

MS-2011-7^{Ke}



Chaves County Bar Association MEMORIAL

Date: Friday, February 18, 2011

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Court Room 1
Chaves County Courthouse

Reception: Following Memorial Service

Place: Old Rotunda
Chaves County Courthouse

*Attendees are encouraged to visit the museum during the reception.
A CD of the Oral History Project by Jim Bruin will be available.*

KENNY COUNTY CLERK
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

2011 FEB 18 PM 4:33



Chaves County Bar Association
Memorial Tribute
February 18, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Chaves County District Court Room 1

Hon. Charles Currier, Hon. Freddie Romero, Hon. Ralph Shamas and Hon. Steven Bell
Presiding.

Welcome

Jim Hudson, Vice President

NAME	DOD	PRESENTER
Hon. Fred Watson	12/14/2001	Jim Hudson
Ray Phelps	3/16/2003	Judge Alvin Jones
Paul Eaton	2/2/2004	Stuart Shanor
Glenn Stiff	4/13/2004	Judge Alvin Jones
James T. Jennings	6/12/2004	Dirk Jones
Russell Mann	8/14/2004	R.E. Thompson
Randolph Toth	12/27/2004	John Capps
Bernice D'Abadie	12/18/2005	Judge Alvin Jones
Derek Brooks	6/2/2006	Drew Cloutier
Hon. Paul Snead	10/14/2007	Judge Alvin Jones
Thomas Haines, Jr.	1/8/2008	Rich Olson
Randolph Richardson	7/1/2008	Doug Lunsford
Hon. William J. Schnedar	9/24/2008	Judge Alvin Jones
Hon. Larry Johnson	10/6/2008	Jim Hudson
Jeanne Lahrman	10/11/2008	Kea Riggs
Frank Miller	1/15/2009	Jim Bruin
Richard G. Bean	11/1/2009	Tom Dunlap
Paul Cooter	4/24/2010	Rod Schumacher

Reception to follow the service at the Old Rotunda. Attendees are encouraged to visit the museum during the reception. A CD of Oral History Program by Jim Bruin is available.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

Chaves County Bar Association

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

February 18, 2011 2:00 p.m.

Chaves County District Courtroom 1

1 THE BAILIFF: All rise. District Court
2 is now in session. The Honorable Ralph Shamas, Freddie
3 Romero and Steven Bell presiding.

4 JUDGE ROMERO: Thank you. Please be
5 seated. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. On
6 behalf of the Fifth Judicial District, we would like to
7 thank you for being here with us today in the
8 courthouse. We are here today to honor those members of
9 the bar and our colleagues that have passed on since we
10 last had this sort of a memorial and that was in 2001.

11 Judge Currier is not able to be with us today,
12 because he is conducting a jury trial. He has asked me
13 to read a few remarks that he's made:

14 "I'm sorry for not being able to attend this
15 memorial tribute recognizing the 17 lawyers who served
16 our community. I'm in a criminal jury trial that cannot
17 be changed due to scheduling problems. I'm confident
18 that those whom we remember today would understand. I
19 am personally familiar with all the lawyers listed
20 except for Mr. Miller. I have worked with, had cases
21 against or appeared in front of all of those named."

22 He did indicate that he could share some personal
23 experiences but if he gets down to the reception, I'll
24 ask him to do that at that time.

25 "I also recall with sadness the too early passing

1 of our friends and colleagues Randy Toth, Derek Brooks,
2 Tom Haines and Jeanne Lahrman. Chaves County has been
3 blessed to have all of these lawyers among us. As we
4 remember those we pay tribute to today let us keep in
5 our own memories their images, their smiles their sense
6 of humor and special stories that touched us."

7 On behalf of the district, I would like to thank
8 Jean Willis and the Chaves County Bar Association for
9 all of their hard work and planning and creating this
10 memorial. At this time I will turn over the proceedings
11 to Mr. Jim Hudson, Vice President of the Chaves County
12 Bar Association.

13
14 JIM HUDSON: May it please the Court,
15 Judge Romero, Judge Shamas, Judge Bell. Ladies and
16 gentlemen, I have long held that there are many things
17 that set apart the Chaves County Bar and make it one of
18 the elite Bars in this country. We gather today to
19 carry on a tradition that is an integral part of our Bar
20 Association and part of what I believe sets it apart.
21 We gather today to recognize our members who have passed
22 away.

23 It is our intent today to recognize them, to
24 acknowledge their contribution to the Chaves County Bar
25 and to our community, and to give them just a small

1 measure of the honor that they are due. This is a
2 tradition that has been for some time interrupted and as
3 a result we have a large number of members who we need
4 to acknowledge today. It is not possible in the time
5 that we have to be able to give them the complete
6 recognition and acknowledgment of their accomplishments
7 and contributions.

8 The presentations that you will hear here today are
9 intentionally abbreviated. But I want to assure you
10 that complete memorials will be tendered to the court
11 and made a part of the record of the court. With that
12 introduction, let us now turn to the memorials for our
13 members. I am going ask simply that the presenters come
14 up without introduction and proceed with their
15 memorials. Let me begin.

16 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
17 HONORABLE FRED A. WATSON)

18
19 JUDGE ALVIN JONES: Memorial Resolution
20 for Elson Ray Phelps.

21 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
22 ELSON RAY PHELPS, ESQ.)

23 STUART SHANOR: May it please the Court.

24 THE COURT: You may proceed.

25 STUART SHANOR: Members of the Bar,

1 ladies and gentlemen. This is a memorial tribute to
2 Paul W. Eaton.

3 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
4 PAUL W. EATON)

5 *Additional Comments:*

6 Paul served Chaves County as a member of the county
7 commission and in the years of the Republican Party
8 formation in Roswell, Paul was chairman of the
9 Republican Party.

10 Scott, himself an accomplished lawyer living in
11 Albuquerque, who joins us here today.

12 He has six grandchildren.

13 Paul died on February 2, 2004.

14

15 JUDGE ALVIN JONES: Memorial for Glenn
16 Garland Stiff.

17 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
18 GLENN GARLAND STIFF)

19 *Additional Comments:*

20 Glenn had a famous smile and loved to play
21 practical jokes. Jean Willis who is retired Fifth
22 District Court Administrator said she was often on the
23 end of his pranks. She recounted the time that she and
24 her friend were playing in the Roswell City Ladies' Golf
25 Tournament at the Roswell Country Club. It was late on

1 a Fall evening when they approached the last hole, a Par
2 3 that required a shot over the lake. As they got to
3 the tee box they noticed someone sitting at a table in
4 the middle of the green. They tried to get him off the
5 green, he waived them off.

6 This continued for a while until they both hit
7 their tee shots, which of course missed the green. When
8 they got to the green, Glenn Stiff was sitting at the
9 table in the middle of the green with two extra chairs,
10 there were also two double Martini's on the table.
11 Glenn smiled and said, "I figured you ladies would need
12 these," and he was right. And in the end they got an
13 ovation from the clubhouse.

14

15 DIRK JONES: May it please the Court.

16 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for

17 JAMES T. JENNINGS)

18 *Additional Comments:*

19 Thank you.

20

21 R.E. THOMPSON: May it please the Court,
22 ladies and gentlemen. It is with pleasure that I stand
23 to offer this memorial in the memory of Russ Mann who
24 was not only a good friend but a man who taught me most
25 of what I know about the practice of trial law.

1 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
2 RUSSELL D. MANN)

3 *Additional Comments:*

4 Russ taught those of us that came up in his shadow
5 some important things about the practice of trial law.
6 And probably the two things that he taught me that I
7 remember the most are the fact that hard work, brutally
8 hard work wins more trials than natural eloquence and
9 the importance of leaving the trial arena or even before
10 the trial arena with a personal relationship with the
11 lawyer on the other side.

12 It wasn't long when I started practice before I
13 learned that if I was going to trial with Russ Mann I
14 better take some extra food along because Russ didn't
15 have time to eat. You didn't have breakfast, you didn't
16 have lunch, you were lucky if you got dinner before you
17 got started getting ready for the next day. So the word
18 in the firm was if you were going to trial with Russ you
19 better -- they didn't have energy bars in those days,
20 you better take some snacks or candy bars along.

21 Russ worked hard, he prepared well and he tried
22 cases if not in every single courtroom in this state I
23 would say almost all courtrooms in this state, was
24 successful, was selected by General Motors as its only
25 attorney in the State of New Mexico for 10 or 20 years

1 and tried cases for them wherever they arose in this
2 state. But maybe the more important things that Russ
3 taught was you can be an aggressive, affective trial
4 lawyer but have a good personal relationship with the
5 lawyers on the other side.

6 He tried with cases with lawyers that in their days
7 were the outstanding Plaintiffs lawyers, people like
8 Mike Rosenberg, Dick Blenden, Paul Snead, Glenn Stiff.
9 And yet despite the tough tussels of the day, despite
10 the difficulties that might arise, Russ remained good
11 personal friends, and in some cases with people like
12 Mike Rosenberg and Dick Blenden close personal friends.
13 They could tussle out during the day and retire to the
14 bar and have a toddy in the evening and they remained
15 close friends to the end.

16 Thank you. .

17

18 JOHN CAPPS: May it please the Court.
19 I'm going to read the resolution. I might note just at
20 the beginning I don't think Randy Toth would have really
21 sought this distinction out, but I'm sure he would
22 appreciate it. I had the opportunity to work with him
23 for a number of years from his early days with the
24 District Attorney's Office here in Chaves County to his
25 work for the City of Roswell as city attorney.

1 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
2 RANDOLPH MARK TOTH)

3
4 JUDGE ALVIN JONES: This is a memorial
5 resolution for Bernice Santheson D'Abadie.

6 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
7 BERNICE SANTHESON D'ABADIE)

8
9 DREW CLOUTIER: May it please the Court,
10 honored guests, fellow members of Bar, ladies and
11 gentlemen.

12 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
13 DEREK L. BROOKS)

14 *Additional Comments:*

15 I ask this Court and the Bar to accept this
16 Memorial, Derek's Obituary and a Eulogy delivered at the
17 mass celebrating Derek's life into its permanent
18 records, and request that the Court and Bar extend their
19 sympathies to his family and loved ones in his memory.
20 Thank you.

21
22 JUDGE ALVIN JONES: I'm at this time
23 presenting a memorial resolution to the Hon. Edward Paul
24 Snead, Jr. I would like to comment before I begin
25 presenting the resolution that as I have explained to

1 the present judge of the Second Judicial District -- I'm
2 sorry, the present judge of the II Division of the Fifth
3 Judicial District that Paul was kind of the starter of
4 what I referred to as a high forehead division of that
5 court. He was a dear friend and a wonderful person. I
6 was very privileged to succeed Paul in Division II.

7 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
8 HONORABLE EDWARD PAUL SNEAD, JR.)

