MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JUDGE RICHARD W. McLAREN

April 21, 1918 - February 25, 1976

The District Court for the Northern District of Illinois lost an able and respected jurist through the death of Judge Richard W. McLaren on February 25, 1976, at the age of 57.

Judge McLaren was born in Chicago on April 21, 1918. His father, Grover C. McLaren, practiced law in Chicago with the firm of McCulloch, McCulloch & McLaren.

Following his graduation from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Judge McLaren attended Yale University. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1939 and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1942. At Yale he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Immediately after law school, Judge McLaren entered the Army Air Force, where he attained the rank of captain by the time of his honorable discharge in 1946.

Having become a member of the New York Bar in 1944, Judge McLaren practiced law in New York City from 1946 through 1949. He returned to Chicago in 1950, was admitted to the Illinois Bar in that year, and remained in private practice there until 1969.

He earned a national reputation as a leading specialist in antitrust law with the firm of Chadwell, Keck, Kayser, Ruggles & McLaren.

He was chairman of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association in 1967-68. During two previous years he had represented the Section as a member of the ABA House of Delegates. During his term as chairman, a significant accomplishment was the Section's publication of an update of the Attorney General's 1955 Study of the Antitrust Laws.

Judge McLaren thrived on the intellectual challenge of a tough legal issue. He revered the law and often said that the private bar, in counseling clients, enforces the law more than government prosecutors with their limited staffs.

He learned the ways of a prosecutor when in January 1969, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division. Just as he had conscientiously represented private clients for many years, so did he now represent his client, the United States, as he vigorously prosecuted alleged violators of the antitrust laws. Under his direction, the Division acted to help stem the growing tide of large conglomerate corporate mergers. He also initiated a movement toward a lessening of government regulation of business by administrative agencies and a greater reliance upon competition and the antitrust laws; this concept has continued to develop to the point where it is now a major economic policy of the present administration.

In the course of his career as an attorney and prosecutor, Judge McLaren participated in a number of important trials and argued six cases before the United States Supreme Court. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

In January 1972, Judge McLaren was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Although his service on the Bench was relatively brief, he earned the esteem of those who practiced before him, for the same qualities that made him an outstanding lawyer -- integrity, intellect, conscientiousness and fairness -- also made him a distinguished judge.

Judge McLaren would not want us to dwell upon the debilitating illness which made his last years increasingly difficult. We should remember him as a physically active man, who always lived in proximity to Lake Michigan so that he could enjoy water sports, such as swimming, skiing and sailing. He exerted great will power in refusing to let his illness prevent him from performing his duties to the last. He published more than 75 opinions in his short judicial career, and he handed down one of his longest opinions less than a month before his death.

Judge McLaren is survived by his wife, Edith; two daughters, one of whom is married to a lawyer; two sons, one of whom is practicing law; and four grandchildren.

Judge McLaren served with courage and dignity. He will be remembered with respect and affection by his fellow judges and the members of this Association.

BE IT RESOLVED that this memorial shall be spread upon the records of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT HELD AT FRENCH LICK, INDIANA ON MAY 11 AND 12, 1976

The Annual Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit convened, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Rule 15 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 11, 1976, in the Convention Hall of the French Lick-Sheraton Hotel and Country Club, French Lick, Indiana.

Present were:

Hon. John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice of the Seventh Circuit
Hon. Byron R. White, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Former Circuit Justice
Hon. Tom C. Clark, Associate Justice (Retired) of the Supreme Court of the United States and Former Circuit Justice
Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Chief Judge
Hon. John S. Hastings, Senior Circuit Judge
Hon. Win G. Knoch, Senior Circuit Judge
Hon. Luther M. Swygert, Circuit Judge
Hon. Walter J. Cummings, Circuit Judge
Hon. Wilbur F. Pell, Jr., Circuit Judge
Hon. Robert A. Sprecher, Circuit Judge
Hon. Philip W. Tone, Circuit Judge
Hon. William J. Bauer, Circuit Judge
Hon. William J. Campbell, Senior District Judge
Hon. William E. Steckler, District Judge
Hon. Julius J. Hoffman, Senior District Judge
Hon. Cale J. Holder, District Judge
Hon. William G. Juergens, Senior District Judge
Hon. Robert A. Grant, Senior District Judge
Hon. Edwin A. Robson, Senior District Judge
Hon. Richard B. Austin, Senior District Judge
Hon. James B. Parsons, District Judge
Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, District Judge
Hon. Hubert L. Will, District Judge
Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, District Judge