would appear in the courtroom and go around shaking hands making everyone feel welcome. Unusual for a supreme court judge, but it was perfectly in character for this remarkable man.

The judge was legally blind, but he often saw so much more than the rest of us. His forays "working the room" before court were very likely his way of connecting with the people who were there because he could not see them from the bench, which the other judges could. Judge Rick also needed to see them, to feel their presence, their angst, their hopes.

Rick was born in Philadelphia PA on September 25, 1947. His father was a lawyer. His mother wanted him to be a doctor. When he was in college at the University of Pennsylvania, his father had to break it to him that because of all the breakage of glassware in the chemistry lab, his pre-med days were over. With the inspiration of his father and his father's close friend, U.S. Circuit Judge Leon Higginbotham, Rick applied to law school. He came to St. Louis to attend Washington University and never left. He started his own practice in 1973 out of his apartment. He represented protesters aligned with the grape boycott organized by labor leader Cesar Chavez. His work came to the attention of David Lander, director of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, which hired him in 1975. He became the organization's executive director and general counsel five years later.

Rick joined every organization that might conceivably help legal aid or that might have been an adversary. The ACLU or the Federalists, African American lawyers, women lawyers – wherever two or more might gather to discuss legal aid, Rick was there. For the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Rick served as chair of its young lawyers section, chair of its trial section, secretary, vice president and president and also served as president of its bar foundation. At the Missouri Bar, Teitelman served as chair of the disabled, minority and diversity law committee of the young lawyers' section, chair of the delivery of legal services committee, and member of both the board of governors and its executive committee. He was elected vice president and president-elect, the position he held at the time he was appointed to the Supreme Court. At the national level, Teitelman was very active with the American Bar Association. He was a past chair of its standing commission on mental and physical disability law, a member of its standing committee on pro bono and public service, a judicial division member of the standing committee on minorities in the judiciary, and was a lifetime sustaining fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Judge Teitelman is particularly remembered here today not only as an honorary member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, he is remembered as an active member of the SMBA. He was routinely the first to register and first to arrive at the Installation Banquet. He was keenly aware of the importance of building and preserving relationships within the profession.

Rick Teitelman made Legal Services a cause in the legal community and in the larger community as well. The lawyer's oath pledges help for the "defenseless" and "oppressed." To Judge Rick the oath was a solemn duty, joyfully assumed. He made fighting for the poor and oppressed fashionable. A thousand or more of the legal community gather each year for the "Justice for All" Ball that Rick and some of his friends started years ago to raise money for legal services. It is the St. Louis legal community's prom.

Rick knew that Legal Services could not succeed on federal aid alone. He got a filing fee on court cases to support legal aid; he got state money through Social Services, and he greatly enhanced funding from private sources.

Gov. Mel Carnahan said when he appointed Rick to the court of appeals in 1998: "I will never make a more liberal appointment ... or a better one." The liberal part was unimportant; the "better" was important. There was none better.

In 2002 Gov. Bob Holden appointed Judge Rick to the Supreme Court where he served until his death in November 2016. He served a two-year term as chief justice from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013. He was the Court's first, and so far only, Jewish judge.

People will forget what you said and what you did, the poet and St. Louis native Maya Angelou has said, "but people will never forget how you made them feel." When Judge Rick knew from working the room before a court session that a lawyer's father, mother or child was in the audience, he would praise the lawyer's performance. Many such kindnesses will be remembered because scarcely a day in Rick's adult life would go by without several people receiving notes of praise or phone calls lauding some accomplishment however small or large. He was always concerned with the young, especially those with disabilities.

He will be remembered for his terse, carefully written opinions. Joe Amrine, who spent 17 years on death row, will remember that he is free because Judge Rick wrote the majority opinion rejecting the state's position that it is acceptable to execute an innocent man if he got a "fair" trial. Others will remember his dissent from a decision denying death benefits to the same-sex partner of a highway patrolman killed on duty. He was an able servant of the law who believed, as he exhorted law school students shortly before his death: "look for the justice in the case."