9
10 RICH OLSON: May it please the Court,
11 ladies and gentlemen of the Bar, my esteemed colleagues,
12 guests and friends. This is a memorial resolution for
13 Thomas David Haines, Jr. who passed away on January 8th,
14 2008.

15 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
16 THOMAS DAVID HAINES, JR.)

17 *Additional Comments:*

18 Maison is here today with Nanette.

19
20 DOUG LUNSFORD: If the Court please. I
21 now appear in the place of Doug Lunsford who was
22 suddenly unable to attend this afternoon.

23 As I say, Doug intended to be here this afternoon
24 and he offered the memorial resolution for Randolph M.
25 Richardson, III. Whereas the death of Randolph "Randy"

1 M. Richardson, III, on July 1, 2008, marked the close of
2 a long and distinguished career of an outstanding
3 attorney, petroleum landman and citizen of Chaves County
4 in a span of more than 50 years of service to the legal
5 and the oil and gas professions. And whereas it is
6 fitting and proper that the Chaves County Bar
7 Association preserve for its records and for posterity
8 the resume of the life of this prominent citizen,
9 attorney and petroleum landman.

10 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
11 RANDOLPH M. RICHARDSON, III)
12

13 JUDGE ALVIN JONES: It's my honor to
14 present this memorial this afternoon on behalf of the
15 Honorable William J. Schnedar. I want to make a few
16 comments before I get started. Bill and I were dear
17 friends and as I used to tell him he was my spiritual
18 adviser, a role he took seriously, believe me.

19 The life and service of a judge is somewhat
20 isolating in some respects and to have spent that time
21 for as long as I did with such a dear friend and a
22 wonderful colleague and someone I absolutely and
23 implicitly trusted and with whom I couldn't pick a fight
24 with if I tried was an absolute blessing. It's a memory
25 that I'll treasure for my lifetime.

1 Among other things, Bill and I set up the divisions
2 here in Chaves County District Court. I became the
3 children's court judge, he was pleased to send all of
4 that my way, and he became the family law judge. Bill
5 had a real passion for making family court accessible to
6 people not just a place where family lawyers could make
7 a living. But he wanted to make it a place where people
8 could go and hopefully work out their family problems
9 with a minimum of acrimony and disruption especially
10 with the regard to the lives of their children.

11 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
12 HONORABLE WILLIAM J. SCHNEDAR)

13

14 JIM HUDSON: It is my honor to present
15 this memorial resolution for the Honorable Lawrence H.
16 Johnson.

17 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
18 HONORABLE LAWRENCE H. JOHNSON)

19 *Additional Comments:*

20 Regina Elise Johnson who I believe is with us
21 today.

22

23 KEA RIGGS: May it please the Court. It
24 is on honor and privilege to present to you today a
25 memorial on behalf of Jeanne Lahrman. Jeanne was a

1 friend and a dear colleague for many years.
2 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
3 JEANNE MARIE LAHRMAN)

4 *Additional Comments:*

5 During her youth, she developed a lifelong love of
6 animals especially her beloved dogs and the ponies

7 Ms. Lahrman did not hesitate to speak her mind on
8 any subject, loudly if she didn't feel like you were
9 listening closely enough.

10

11 JIM BRUIN: May it please the Court.
12 Memorial resolution Frank C. Miller, February 18, 2011.

13 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
14 FRANK C. MILLER)

15 *Additional Comments:*

16 This is not part of my resolution but since I will
17 be 85 the day after Paul Eaton's birthday, I hope to see
18 all of you at the next memorial.

19

20 TOM DUNLAP: May it please the Court.
21 Memorial resolution for the Honorable Richard Gates,
22 Dick Bean. We all called him Dick.

23 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for the
24 HONORABLE RICHARD GATES (DICK) BEAN)

25 *Additional Comments:*

1 And I think Dick wrote the resolution that we're
2 all operating from because it sounds like him and he was
3 very close with "Double O."

4 In support of his resolution are attached copies of
5 Dick's death editorials and a death notice. And one of
6 the best parts is that cartoon that Keith Bell drew on
7 Dick when Dick died, shows him driving his old Buick up
8 in the clouds of Heaven and he got the face just
9 perfect.

10 Thank you.

11

12 ROD SCHUMACHER: May it please the
13 Court. Mr. Hudson, members of the Bar, honored guest.
14 It is my distinct privilege to rise and tribute to my
15 friend and colleague the late Paul Adam Cooter. As the
16 last presenter, I am compelled as I stand before this
17 assembly to ask each of you to look over that list,
18 there are some characters. I know that those of you who
19 are my age or in Mr. Bruin's case substantially older
20 are telling yourselves more stories about those guys and
21 were we to start that we'd be here well into the night.

22 I'm compelled to say that one of the deaths that
23 touches me most deeply was that of Jim Jennings. Jim
24 always was not reluctant to pull young lawyers aside and
25 give them advice, most of it unsolicited. Jim told me

1 one time not long after I got here to be very careful
2 and make sure as I went through my legal career such as
3 it was, never let more than 15 percent of my income be
4 derived from the practice of law. And I regret that at
5 the time of his death he had not disclosed to me where
6 the other 85 percent was to come from. The only thing I
7 could think to do was just change jobs.

8 (Refer to the Memorial Resolution for
9 PAUL ADAM COOTER)

10 *Additional Comments:*

11 He practiced for many years with the three
12 gentleman behind me and with me and with others at the
13 firm that eventually bore his name.

14 He bedeviled young lawyers, Judge Bell and I among
15 them, because he would come to your office and he would
16 say "I have a little question." Well, the little
17 question was simply the residue that was left over after
18 he had analyzed a case so thoroughly that there was
19 nothing left but the most obscure legal point you could
20 imagine. And when you came back to him empty handed
21 having been completely unable to find an answer to his
22 so-called little question, he would simply move down the
23 hall and he would go from Bell's office to my office
24 with this same little question and we would discover a
25 week later that we'd been chasing our tails on the same

1 little question that Mr. Cooter had.

2 He was at all times a gentleman. He was positively
3 Victorian in his manners. I never saw him in anything
4 other than a coat and tie in the office. He was courtly
5 in his demeanor, and he taught all of us who were
6 associated with him or at least we should have learned
7 the practice of civility in addition to the practice of
8 law.

9 This is my tribute to the late Paul Adam Cooter. I
10 move the admission of this tribute into the permanent
11 records of this Court. Thank you.

12

13 JIM HUDSON: Ladies and gentlemen, with
14 these memorials we've seen but a glimpse into the lives
15 of these men and women. But from that glimpse I think
16 you will agree with me if you didn't know before that
17 these memorials are a confirmation of the rich history
18 of the Chaves County Bar and the members that we've been
19 honored to serve with over the years. Before we close,
20 I need to extend some thank yous. First and foremost to
21 Jean Willis with that whose tireless work none of this
22 would have happened. I don't think any of you can
23 imagine all the hard work that she put in to getting
24 this to Jim Bruin for his assistance in all of this.

25 To our presenters, thank you for you heartfelt

1 expressions and honors. And to our Judges, thank you
2 for continuing this tradition. And let me thank you
3 also for showing up and helping us give honor to the
4 members of the Chaves County Bar. Before we close, I
5 want to remind you that we are going to have a reception
6 following this in the old rotunda downstairs.

7 The museum is also going to be open and I encourage
8 you to visit that, if you have a chance. And at the
9 reception also Jim Bruin was kind enough, an honor to
10 give an oral history of the Chaves County Bar and some
11 of the things that went on to it. And we have copies of
12 his presentation. I'll have those down at the
13 reception, and you're welcome to them. Please feel free
14 to take one. I think you will really enjoy it..

15 With that, Judge Romero, I would ask that these
16 proceedings be adjourned.

17

18 JUDGE ROMERO: Thank you. This Court
19 will adopt the resolutions presented today. The Court
20 will make these memorials a permanent part of the record
21 of this Court. The memorials will be contained in a
22 file that will continue as a permanent record contained
23 with this Court of the Court's proceedings. At this
24 time we'll be in recess.

25 (NOTE: Court in recess at 3:32 p.m.)

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORABLE FRED A. WATSON

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

The Honorable Fred A. Watson was born December 30, 1930, in Roswell, New Mexico to Attorney Neil B. Watson and Ruth Askren Watson. He was the grandson of famed trial attorney, O. O. Askren, who practiced in Las Vegas, New Mexico and Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. Askren was the second Attorney General of the State of New Mexico serving from 1918-1920.

Judge Watson attended the University of New Mexico from 1955 to 1958 where he met Patricia (Patti) Wright who grew up in Carlsbad. They eloped on November 1, 1953 after knowing each other for three weeks.

Judge Watson passed away December 30, 2001 in Green Valley, Arizona. His wife, Patti, passed away in Rio Rancho, New Mexico on September 26, 2010.

Judge Watson received his law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1958. He was City Attorney for the City of Artesia from June 1962 to January, 1980. He served as District Judge of the Fifth Judicial, Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties, from January 30, 1989 to August 31, 1995.

Fred and Patti have two children, Patti Watson Leake and Fred Watson of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fred has one sister, Martha Watson Linnell of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Judge Watson was a good stand -up comic and magician. He performed at many functions and at New Mexico State Bar conventions.

WHEREAS, The Chaves County Bar Association and the Fifth Judicial District, desires by the adoption of this memorial resolution to pay tribute to the Honorable Fred A. Watson for his long service to the New Mexico State Bar and his service as a judge of the Fifth Judicial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association and the Fifth Judicial District be extended to the members of the family of the Hon. Fred A. Watson and that this resolution of tribute to him be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the records of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Judge Watson's immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY: 

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

ELSON RAY PHELPS, ESQ.

Elson Ray Phelps, and his twin brother, Aaron Kay Phelps, were born March 13, 1918 in Texas to Robert and Mae Phelps. Ray died March 16, 2003 in Roswell.

In the later summer of 1936, Ray and Kay left their homes in Enid, Oklahoma to hitchhike to Lexington, Kentucky and enroll at Transylvania University. They each had \$40 in their pockets and music scholarships awaiting them.

Ray played bassoon in the philharmonic band and symphony and Kay played clarinet. Ray supported himself waiting tables and washing dishes.

Both brothers graduated from Transylvania in three years and earned law degrees at the University of Oklahoma in 1942, and went on to successful careers, Ray in private practice and Kay in the federal judiciary. They remained close all their lives.

Ray married Ferinez Brininstool in 1947 and they started a law practice in Clayton, New Mexico.

Ferinez had a law degree from the University of Texas. In 1954 they moved to Roswell and established a practice. They had three daughters, Claudia Phelps, Andrea Phelps and Robbin Phelps. Ray had one sister Celestia Giles of Walnut Creek, California. Ray's brother Kay died in 1994. He and Ferinez were divorced. Ray married Betsy Brown in Roswell, December 28, 1986. Betsy died October 10, 2007.

In 1996 Ray established the Phelps Family Scholarship Fund at Transylvania University where students will benefit for years to come from his generosity.


Ray had a life-long passion for music and art. He played bassoon in the Roswell Symphony, and, as an art collector, helped found the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late E. Ray Phelps and his career of fifty years as a member of the legal profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of E. Ray Phelps and that this resolution be made a part of

the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY: 
DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

PAUL EATON MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT; FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BAR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS WITH A FEELING OF HONOR AND NOSTALGIA THAT I STAND BEFORE YOU IN THIS COURT ROOM TO PAY TRIBUTE TO PAUL EATON, MY MENTOR, MY COLLEAGUE, MY PARTNER AND MY FRIEND. IT IS IN THIS COURTROOM THAT PAUL PLIED HIS CRAFT AND DEVELOPED HIS REPUTATION AS AN EXCEPTIONAL ATTORNEY. I FEEL THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER, THOUGH NOW MODERNIZED, SMILING DOWN ON THE MEMORY OF PAUL EATON.

PAUL WAS BORN ON MARCH 16, 1925, TO PAUL AND HAZEL STORZ EATON OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

AT AGE 18 HE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY, AT A TIME WHEN WORLD WAR II HAD THE WORLD IN TURMOIL. PAUL SERVED ON A DESTROYER ESCORT AND ULTIMATELY WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED WITH THE RANK OF LT. JG IN 1946.

UPON HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE NAVY, PAUL ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, OBTAINING AN AB DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. HE THEN OBTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 1950.

PAUL MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, HOPE INGOLD, IN DETROIT IN 1951, AND THEY EMBARKED ON A HONEY MOON TRIP THAT LED THEM TO ROSWELL, WHERE THEY DECIDED TO SETTLE.

PAUL WENT TO WORK FOR ATTORNEY, A. B. CARPENTER,. PAUL ALWAYS TOLD THE STORY THAT HE HAD TO WORK FOR NO PAY FOR SIX MONTHS TO PROVE TO OLD A. B. THAT HE WAS COMPETENT TO PRACTICE LAW. PAUL OPENED HIS OWN LAW OFFICE WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND, SOON THEREAFTER, HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE LAW FIRM OF HERVEY, DOW AND HINKLE IN 1956.

PAUL DEVELOPED AN EXPERTISE IN FEDERAL OIL AND GAS MATTERS AND WAS A GO TO LAWYER IN THIS AREA OF THE LAW. HE WAS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED LAWYER IN THE AREA OF WATER RIGHTS LAW, AND HE REPRESENTED NUMEROUS NATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL FARMERS IN COMPLEX WATER RIGHT MATTERS. THROUGH THE FIRM'S REPRESENTATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, PAUL DEVELOPED AN EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC UTILITY LAW AND, ULTIMATELY, HE BECAME CHIEF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, A POSITION HE HELD FOR MANY YEARS.

WHEN SOUTHWESTERN MOVED ITS MAIN CORPORATE OFFICE TO AMARILLO, PAUL OPENED AN OFFICE OF THE FIRM, WHICH THEN CARRIED THE NAME HINKLE, BONDURANT, COX AND EATON. HE MANAGED THE FIRM IN AMARILLO

AND REPRESENTED SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

FROM 1951 TO THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT IN 1995, PAUL EATON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AMONG JUDGES, LAWYERS AND CLIENTS FOR HIS METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND HIS COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE. HIS HALLMARKS WERE CIVILITY, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.

PAUL SERVED CHAVES COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

PAUL WAS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HOPE, HIS MOTHER, HAZEL AND HIS THREE WONDERFUL CHILDREN, SCOTT, A LAWYER IN ALBUQUERQUE, BOB, A BANKER IN ALBUQUERQUE AND ELIZABETH DOYLE, A TEACHER IN RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN AND HIS NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN.

PAUL WILL BE REMEMBERED NOT ONLY AS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN, LAWYER, HUSBAND AND FATHER BUT ALSO AS A YOUNG AT HEART, EXUBERANT, FUN LOVING GUY WHO WAS ALWAYS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY AND WAS LOVED DEARLY BY HIS MANY FRIENDS.

WHEREAS, THE CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DESIRE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PAUL W. EATON FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER, SPANNING MORE THAN 50 YEARS, WHICH HAS ADDED LUSTRE TO OUR NOBLE PROFESSION AND TO OUR BAR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BE EXTENDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF PAUL W. EATON AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO HIM BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE MEMBERS OF PAUL W. EATON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2011

THE CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BY _____
DISTRICT JUDGE

Memorial by Stuart D. Shanor of
Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

GLENN GARLAND STIFF

Glenn Garland Stiff was born August 20, 1922 in Sweetwater, Texas, the son of Ray C. and Alamaza Stiff. He died April 5, 2004 in Roswell. Glenn graduated from Hobbs High School where he was recognized for his play on the basketball team. In 1944, Glenn graduated from the University of Texas. He joined the United States Navy as an Ensign and was serving in Germany at the end of World War II. Glenn returned to the University of Texas and received his law degree in 1947.

Glenn practiced law briefly in Clovis before moving to Roswell in 1949 where he was associated with Howard Buchly, Lou Kimmell and Dick Bean. Later he was a partner with William C. Schauer before he entered private practice. Glenn and Juanita Singer were married in 1951.

Glenn served on the Roswell City Council and as President of the Country Club.

Glenn's wife Juanita Singer Stiff died January 10, 2010 in Lubbock, Texas. Glenn's son Glenn Garland, Jr. , was killed in a car accident on his way to enroll in law school. Glenn never recovered from the loss of his son. He is survived by his daughter Carolyn Ann Nunnally, a grandson, Jay, a grand daughter, Katie and a great grandson, Kory Kristner. Glenn had one brother, Lawson Stiff, who was also an attorney, of Lubbock, Texas. Lawson died May 14, 2008 at the age of 91.

WHEREAS, The Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Glenn Garland Stiff for his fifty plus years of service to the Chaves County Bar Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of Glenn Garland Stiff and that this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, and of the permanent records of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Glenn Stiff's immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY: 

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

MEMORIAL

For the record of this Court, James T. Jennings was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, on April 8, 1914 to J.H. "Red" and Theresa Traynor Jennings. He grew up in El Paso where his father was a conductor on the Southern Pacific railroad. Jim graduated from Cathedral High School in El Paso Texas in 1931, Notre Dame University (cum laude) in 1935 and the University of Texas Law School in 1938. A few weeks after his graduation from the University of Texas Law School, he began practicing law in Roswell with G.T. Watts in September, 1938, after he received the highest score on the New Mexico bar exam, and practiced law in Roswell until his death on June 10, 2004.

Active in community affairs, Jim Jennings served as the first president of the Roswell Industrial Development Corporation when it was organized to overcome the loss of jobs and people when the Walker Air Force Base closed in 1967. He was equally active in his profession serving as president of the New Mexico Bar Association from 1960 -1961, a delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates for 16 years, the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association for three years, and a Life Member and Fellows of the American Bar Association. In 1981, he was honored when he received the New Mexico State Bar Distinguished Service Award. At the time of his death he was practicing as Jennings & Jones, L.C. He also practiced as Jennings & Copple, Jennings, Christy & Copple and Jennings & Christy.

In addition to his law practice, Jim Jennings was an oil man and owned and operated the Penasco River Ranch. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Jim married Frances Schultz in Roswell on June 30, 1942. They had six children: James T. Jennings, Jr. of Hernando, Mississippi, Mary Maloney of Roswell, John Jennings of Frisco, Texas, Tom Jennings of Roswell, Tim Jennings of Roswell and Carol Rolfs of Tower Lakes, Illinois. He had 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Senator Tim Jennings said his father provided a model for his life in public service. “If there was one thing my father taught all his kids, it was the value of the community as a whole. My father taught us a lot about working hard. It was OK to play hard, but you have to work hard, as well. Because of his knowledge of the law, he gave us a really strong sense of law and the Constitution.”

Known as a strong willed practitioner of the law, Jim Jennings had a passion for the law. He had a passion for life. These passions have an enduring quality which have been passed on to many others and will continue to be passed on to others. We should not forget either the direct or indirect impact Jim Jennings had on our lives, and the lives of others.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL D. MANN

Russ Mann was born in southern Illinois on August 10, 1911. He died on August 14, 2004 after a fall and subsequent medical complications. He was in the United States Army during World War II and served in France. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he attended St. Louis University School of Law, where he graduated in 1951.

In 1950, he married Pauline Ward and they later had two sons, Russell, Jr. and Larry.

Russ joined the Atwood & Malone law firm in 1952, where he specialized in litigation. He was an active trial defense lawyer, served on the New Mexico Board of Bar Commissioners, the New Mexico Judicial Council and in 1973-74 as president of the State Bar of New Mexico. He was active throughout his career in the American and New Mexico Bar Associations. He was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and received the Professionalism Award from the State Bar of New Mexico, which is the State Bar's highest honor. He was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America.

Russ enjoyed flying private aircraft and political activities.

In 1995 he joined the Modrall Sperling law firm where he continued his litigation career. He remained with the Modrall Sperling law firm until his death.

The Chaves County Bar Association adopts this memorial resolution to pay tribute to the late Russell D. Mann for his career of 52 years as a member of the New Mexico Bar Association and his service to the Chaves County Bar Association and the New Mexico Bar Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chaves County Bar Association extends its sympathy to members of the family of Russell D. Mann and that this resolution be made part in the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association and that copies of this Resolution be sent to members of his immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
RANDOLPH MARK TOTH
FEBRUARY 18, 2011**

Whereas, the death of Randolph Mark Toth, on December 27, 2004, at Roswell, New Mexico, marked the close of a distinguished career of an outstanding citizen and lawyer and,

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Chaves County Bar Association preserve for its records and for posterity a resume of the life of this devoted citizen and esteemed lawyer, the following facts about him are recalled:

Randy was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 16, 1949, the son of George and Arlein Toth. He joined the U.S. Army at 17 and fought for his country in Vietnam. He next served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Randy then attended Brigham Young University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1976 and a Juris Doctorate in 1979.

At BYU he met his eternal companion, Nancy Whitcomb. They were married on August 23, 1978 in the Manti, Utah LDS Temple. They have four Children: Jennifer, Heidi, Rachel and Joshua.

In New Mexico Randy worked in the Fifth Judicial District Attorney's Office in Roswell as an Assistant District Attorney and Senior Trial Prosecutor in the 1980's. He continued his work in city government with the City of Farmington as an Assistant City Attorney and with the City of Roswell as Deputy City Attorney and then City Attorney until his retirement in 2001.