Judge Rick's kindness masked a determination and a strategic sense that often was underappreciated. One does not ascend to the supreme court on the power of mensch alone. He was tough-minded, brilliant, with an innate sense of fairness and respect even for those who disagreed with him.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member Richard Teitelman and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Judge Teitelman be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF BRENT VINCENT TYNDALL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 8th day of November, 2018, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, Brent Vincent Tyndall.

Vincent Tyndall was born on February 17, 1935 and died on June 13, 2017 in Springfield.

He graduated from Campbell Elementary, Jarrett Junior High and Senior High before graduating from the University of Missouri – Columbia, undergrad and law school.

Following law school graduation in 1960, Vince taught Business Law at Mizzou, returning to Springfield in 1963 to establish a general law practice with Clark Kelly.

In 1967, he became the first trust officer at Citizens Bank, now Commerce Trust Company, where he spearheaded the new trust department. In 1972, he joined the law firm of Miller, Fairman, Sanford, Carr & Lowther, where his practice centered on trusts and estate planning. He retired from the firm, then known as Miller & Sanford, in 1995 as its senior partner.

Vince was a past president of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association and the Greene County Estate Planning Council. A fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, he also was a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars around Missouri. He was a pioneer in right-to-die legislation and deeply involved with the Cox Medical Center Bio-Ethics Committee.

Vince made a lasting contribution to his hometown by serving in leadership positions for many civic organizations. He was co-founder of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and instrumental in the development of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation.

Vince's many hobbies and projects were a testament to his creative energy and voracious curiosity. A true Renaissance man, he was well-read on a variety of subjects and continued to pursue his wide-ranging interests, which included history and music of all kinds, ham radio, electronics and technology, writing and photography.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member and past president Brent Vincent Tyndall and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD K. WILSON

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service held on the 8th day of November, 2018, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of its longtime member, Richard K. Wilson (Dick).

In January of 1962, my family and I moved to Glenwood Village in Springfield. A half a block away lived Dick Wilson with his family. We immediately became friends. Dick embodied things that are outstanding in a human being. He was kind, compassionate, extremely bright, charming, blessed with a graceful way and a great heart.

Dick was born and raised in the little town of Everton, Missouri. Be attended Everton Schools and worked odd jobs in town and on the farms around. Dick had lots of friends who lasted all of his life. He was an avid reader and one summer read a large box of books twice before school started (his favorite subject was history).

Dick came to Springfield to S.M.S. (now Missouri State) and worked his way through college. He graduated with an undergraduate degree of Bachelor of Science. He then taught history one year in Tarterbill, Missouri. His next job was a bank in Kansas City, where he worked for two years. Dick then moved to Columbia and attended law school at the University of Missouri. Dick received a Juris Doctorate Degree at the University of Missouri where he was a member of the Missouri Law Review. He received honors for all of his educational efforts.

Upon graduation, Dick returned to Springfield, which was his home for the rest of his life. He worked at the law firm of Farrington & Curtis and became a partner in the law firm of Church, Prewitt, Jones, Wilson & Karchmer in 1968.

In 1973, Dick was invited to become VP & General Counsel of Strout Realty (a national company with over 600 offices in the U.S.). Within 8 years, he became the President & Chairman of the national board. He bought the company and several years later he sold it. In his typical way, while in the company, Dick became licensed in 42 states and traveled and worked in all of the United States. After the sale of Stout Realty, Dick returned to private practice as co-counsel at the Woolsey Fisher law firm. He concluded his legal career as co-founder of the Whiteaker & Wilson law firm where he worked until his death.

After leaving Stout Realty, Dick was attempting to buy an existing bank near his childhood home but was also deeply involved in a new bank in Springfield called First City National Bank. He was one of its owners and members of the board of directors until it was later sold.

Dick served 30 years as a board member and general counsel of the Ozark Empire Fair in addition to other civic and charitable groups. He was a member of Hickory Hills Country Club and First & Calvary Presbyterian Church. He often played golf with his friend, Al Ellison. He enjoyed traveling and spent a lot of time with his wife in Florida. His modest beginning became a full life with loved ones and he always helped people.

Dick was preceded in death by his first wife, Christine. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Janice, his daughter Jennifer and stepdaughter Lindy Fielder and husband Bryan, and beloved grandchildren, etc. He had a special dog named Annie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member and past president Richard K. Wilson and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

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