During his service to the citizens of New Mexico, Randy exemplified outstanding competence and devotion to the law. He yet was able to combine with that commitment even higher devotion to his family and his church. A devoted husband and father he put his family's desires ahead of his own and was never hesitant to say "I Love You". He attended his children's activities, cheering from start to finish, and always challenged them to do the best they could.

Always Randy was a scholar and a teacher. As a Civil War and history buff he welcomed debate on history or politics. He will be long remembered for his joyous and exemplary life.

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Bar Association desires, by adoption of this Memorial Resolution, to pay tribute to the late Randolph Mark Toth and his illustrious career as a member of the legal profession;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of Randy Toth and that this resolution of tribute to him be made a part of the permanent record of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, and the permanent record of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of said Court to the members of Mr. Toth's immediate family.

February 18, 2011

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

BERNICE SANTHESON D'ABADIE

Bernice Santheson D'Abadie, a native of Roswell, was born August 23, 1924 to Stig S. Santheson and Jessie Mapes Santheson. The Santhesons were a pioneer Roswell family, who immigrated from Sweden, and established the family home, two green houses and a florist shop at 507 and 509 North Atkinson in 1905. After graduation from Roswell High School in 1942, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Louisiana State University and did graduate work at San Diego State University.

Bernice was married to Robert D'Abadie, who preceded her in death in 1965. Her son, Jon R. D'Abadie, also predeceased her in 1999. She is survived by two children, Alan D'Abadie of Roswell and Dr. Nancy Linton of Midway, Georgia, a grandson Nathan D'Abadie of Alexander, Arkansas. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Stanley and Nancy Santheson, of Roswell, and two nieces Stephana Santheson Thornton of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ciri Santheson Enoch of Las Cruces.

Bernice returned to Roswell in 1967 and became a partner with her brother, Stanley Santheson, in the pioneer family business, Roswell Floral Company. As she neared retirement, Bernice felt compelled to pursue a long standing dream of becoming an attorney-at-law. She attended law school at the University of Wyoming and passed the New Mexico Bar exam when she was 65. She served as the first law clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court, and as a staff attorney for the Child Support Enforcement Division of the State of New Mexico.

Bernice was an active participant in the Pecos River water rights case. She was featured in the January 2004 issue of New Mexico Magazine as "Roswell's Protectoress of the Waters". She was volunteer librarian for the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District. She collected legal briefs, maps and exhibits from numerous water disputes related to the Pecos River and Roswell Artesian Basin. She did extensive research on the historic water ditches in the Roswell and Pecos River areas and planned on writing a history of these ditches.

Bernice was active all of her life in the business and social affairs of the community. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, Grand Drill Leader of the Order of Rainbow Girls, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, Charter President of the San Diego Chapter of Women in Communications, New Mexico District Chairman of the Florist Delivery Association, past president of Roswell Knife and Fork Club, a charter member of the New Mexico Ladies' Bar Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Southeast New Mexico.

For many years Bernice was interested in restoring World War II Jeeps and showing them at car shows and national conventions of the International Military Vehicle Preservation Society.

Bernice was proud to be an attorney. She did not take kindly to "lawyer jokes" or criticism of the legal system. Her marker at South Park Cemetery says simply:

BERNICE SANTHESON D'ABADIE

AUGUST 30, 1924 – DECEMBER 18, 2005

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

WHEREAS, The Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Bernice Santheson D'Abadie for her services to the Bar and legal system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of Bernice Santheson D'Abadie, and that this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, and of the permanent records of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Bernice Santheson D'Abadie's immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY: 

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Memorial: Derek L. Brooks

May it please the Court, honored guest, ladies and gentlemen:

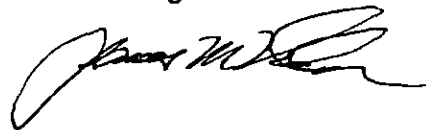
Derek Lawrence Brooks was my friend and law partner. He died at the young age of 36 on June 2, 2006.

As an attorney, Derek was curious, intelligent, hard-working, and, most of all, likable. Derek was born and raised in New City, New York just outside New York City. His curiosity and adventurousness is seen in his choices in higher education. While his friends and peers selected schools in the northeast corridor, Derek headed to places he had never been. He attended Carleton College in Minnesota where he got a B.S. in Geology; then went to the University of Wyoming for a M.S. in Geology; and, after working for a living for a short period of time and finding that geology was not his passion, went to Law School at Washington and Lee. Derek's love of the outdoors and the fact that the love of his life, Alicia, grew up in New Mexico and Wyoming, led Derek to a job in Roswell.

I remember one of our partners exclaiming, in frustration, "He's such a Boy Scout!" The frustrations with Derek arose from his ideals. Derek was, and lived his life as, an Eagle Scout. He loved advocacy but as an advocate for both truth and his client, not just his client. He always thought and assumed the best of his fellow human beings, even opposing counsel. The exclamation of frustration that I relayed arose from a situation where Derek made an oral agreement with opposing counsel, failed to commit it to writing, and was dismayed to learn that opposing counsel recollection of the conversation, after Derek had done as he promised, was extremely one-sided.

Derek was a good, young lawyer with a promising career. Derek's life will not be measured in the depositions he took, motions he wrote and argued, the few trials he tried, or the appellate decisions resulting from his briefs. Rather it will be measured by the lives he touched. Derek was a devoted and loving husband and father to Alicia and their beloved daughter Anna. He never met another human being that he did not find interesting and likable. Outside his family and friends, Derek's most lasting impression on this community was his generous sharing of his passion for the outdoors and Boy Scouting by being the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 149 here in Roswell. He singlehandedly resurrected the Troop from dormancy, recruited boys, and quickly was camping, shooting, hiking and indulging in his greatest passion, backpacking. The Nature and Ecology Center at Camp Wehinapay was built by funds raised by Derek's friends and is named in his honor.

Derek died far too early for any of us to know with any certainty how successful his legal career would have been. We know that he was a credit to his profession as an exemplary human being. It is impossible to calculate the number of lives Derek would have bettered had he not succumbed to a rare and virulent form of cancer at age 36. However, the world would be a much better place if all of us were to meaningfully touch and improve as many lives as Derek did in his short time among us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John M. [unclear]', written in a cursive style.

Attachments:

1. Obituary from the Roswell Daily Record on June 4, 2006
2. Eulogy delivered at the Mass of the Resurrection celebrated June 7, 2006

Obituaries

Continued from Page A8

homa; and her sisters: Sue Famed and her husband Odie; and Teresa Kidwell also of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary will lie in state for visitation from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday at Ballard Funeral Home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Ballard Funeral Home and Crematory.



Derek Lawrence Brooks
Husband, Father, Friend

Derek Lawrence Brooks

Derek Lawrence Brooks, 36, cherished husband of Alicia and father of Anna Catherine, passed away at his home in Roswell on Friday, June 2, 2006. Derek, a partner at the law firm of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor and Martin, had been suffering for over a year from mediastinal non-seminoma, germ-cell cancer. His wife and her family, his parents and brother and friends were with him when he died.

Derek was born in New York City on Nov. 22, 1969, educated in public schools in New York City, New York and attended Carleton College in Northville, Minn., majoring in geology. After gaining a Master's degree in geology at the University of

Wyoming in Laramie, Derek earned a Doctorate in Jurisprudence at Washington and Lee University Law School in Lexington, Va.

Derek and Alicia were married in Roswell on Aug. 2, 1997. Following graduation from law school, Derek and his wife moved to Roswell, where he began work at Hinkle Law firm in 1999. Derek immediately immersed himself in the life of the community. He restarted Boy Scout Troop 149. He was proud that this resulted in five Eagle Scouts, but even more proud of the love of the outdoors that he was able to instill in the boys under his charge. He relished camping, backpacking and sharing stories and jokes with his scouts and devoted many of his vacation days to them. He also fulfilled his lifelong dream of experiencing Philmont Scout Ranch twice, once during a 12-day backpacking trip in 2003 and again during a seven-day horseback expedition in 2004. His love of the outdoors was vibrant until the end. He proudly mastered turkey calls a few weeks before his death.

Derek's commitment to the legal practice manifested itself in several ways. He was deeply interested in just solutions to complex problems. He was naturally curious about the law and why the law was what it was, especially the moral principles behind it. He greatly enjoyed the scope of his practice, which included civil and criminal cases and brought him into contact with people from all walks of life. Shortly before his death, Derek expressed how grateful he was to have been able to practice law in the State of New Mexico and the Fifth Judicial District and; the opportunity of working within in the collegiality and integrity of the bar.

Derek's life was dedicated to faith, family and the highest values of the legal profession. His idealism has helped many

others become aware of and strive for those goals so essential to community and nation.

But above all, Derek was in love with the life that God gave him: every day was beautiful, and every person was interesting. The generosity of his spirit continues to illuminate and change lives.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Ballard Funeral Home and Crematory. A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, at Assumption Catholic Church in Roswell. A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the church. The interment will follow at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Derek and Alicia would like to thank Dr. Sanyal, the nurses and staff at Southeastern New Mexico Hematology and Oncology for their compassion and the many hours of hard work they devoted to us.

Jose Carlos Brito

A rosary will be held for Joe C. Brito on June 5 at 12:15 p.m. and a Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on June 5 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church.

Joe was born on Aug. 29, 1953, in Roswell, to Mauricio and Beatrice Brito.

Joe is survived by his daughters, Medea Ponce and Valerie Brito; grandchildren, Dominic, Deserrae, Christopher and Alexis; brother, Hector Brito of Albuquerque; sisters, Elida and husband Robert Zamora; Nellie Fields; Martha Ramirez; Gloria Brito and Nadine and husband Stewart "Bud" Jones of Roswell; nephews, Michael and Joe Ray Brito; niece, Amanda Carrasco; mother of his children, Christi Brito, and many other loving extended family members.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Esther Brito; nephews, Robert Anthony Zamora and Hector "Tito" Brito and our "Nani."

Joe will be laid to rest at South Park Cemetery.

Ethanol

COON RAPIDS, Iowa — A tractor trailer rig bles into the Tall Ethanol plant. Corn from openings in its bins underground, w conveyor belts and bu haul it to gleaming silos rising 13 stories a the Iowa plains.

The 40-acre disti turns corn into alcoh quantities that would a moonshiner's dream.

Instead of white light the brew is converted ethanol, a fuel that m money for farmers as seen as a possible sol to today's high oil and prices.

Like the other modern stills dotting the Midwe landscape, the Coon Rapids plant reached capacity after opening — within days, to be precise.

Ethanol production in United States is growing quickly that for the time, farmers expect to as much corn this year ethanol plants as the overseas.

"It's the most stunning development in agricultural markets today — I can't think of anything else like this," says Keith Col the U.S. Agriculture Department's chief economist.

The amount of corn for ethanol, estimate 2.15 billion bushels year, would amount to at 20 percent of the national entire crop, according department projections.

Even as ethanol devoted corn and pushes prices higher, the president Congress are calling for a greater ethanol use. V Street cannot seem to enough of ethanol-related investments. Automal are speeding ethanol-cable vehicles onto the road. Yet the ethanol indust

AS SHE GROWS UP, MY LITTLE FRIEND ANNA CATHERINE BROOKS WILL HAVE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HER FATHER DEREK. THROUGH THE YEARS OF HER LIFE, DEREK'S ABSENCE WILL BE FELT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. SHE WILL WANT TO KNOW HOW HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS, WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, WHAT HE WOULD HAVE SAID TO COMFORT HER, WHAT ADVICE HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN. IT FALLS TO US—DEREK'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS—TO TELL HER.

WHILE OUR DUTY TO ANNA MAY BE EXPRESSED SIMPLY, IT IS FAR FROM SIMPLE. WHEN A CHILD LOSES A PARENT, EVEN THOSE CLOSEST TO THE DECEASED WILL ENGAGE IN SOME DEGREE OF UNCERTAIN SPECULATION, AND PROBABLY A LITTLE GILDING OF THE LILY, WHEN ANSWERING A CHILD'S

QUESTIONS. ALL OF US, IF WE ARE HONEST, HAVE THOUGHTS OR MOTIVATIONS THAT WE WOULD NOT EXPRESS KNOWING THAT OTHERS, ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN, WOULD FIND THOSE HIDDEN THINGS VERY UNATTRACTIVE.

IN PONDERING WHAT WE MIGHT SAY TO ANNA WHEN SHE HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT DEREK, I DO NOT THINK WE WILL NEED TO SPECULATE TOO MUCH AND IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO EXAGGERATE. IF WE REMEMBER 16 WORDS; 16 WORDS THAT DEREK UTTERED OFTEN IN HIS LIFE; 16 WORDS THAT MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM ALSO SAY REGULARLY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER MANY OF ANNA'S QUESTIONS ABOUT DEREK.

THOSE 16 WORDS ARE: "A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY,

**BRAVE, CLEAN AND REVERENT.” THIS IS THE SCOUT
LAW.**

**BOY SCOUTS AND LEADERS FAR AND WIDE
RECITE THESE 16 WORDS AT LEAST ONCE AT EVERY
SCOUT MEETING. FOR SOME, THE SCOUT LAW IS
SIMPLE ROTE THAT HAS LITTLE MORE MEANING
THAN REPEATING THE ABC’S.**

**FOR MOST OF US, THOSE WORDS ARE
INSPIRATIONAL AND ASPIRATIONAL. TO US, WHILE
WE STRIVE TO BECOME THE PERSON THAT THE
SCOUT LAW CALLS US TO BE, WE REGULARLY FIND
OURSELVES HAVING FORGOTTEN TO THINK ABOUT,
LET ALONE FOLLOW, THE SCOUT LAW WHEN
MAKING CERTAIN DECISIONS AND CHOICES. MANY
TIMES WE DO NOT MEASURE OUR ACTIONS AND
WORDS AGAINST THE SCOUT LAW. IN FACT, IF**

PRESSED, WE WOULD PROBABLY ADMIT THAT IT WOULD BE PECULIAR FOR US TO DO SO.

DEREK WAS NOT A PERFECT MAN, BUT THE SCOUT LAW WAS HIS CREDO. DEREK CONSTANTLY MEASURED HIS ACTIONS, WORDS AND DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF WHICH HE WAS NOT PROUD, AGAINST THE SCOUT LAW. I WOULD ADD THAT HE FOLLOWED THE TEACHINGS OF GOD AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BUT AS DEREK AND EVERY GOOD SCOUT KNOWS GOD'S LAWS AND CHURCH TEACHINGS ARE AT LEAST CAPTURED IN THE SCOUT LAW'S "REVERENT" REQUIREMENT. IN SO MEASURING HIS ACTIONS, DEREK WAS A MAN WHO RARELY REPEATED A MORAL LAPSE.

THOSE OF US WHO GREW UP AS SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS WITH DEREK IN TROOP 149, WHERE HE WAS A REMARKABLE SCOUTMASTER FOR ALMOST

**FIVE YEARS, OFTEN WISHED THAT THE SCOUT LAW
HAD 17 WORDS. IN PARTICULAR, WE WISHED THAT
LORD BADEN POWELL HAD INSERTED THE WORD
“PROMPT” SOMEWHERE AMONG THE TWELVE
ADJECTIVES THAT HE USED TO DEFINE A SCOUT.
INSTEAD, IT WAS MANY A CAMPOUT THAT WE
WOULD ARRIVE HERE AT ASSUMPTION TO DEPART
AT THE APPOINTED HOUR, READY ALL THE GEAR IN
DEREK’S ABSENCE, WAIT FOR DEREK’S ARRIVAL,
CALL DEREK TO MAKE SURE THAT HE REMEMBERED
ONLY TO ASSURED THAT IT WOULD JUST BE A FEW
MINUTES, AND THEN WAIT, WAIT AND WAIT SOME
MORE. OF COURSE HE WOULD ARRIVE, GIVE A
SHEEPISH APOLOGY AND THEN IMMERSE HIMSELF IN
HIS TROOP AND ITS ACTIVITIES SO THAT HE WAS
QUICKLY FORGIVEN.**

TARDINESS WAS A WEAKNESS OF DEREK'S. HE ALSO TENDED TO ASSUME THE BEST IN OTHERS EVEN WHEN EXPERIENCE OR CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD MAKE MOST OF US MORE WARY. I REMEMBER SOME OF DEREK'S STRUGGLES IN HIS TRAINING TO BECOME A TRIAL LAWYER; AND, TO BE SURE, ALL OF US WHO ASPIRE TO BE TRIAL LAWYERS HAVE OUR STRUGGLES. DEREK TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT OPPOSING ATTORNEYS WOULD ALWAYS HONOR THE SPIRIT OF AN AGREEMENT, NOT JUST THE LETTER, AND HE WOULD FAIL TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE IN THOSE ATTORNEY'S WORDS. ONE OF OUR PARTNERS, EXASPERATED BY DEREK THINKING THAT THERE WAS SOME ENFORCABLE SPIRIT TO HIS AGREEMENT WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL, EXCLAIMED: "HE IS JUST SUCH A BOY SCOUT!"

THAT FRUSTRATION DID NOT LAST LONG AS WE THEN REFLECTED ON WHAT A SAD STATEMENT IT WAS THAT WE COULD CRITICIZE SOMEONE FOR ASSUMING HONESTY AND GOOD WILL IN ANOTHER HUMAN BEING.

ALTHOUGH THE SCOUT LAW GOES A LONG WAY TO DESCRIBING THE PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED DEREK'S LIFE, THAT LAW DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE QUALITIES THAT MADE DEREK WHO HE WAS. I HAVE KNOWN ANNA ALL OF HER LIFE AND, IF THE PAST IS ANY GUIDE, HER FUTURE QUESTIONS ABOUT HER FATHER WILL PENETRATE BEYOND THE 12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW.

WHILE RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO IDENTIFY THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLES OF DEREK'S LIFE, IT IS QUITE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY HIS QUALITIES COMPREHENSIVELY. WORDS ARE TREACHEROUSLY

**LIMITING AT TIMES AND LISTS ARE NECESSARILY
EXCLUSIONARY. NOW THAT I HAVE PROTECTED
MYSELF FROM YOUR CRITICISMS WITH THOSE
CAVEATS, HERE ARE THE QUALITIES THAT I WILL
TELL ANNA THAT HER FATHER WAS GENTLE;
STRONG IN CHARACTER AND BODY; FILLED WITH
FAITH; INQUISITIVE; DETERMINED; ENTHUSIASTIC;
AND, GENEROUS.**

**FOR DEREK'S GENTLENESS, THERE ARE NOT
BETTER WITNESSES THAN THOSE WHO HE LOVED
THE LONGEST AND THOSE THAT HE LOVED BEST.
HIS OLDEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD IS NEAL, LOVED
BY DEREK LONGER THAN ANYONE EXCEPT HIS
PARENTS AND STEPHEN. DEREK AND NEAL WERE
BORN ABOUT TWO MONTHS APART AND LIVED THEIR
ENTIRE LIVES BEFORE COLLEGE IN THE SAME
HOUSES ON THE SAME BLOCK. NEITHER DEREK**

**NOR NEAL HAD A CHILDHOOD MEMORY THAT
PREDATED THEIR FRIENDSHIP. NEAL AND DEREK
REMAINED GREAT FRIENDS THROUGH DEREK'S LIFE
WITH NEAL BEING A FREQUENT VISITOR TO
ROSWELL. NEAL REMEMBERS ONE TIME FOR
CERTAIN, BUT THINKS IT WAS TWICE, THAT HE AND
DEREK FOUGHT.**

**BEFORE WE CREDIT NEAL WITH THAT PEACEFUL
STATE OF AFFAIRS, TURN TO THE PERSON THAT
DEREK LOVED MOST AND BEST—ALICIA. THE DAY
BEFORE DEREK WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER;
ALICIA WAS VISITING HER SISTER IN VERMONT.
ALICIA TOLD HER SISTER HOW PERFECT HER LIFE
WAS AND HOW SHE COULD NOT EVEN REMEMBER A
FIGHT WITH DEREK IN THEIR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS
OF MARRIAGE.**

**FOR DEREK'S STRENGTH OF BODY AND WILL,
WE HAVE NO FURTHER TO LOOK THAN HIS BATTLE
WITH THE AGGRESSIVE CANCER WITH WHICH HE
FOUGHT FOR 14 MONTHS. THE FACT THAT HE HELD
ON FOR SO LONG AND ENJOYED HIS LIFE SO MUCH
DURING HIS BATTLE WITH THIS INSIDIOUS DISEASE
IS A GREAT TESTAMENT TO HIS STRENGTH.**

**EVEN FOR THE BEST OF US, THAT BATTLE
WOULD TEST OUR FAITH IN GOD. A FEW DAYS
BEFORE HIS DEATH I ASKED DEREK IF HE EVER
FOUND HIMSELF ANGRY WITH GOD. DEREK TOLD ME
THAT HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF GETTING ANGRY A
COUPLE OF TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR, BUT HE
COULD NOT SUSTAIN ANY ANGER AT GOD. HE SAID
THAT HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER DEEPENED HIS
FAITH IN GOD AS GOD WAS CONSTANTLY SHOWING
HIM MIRACLES IN OTHERS, IN NATURE AND IN**

**KINDNESS ALL AROUND HIM. HE TOLD ME THAT HE
COULD NEVER BE TRULY ANGRY WITH GOD.**

**DEREK WAS ALWAYS AN INQUISITIVE MAN,
SEEKING TO LEARN NEW THINGS—ONE OF THE MAIN
THINGS THAT ATTRACTED HIM TO THE LAW. HE
BECAME VERY INTERESTED IN HUNTING. HE READ
BOOKS, TALKED TO HUNTERS AND WENT OUT AND
DID BECAME A SUCCESSFUL HUNTER—ADDING
ANOTHER TO THE MANY REASONS HE LOVED THE
OUTDOORS. LIKEWISE DEREK BECAME INTERESTED
IN BREWING BEER AND WORKED HARD AT IT. HE
WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY PROUD OF HIS
PRODUCT, ALTHOUGH IN MY EXPERIENCE AND TO
MY TASTE BUDS HIS PRIDE WAS USUALLY
MISPLACED.**

**DEREK MOST RECENTLY DISPLAYED HIS
INQUISITIVENESS AND DETERMINATION IN HIS**

EFFORTS TO MASTER TURKEY CALLS. OVER THE PAST YEAR, HE WORKED AND WORKED AT IT. ON HIS BREAKS FROM CHEMO IN NEW YORK, HE AND ANNA WOULD RIDE A BIKE AND DEREK WOULD STOP BY THE WOODS AND WORK ON HIS CALL. TO HIS DISMAY, HE NEVER CALLED A TURKEY. A FEW WEEKS AGO, HE WENT OUT WITH DAVID AND BEAU BAUMANN TO SCOUT FOR HUNTING SPOTS NEAR THE PECOS RIVER. DEREK TIRED VERY EASILY AND SPENT MOST OF THE BLISSFUL AFTERNOON IN CAMP. HE PULLED OUT HIS TURKEY CALL AND BEGAN TO CALL. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, IT WORKED. A BEAUTIFUL WILD TURKEY WALKED SLOWLY RIGHT THROUGH CAMP. WHILE ARTISTS RARELY DEPICT THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A TURKEY, DEREK KNEW THAT GOD WAS SENDING HIM A MESSAGE: THAT HE WAS WITH DEREK, THAT HE

LOVED DEREK, AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALLRIGHT.

DEREK'S ENTHUSIASM AND GENEROSITY WERE EVIDENT TO ANYONE WHO KNEW HIM FOR FIVE MINUTES, BUT ARE MOST POIGNANT TO ME IN HIS INVOLVEMENT IN TROOP 149.

DEREK WAS AN EAGLE SCOUT. HE MOVED TO ROSWELL MARRIED WITH NO CHILDREN. PERIODICALLY, THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AT OUR PARISH HERE AT ASSUMPTION WOULD RUN AN ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO RESTART TROOP 149. MANY OF US WISHED SOMEONE WOULD DO IT, THAT SOMEONE ENDED UP BEING DEREK.

FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS, WITH NO CHILD IN THE TROOP, HE GAVE TIRELESSLY AND SELFLESSLY TO HIS BOYS—HOLDING WEEKLY MEETINGS,

**PATIENTLY TEACHING SCOUT SKILLS, GIVING UP
NUMEROUS WEEKENDS AND VACATION DAYS TO
CAMPING, HIKING, BACKPACKING AND HORSEBACK
RIDING WITH HIS BOYS. WHERE MOST MEN IN
DEREK'S SITUATION WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN
INVOLVED, AND THOSE THAT DID WOULD HAVE
BEEN CONTENT TO A MODEST SCHEDULE OF
OUTDOOR, OVERNIGHT ACTIVITIES; DEREK
CONSTANTLY PUSHED THE TROOP TO BIGGER AND
BETTER CAMPOUTS.**

**LAST NIGHT, BOTH FR. BILL AND MARK TALKED
ABOUT DEREK'S LOVE OF INTELLECTUAL
CONVERSATION. TO BE SURE, THAT WAS DEREK,
BUT ONLY A PART OF DEREK. DEREK LOVED AND
WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE
SCATOLOGICAL HUMOR OF ADOLESCENT BOYS.
NEEDLESS TO SAY HIS BOYS WERE DELIGHTED.**

THIS SPRING, DEREK WAS ABLE TO SHARE HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR THE OUTDOORS DIRECTLY WITH ANNA. DESPITE HIS SICKNESS, THEY SPENT TWO NIGHTS CAMPING IN THE BACK YARD.

ALL OF US HERE FEEL A TREMENDOUS LOSS, BUT ALICIA AND ANNA HAVE LOST THE MOST. ALICIA, WHO LOVED DEREK SO DEEPLY AND WHO HAS THE WISDOM OF ADULthood, WILL BE COMFORTED BY HER MEMORIES AND DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF WHO DEREK WAS. ANNA, AS SHE GROWS UP, WILL WONDER BUT WILL NOT HAVE THE CERTAINTY OF KNOWING DEREK WHILE AN ADULT.

NONE OF OUR WORDS WILL EVER FILL HER FATHER'S ABSENCE. BUT WE KNOW THAT, TO THE END, DEREK LIVED HIS LIFE WITH GRACE, WITH A CLEAR MORAL PURPOSE, AND WITH TREMENDOUS ZEST. THAT LIFE, WHICH TOUCHED SO MANY, MUST

**BE REMEMBERED BY EACH OF US SO THAT WE CAN
HELP ANNA WITH THE QUESTIONS THAT SHE WILL
HAVE, SO THAT SHE CAN KNOW WHAT EACH OF US
KNOWS ABOUT HER FATHER.**

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORABLE EDWARD PAUL SNEAD, JR.

Edward Paul Snead, Jr. passed away October 14, 2007. He was born October 12, 1922 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Edward Paul Snead Sr. and Opal West Snead. He had two brothers, Arthur and John Robert and a sister Amella. He graduated from Idabel High School as salutatorian of his class. After two years at Southeastern Oklahoma University in Durant, Oklahoma, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he became a B-24 bomber pilot. He flew his missions in the South Pacific during World War II.

Judge Snead married Dorothy Williams June 7, 1945 in Durant, Oklahoma. She passed away November 10, 2009. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma Law School in 1948 and began his law career in Roswell in 1949 as a sole practitioner and soon joined the Frazier and Cusack Law Firm. He joined Dick Bean in practice in 1955. He became a sole practitioner again in 1966. He was appointed to the Fifth Judicial District Court bench in 1970 and served in that capacity until he retired in 1985. He then joined Jennings and Christy as of counsel. In 1987 he was of counsel to Phil Brewer until 1992 when he retired from the practice of law.

In his retirement years Judge Snead gave programs appearing as the Choctaw Baritone, and went to numerous organizations with his "You Be the Judge" program. He also taught through the NITA program in law schools in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California. He was on the Judicial Standards Committee. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell and taught Sunday School for over 50 years. Judge Snead held offices on the local, presbytery, synod and national levels of the church. He worked with the CASA program and was a volunteer in the Auxiliary of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center and participated in the Senior Olympics.

Judge Snead has three children, Edward Paul Snead III, Laura Jane Snead Waters, and Susan Snead Zimmer Allen, and, one grandson Daniel Zimmer, who is now a law student at Rutgers University.

Judge Snead was devoted and dedicated to his family, his church, the law and the community. He spent his entire working life in Roswell where he practiced law for 27 years and served on the Fifth Judicial Court Bench for 15 years. He loved people, the University of Oklahoma and the Dallas Cowboys.

WHEREAS, The Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Honorable Judge Edward Paul Snead, Jr. for his career of 42 years as a member of the legal profession and as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court of Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of the Honorable Edward Paul Snead, Jr., and this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association , and that copies of this resolution be sent to members of his immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY:



DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHAVES COUNTY
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

February 18, 2011

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
THOMAS DAVID HAINES, JR.**

May it please the Court, ladies and gentlemen of the Bar, my esteemed colleagues, guests and friends:

Thomas David Haines, Jr., was my partner, colleague and friend and he was a colleague and friend to each and every one of us. Tom was a unique individual. I think my colleagues in my firm will agree that rarely does a day go by when we don't think back fondly on Tom and the time we were able to spend with him. Tom was an able lawyer, a zealous advocate, he had an inquiring and creative mind and was a hard worker but, above all, he was a warm and caring human being.

Tom was born on October 30, 1956 to Thomas David Haines, Sr. and Carol Mullins Haines in Dallas, Texas. Tom graduated from high school at Del City High School in Del City, Oklahoma and received a Bachelors degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. As anybody that knew Tom can confirm, Tom was a fierce partisan for Oklahoma State University and its sometimes lack luster athletic programs. Unfortunately for Tom, Oklahoma State University had a tendency to confound his optimistic expectations for them.

Tom went to law school at the University of Oklahoma. He graduated from law school in 1982 and moved to Roswell and commenced his practice with the firm of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin of which he became a partner in 1988 and with whom he

practiced until the time of his death.

After Tom joined the firm, he had occasion to meet Nanette Cluck who was working in the Amarillo office of the Hinkle Law Firm at that time. He and Nanette married in 1986. Nanette is as fierce a partisan for Texas Tech as Tom was for Oklahoma State University. I fondly remember multiple occasions being with Tom and Nanette and watching Texas Tech / Oklahoma State athletic battles. Again, unfortunately, Oklahoma State tended in those battles to likewise confound Tom's optimistic expectations for them.

Tom has two daughters, Bennett and Maison. Tom had a great love for Bennett, Maison and Nanette. His family was extremely important to him.

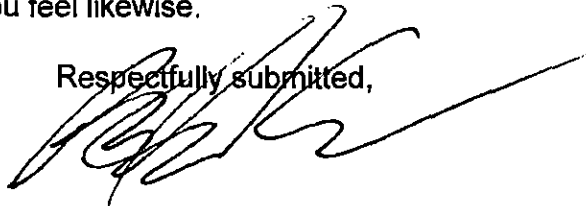
Tom was a member of the Chaves County, New Mexico and Oklahoma Bar Associations. He was admitted to practice before all federal courts and state courts in the State of New Mexico and before the Oklahoma Supreme Court. He was a member of the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association and the Defense Research Institute. He was past president of the Chaves County Bar Association. When Tom was President of the Chaves County Bar Association, the State Bar of New Mexico named the Chaves County Bar Association an outstanding local bar association for work Tom did as President. Tom was awarded the State Bar Professionalism Award posthumously. Tom was a member of the Roswell Kiwanis Club and served as its secretary and president. He also served in a number of positions at First United Methodist Church of Roswell.

As lawyers, we tend to measure out our lives in cases tried, briefs written, cases settled, hours billed, and any number of other things that are no doubt important at the time but tend to be ephemeral and in the final analysis don't truly reflect the qualities and characteristics that each of us have and that we remember in others. I guess in thinking

back on Tom and my relationship with him, the qualities and characteristics I think we all recall in him, probably are also qualities and characteristics that made him a good lawyer.

These are commitment to his friends and his causes, without reservation; absolute integrity no matter what the consequences might be; caring and empathy and responsibility. Tom had these qualities. These are the qualities that I know I, and I trust many of you, will remember him by. I, for one, will always be the richer for having known Tom and I imagine most of you feel likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Olson', written over the 'Respectfully submitted,' text.

Richard E. Olson
P.O. Box 10
Roswell, New Mexico 88202-0010

MEMORIAL
FOR RANDOLPH M. RICHARDSON III

For the record of this court, Randolph "Randy" M. Richardson III was born in Henderson, Texas on June 17, 1926. He attended Henderson public schools and after graduation from high school, he attended college at North Texas Agricultural College. Like so many men of his generation, he put his life on hold to serve his country, serving a two year enlistment in the Navy beginning in June 1944. Afterward, Randy earned his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1950 with the help of the GI Bill. After passing the Texas Bar Exam and becoming a member of the Texas State Bar Association, Randy was employed as a petroleum landman for Gulf Oil in Midland, Texas. Randy also worked as a petroleum landman for Humble Oil Company, now Exxon Mobil Corporation in Midland. When Randy entered the practice of law, it was common for oil companies to hire attorneys as landmen because their knowledge of common and statutory law was such a large help in negotiating and consummating oil and gas leases and other development agreements.

Humble Oil transferred Randy to Roswell in May, 1954. In 1960, he passed the New Mexico Bar Exam and became a member of the New Mexico State Bar Association. He then went into business for himself as an independent petroleum landman. As a licensed and knowledgeable attorney in two oil and gas states, Randy was able to perform a large amount of legal work related to the oil and gas exploration and development business in addition to traditional land work. Randy was particularly known for his expertise in formation of federal and state unit agreements. He performed all of the legal work with respect thereto, including preparation of the agreements, and dealing with regulatory agencies, particularly the Bureau of Land Management and New Mexico State Land Office. Randy also began his long career of being an oil and gas investor, which lasted until he died on July 1, 2008 at the age of 82. Randy acquired numerous mineral, overriding royalty and leasehold interests in New Mexico and Texas. Randy was known as both a very ethical attorney and a very ethical investor, known for his fairness and honesty in making his oil and gas investments, and being scrupulous about not mixing his legal work for clients with his business interests.

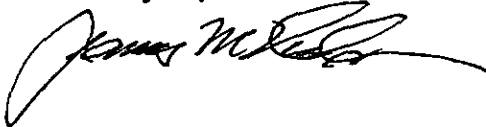
In addition to his long term membership in the Texas and New Mexico Bar Associations, Randy held a half century membership in the New Mexico Landman's Association, headquartered in Roswell, New Mexico, with members throughout the Permian Basin area of Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas. Randy held all leadership positions, including President, of this association. Randy was also a member of a local group of landmen and others interested in the oil and gas industry who gathered for coffee at 10:00 A.M. each weekday morning over a period of more than 50 years. Randy is also fondly remembered for helping the widows of oil and gas associates with estate matters pertaining to their oil and gas interests and investments.

Randy was survived by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Butcher Richardson, originally from Midland, Texas, whom he married on February 14, 1953, his son Randolph M. Richardson IV and his wife, Marta and their four children, Mark, Carol, Julia and Randolph M. Richardson V, all of Fort Meyers, Florida and son, Michael S. Richardson and his wife, Sharon Lombardi of Roswell and Michael's children, Elizabeth Kate Richardson and Michael Cary Richardson, both of Glendale, Arizona.

Randy and Pat spent many happy years searching for good deals at antique auctions and forming a very eclectic collection of antiques and collectibles. Randy was also known for his life long passion for conservative causes and charitable organizations.

Randy was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Roswell, New Mexico.

February 18, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORABLE WILLIAM J. SCHNEDAR

William J. Schnedar was born in Roswell, New Mexico, February 6, 1933 to Chris and Angela Schnedar. He died September 24, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. He and his brother John and sister Jeanne Kunko grew up in a house on the corner of College Blvd. and Atkinson Street. He attended St. Peter Catholic School through eighth grade, then attended New Mexico Military Institute for high school graduating in 1950.

Bill attended the University of New Mexico on a Naval ROTC scholarship. There he met Zudie Brown from Pampa, Texas. They married in 1954, two days after he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. He served three tours in the South Pacific and one tour in Alaska and Canada. After being discharged from the Navy, Bill and Zudie returned to New Mexico where he attended the University of New Mexico Law School where he graduated first in his class.

In 1960 Bill and Zudie moved to Roswell where he joined the law firm of Frazier and Cusack. In 1980 Bill became a Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court where he served 14 years before retiring in 1995. Some of his many accomplishments on the bench included serving as Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, computerizing the Fifth Judicial District, increasing access to pro se litigants in family court, starting a mediation program in Chaves County, and bringing improvements to child custody proceedings. In 1995, Bill received the Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the State Bar of New Mexico. In November of 2008, Bill was honored by the Historical Society and Foundation of Southeast New Mexico for his years of outstanding service and commitment to Roswell and the surrounding area.

Bill's civic activities included serving as a member of the Roswell City Council, president of St. Peter Parish Council, director of the New Mexico Municipal League, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Kiwanis Club. Bill supported all the activities of his children. He was instrumental in starting the first girls' softball league in Roswell.

Bill and Zudie had nine children, Michael, Chris, Kathy, Patricia, Cynthia, Mark (Polo), David, Mary and Jim. Michael preceded him in death as did his brother John.

Bill loved his family and friends, his church, the law, the community, tennis, fishing and Roswell.

WHEREAS, THE Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Honorable William J. Schnedar for his career of 48 years as a member of the legal profession including fourteen years as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court of Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of the Honorable William J. Schnedar, and this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be sent to members of his immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY:



DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORABLE LAWRENCE H. JOHNSON

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Lawrence Hanford Johnson was born May 30, 1926 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Harry S. and Florence Johnson. Larry graduated from Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids in 1944 and immediately joined the United States Navy. Following his discharge he enrolled in Coe College in Cedar Rapids, where he majored in economics. He went to law school at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1952. He was admitted to the New Mexico State Bar in 1953. He became a partner of U. M. Rose in Hobbs in 1954, and remained in the firm of Rose and Johnson until he was elected District Judge. He was Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties, from January, 1985 until March 31, 1997.. He married Joyce Howard in Hobbs, NM, in 1962. He died October 6, 2008. His wife, Joyce, died October 24, 2010.

Larry was involved in community affairs from the time he arrived in Hobbs. He was on the Board of Community Players and was the first recipient of the Tom Mason award. He served on the Hobbs Library Board for over 20 years. He played the trumpet in the community band and was a supporter of the Southwest Symphony.

Judge Johnson served four years as Chairman of the Lea County Republican Party and later as State Treasurer of the party. He was a 50 year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hobbs where he served both as trustee and elder. He and Joyce had one daughter, Regina Elise Johnson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

WHEREAS, The Chaves County Bar Association and the Fifth Judicial District, desires by the adoption of this memorial resolution to pay tribute to the Honorable Lawrence H. Johnson for his long service to the State Bar and the Fifth Judicial District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association and the Fifth Judicial District be extended to the members of the family of the Honorable Larry Johnson and that this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association, and that a copy of this memorial resolution be transmitted to Judge Johnson's immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY: 

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JEANNE MARIE LAHRMAN

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

WHEREAS, the death of Jeanne Marie Lahrman on October 11, 2008, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, marked the close of the long and distinguished career of an outstanding citizen and attorney, with a span of over twenty- five years of devotion to the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Chaves County Bar Association preserve for its records and for posterity a resume of the life of this prominent citizen and colorful lawyer, the following facts about her are recalled:

Jeanne Marie Lahrman was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 18, 1942, the daughter of Lee Lahrman and Alice Lahrman. As a child, she was educated in private Catholic schools in Chicago, Illinois. During her youth, she developed a lifelong love of animals. Ms. Lahrman was passionate about the rights of animals. She bred and showed champion canines throughout her life. Her skill and knowledge in this area was respected by her peers. Her prize-winning longhair Chihuahuas were her constant companions and the loves of her life.

Jeanne Marie Lahrman received her undergraduate degree from the St. Louis University. After earning her degree, she began a lifelong pursuit of advocating for the oppressed. In furtherance of this pursuit, she later earned her Juris Doctorate from Indiana University.

Ms. Lahrman was admitted to the State Bar of New Mexico in 1980 where she endeavored to serve and protect the rights of the people of this great state until her passing. She was devoted to upholding the rights and dignities of those with mental illnesses. She protected the children of New Mexico for many years as a Children's Court Attorney for the Children, Youth and Families Department. She advocated for the rights of the citizens as counsel in private practice. Finally, she protected the rights of the accused as an Assistant Public Defender.

Ms. Lahrman was a fierce defender of the Constitution of the United States of America. She was a vocal and tireless advocate for the underdog. During her years of service as an advocate for the people of New Mexico Ms. Lahrman gained a reputation as a fine trial attorney. She was honest, ethical and devoted to those she represented. Ms. Lahrman did not hesitate to speak her mind on any subject. Her intelligence, caring and devotion to her chosen profession will be remembered by all.

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Jeanne Marie Lahrman and to her illustrious career spanning more than twenty-five years as a member of the legal profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family and friends of Jeanne Marie Lahrman, and that this resolution of tribute to her be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, and of the permanent records of the Chaves County Bar Association and that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of said Court to the Members of Ms. Lahrman's family.

February 18, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. White", is written in a cursive style.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

FRANK C. MILLER

February 18, 2011

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Bar Association desires to preserve for its records and for posterity a resume of the life of this prominent citizen and lawyer, the following facts are hereby recalled:

Frank C. Miller was born on September 12, 1915 in Hugo, Oklahoma. His mother was Fay Glen Miller and his father was Frank Miller. Frank grew up during the Great Depression. He attended college at the Indiana State University and graduated from the School of Law in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1939. He entered the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a pilot stationed at Walker Air Field in Roswell, New Mexico. While stationed there, he met Mary Elizabeth Russell, the Base Commander's secretary, and received his orders from her for the next 58 years following their marriage. (Per his obituary)

As a B 17 pilot with the 8th Air Corps flying out of England, he was shot down by a Messerschmitt armed with a newly invented device, the air-to-air missile, and was a POW in Germany. He served in the armed forces for 37 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1977. He was a veteran of WWII and Vietnam.

He was licensed as an attorney in New Mexico on March 26, 1947. He worked with District Attorney Randolph Reese while living in Roswell in the early 1950's before he was called back into the service and stationed in Alaska for several years before returning to Roswell. He was an attorney until 1995.

His wife, Mary Russell Miller, passed away in 2000, and he later married Helen Mapes Miller who preceded him in death in 2004 as did one son, Douglas Russell Miller.

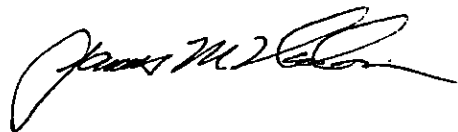
He was active in the Scottish Rite Masonic Organization all of his life and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Roswell.

He moved to Farmington, New Mexico in 2005 to be near his son, Chester, who is also an attorney.

Frank was always ready to help anyone and had a compliment or kind word on every encounter. We will miss his buoyant spirit. He passed away on January 15, 2009 at the age of 93. He was survived by his daughters, Laura Peterson (husband David), Martha Miller and her sons, Will Claybaugh and David Claybaugh, USMA; F. Chester Miller, III (wife Dena), and his children Frank C. Miller, IV, Lindsey Dodd Miller, and Seth B.D. Miller; a sister-in-law, Kitty Russell (husband John H.), and her children, Bob Russell (wife Robin), Kay Roberts, Craig Russell (wife Astrid), and Libby Paris (husband Gregg).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association is extended to the family of Frank C. Miller, and that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, and of the permanent records of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to his immediate family members.

We thank Chester Miller III, Laura Peterson, David Peterson and Stanley and Nancy Santheson who gave us much of this information.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James M. Miller", is written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Laura Peterson
55 Jacob Gates Rad
Harvard, Massachusetts 01451

Martha Miller
202 West Rosemary Lane
Falls Church, VA 22046

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
Honorable Richard Gates (Dick) Bean
February 18, 2011

WHEREAS, the death of the Honorable Judge Richard G. Bean on November 1, 2009 at Roswell, New Mexico, marked the close of a long and distinguished career of an outstanding citizen, humanitarian and lawyer, and a span of sixty-one years of devotion to the legal profession, to his hometown of Roswell, and to the surrounding region; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Chaves County Bar Association preserve for its records and for posterity a resume of the life and contribution of this prominent citizen to his profession, to his community and especially to those not able to access legal remedies due to lack of funds, and therefore the following facts about Richard G. Bean are recalled:

Dick Bean was born at Roswell on December 1, 1918, the son of R. Perry Bean and Verda Lee Gates Bean. Dick was educated in the Roswell schools and was known for his academics, his expert tennis skills and for delivering groceries, his mother's milk, butter, and eggs, and the Roswell Daily Record on his bike. Dick would attend the University of Texas whenever his labors provided him enough cash for tuition and he graduated with

highest honors and a degree in accounting. The same formula of labors for tuition at the old Camp Camino located at Main Street and the North Spring River, and academic study ethic, worked for Dick at the University of Arizona where he obtained his law degree in 1946, graduating second in his class.

Dick was admitted to the New Mexico State Bar and his first position was with “Double Ott” Askrin, who remained Dick’s friend for life. Dick further practiced law in Roswell with Bill Osborn, with Paul Snead, as a solo practitioner, and finally with Tom Dunlap until Dick’s death. Dick’s last office was located at 115 W. 12th where he grew up among the chickens and cows his mother kept behind the home. Dick was rated grade AV by his colleagues and he was well known for his photographic memory and expertise in probate and real estate matters.

Dick once opined that lawyers get in to trouble when they can’t tell the difference between their own money and other people’s money. Dick never found himself analyzing ethical issues, and could always see a bright line between the right and the wrong. Dick parted ways with many a lucrative client due to his clarity of thought in judging such matters. Dick helped several young lawyers to maintain or repair their integrity with his wise counsel. Dick was also a fine and fair employer, employing Lois M. Morrison for 44 years and Tom Dunlap for 25 years.

Dick was married to Martha Winder Bean of the Winder Ranches in Southwestern New Mexico for 54 years and Martha survives him. Dick and Martha had two children, Martha Lee Bean, an attorney, and Richard G. Bean, Jr., a business owner. Dick had three grandchildren, Morgan Bean, Taylor Bean and Richard, III, who is a United States Air Force Academy graduate and USAF pilot trainee. Dick was very proud of his family.

Dick held the following positions and received, among others, the following awards of significance: City Attorney, Boy's Club & Humane Society Board, Chaves County Bar President, Chaves County Democratic Chair, School Board Member, County Commissioner, Probate Judge, Sertoman of the Year, Board of Realtors Man of the Year, NMMI Outstanding Citizen Award, Historical Society Lifetime Achievement Award, and State Bar 50 Years Distinguished Service Award. Dick was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Valley Vintage Car Club.

Dick was an expert mechanic who restored fifteen antique vehicles over his lifetime. Dick loved a good car race and usually won. In the late 1930's, Roswellites often referred to Dick as "Barney Oldfield" who was the world's first race car genius.

As two term Probate Judge, Dick was the last county wide elected official from the Democratic party since the 1970's and was therefore nicknamed "Landslide Bean" and "Mr. Democrat of Chaves County, New Mexico." Another of Dick's nicknames was

“Ricardo Frijole.”

Dick gave tirelessly to his hometown, especially to those without financial means and him truly loved Roswell referring to it as “the best place to live in the whole world.”

In support of this resolution are attached copies Dick’s death editorials and death notice.

WHEREAS, the Chaves County Bar Association desires, by the adoption of this memorial resolution, to pay tribute to the late Richard G. “Dick” Bean, all around humanitarian, who brought to his profession the highest ideals and dignities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the profound sympathy of the Chaves County Bar Association be extended to the members of the family of Dick Bean, and that this resolution of tribute to Dick Bean be made a part of the permanents records of the District Court of Chaves County, and of the permanent records of the Chaves County Bar Association, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chaves County Clerk for recordation and furnished to the members if Dick Bean’s immediate family.

February 18, 2011

**Tribute to Paul Adam Cooter
Presented to the Chaves County Bar Association
February 18, 2011**

Paul Adam Cooter died on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Born on July 26, 1927, in Wichita, Kansas, Mr. Cooter was the son of Frank and Millie Cooter. Mr. Cooter is survived by his children, his sons Paul E. Cooter and Detrick Mark Cooter, and his daughter Elizabeth Ann Holloway and son-in-law, Robert Holloway.

Mr. Cooter served his country in the United States Navy, and was honored as a veteran of World War II. Mr. Cooter attended the University of Kansas School of Law from 1946 - 1948, then graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1951. Shortly after completing his education at the University of Texas, Mr. Cooter moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where he met and married his wife of 43 years, Carol Ernst.

Mr. Cooter practiced for many years with the firm that eventually bore his name: Atwood, Malone, Mann, and Cooter, in Roswell, New Mexico. Always a fan of the Albuquerque-Santa Fe corridor, however, Mr. Cooter left Roswell in approximately 1982, and continued to practice law until his retirement in 2001, in Santa Fe.

Mr. Cooter's remarkable career extended for more than 50 years. He was a member of the State Bars of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, and was also a member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. At the time of his death, he was a member of the vestry at the Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Santa Fe. Mr. Cooter was also a 32nd degree Mason, an honor he earned through Masonic Lodge #18 in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Cooter practiced primarily in oil and gas law, but his considerable skill was at home in the courtroom just as it was at the abstract office. His superior analytical abilities often led him to pose intricate questions about seemingly obscure topics, a trait that bedeviled generation after generation of law clerks and young associates. When Mr. Cooter uttered the words "I have a little question," the young lawyer knew at once that he or she was in for a long day. Or week.

Oftentimes, when the young lawyer was unable to find the answer that Mr. Cooter wanted, Mr. Cooter would simply move down the hall, and visit his torment on another unsuspecting young lawyer.

As someone who labored under Mr. Cooter's tutelage, I am compelled to say most notably that he was the consummate gentleman. His deportment was always impeccable, even under the most trying circumstances, and those of us who had the privilege of working around him learned, or at least should have learned, that practicing personal civility was always compatible with practicing good law.

We miss him still, and neither his death nor the passage of time has dimmed our memories.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod M. Schumacher



Chaves County Bar Association
Memorial Tribute
February 18, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Chaves County District Court Room 1

Hon. Charles Currier, Hon. Freddie Romero, Hon. Ralph Shamas and Hon. Steven Bell
Presiding.

Welcome

Jim Hudson, Vice President

NAME	DOD	PRESENTER
Hon. Fred Watson	12/14/2001	Jim Hudson
Ray Phelps	3/16/2003	Judge Alvin Jones
Paul Eaton	2/2/2004	Stuart Shanor
Glenn Stiff	4/13/2004	Judge Alvin Jones
James T. Jennings	6/12/2004	Dirk Jones
Russell Mann	8/14/2004	R.E. Thompson
Randolph Toth	12/27/2004	John Capps
Bernice D'Abadie	12/18/2005	Judge Alvin Jones
Derek Brooks	6/2/2006	Drew Cloutier
Hon. Paul Snead	10/14/2007	Judge Alvin Jones
Thomas Haines, Jr.	1/8/2008	Rich Olson
Randolph Richardson	7/1/2008	Doug Lunsford
Hon. William J. Schnedar	9/24/2008	Judge Alvin Jones
Hon. Larry Johnson	10/6/2008	Jim Hudson
Jeanne Lahrman	10/11/2008	Kea Riggs
Frank Miller	1/15/2009	Jim Bruin
Richard G. Bean	11/1/2009	Tom Dunlap
Paul Cooter	4/24/2010	Rod Schumacher

Reception to follow the service at the Old Rotunda. Attendees are encouraged to visit the museum during the reception. A CD of the Oral History Program by Jim Bruin is available.

SUSAN ZELLER

***MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF
SUSAN ZELLER***

Attorney Bob Sabin requested that the Memorial Resolution of Susan Zeller be made a part of the Memorial Resolutions presented on February 18, 2011 in Courtroom I of the Chaves County Courthouse.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR SUSAN T. ZELLER

Susan Zeller was born in northern New Mexico in 1955. She died September 28, 1992, following a short illness. She was married to Ben Zeller and they had two daughters, Kevyn Mary Zeller and Shannon Kate Zeller. Susan was a 1985 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law. Following graduation, she was selected to serve as a law clerk for Judge William W. Bivins of the New Mexico Court of Appeals. In 1986, she joined the law firm of Atwood, Malone, Mann & Turner where she practiced until shortly before her death. Her practice concentrated in the areas of appellate practice and healthcare law. She was active throughout her career in the activities of the Chaves County Bar Association and the New Mexico Bar Association, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Appellate Section of the New Mexico State Bar and co-editor of the "News Appeal", the newsletter of the section. She served as Chair of the Chaves County Bar Association's Bill of Rights project which led to the Chaves County Bar being recognized by the New Mexico State Bar as 1992 outstanding local bar association.

The Chaves County Bar Association adopts this Memorial Resolution to pay tribute to the late Susan T. Zeller for her career as a member of the New Mexico Bar Association and her service to the Chaves County Bar Association and the New Mexico Bar Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chaves County Bar Association extends its sympathy to members of the family of Susan T. Zeller and that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the District Court of Chaves County and the Chaves County Bar Association and that copies of this Resolution be sent to members of her immediate family.

CHAVES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By H. Robert Sabin