M E M O R I A L

to

The Life of RICHARD G. HARVEY

Our good friend and respected fellow attorney, Richard G. Harvey, Sr., died at St. Luke's Hospital, Racine, on September 21, 1962, two days after his 86th birthday.

He was born a member of a pioneer Racine County family at Thompsonville in the Town of Caledonia on September 19, 1876, attended the public schools, and in 1898 became a Classics graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He then taught Latin, Greek, and English in the High Schools of Delavan and Racine. In 1903 he acquired his law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and while at the university was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one of the most highly respected national honorary scholastic fraternities.

In 1906 he was married to the former Wilhelmina Rickeman who preceded in death in 1935. They had three children - Mrs. William J. Rohan of Racine, Richard G. Harvey, Jr. of Racine, who practiced law with his father, and Thomas G. Harvey, presently of Indianapolis, Indiana.

After graduating from Law School he practiced for a year in the offices of the late esteemed Supreme Court Justice Burr W. Jones at Madison; then came to Racine where he was associated with Fulton Thompson under the firm name of Thompson & Harvey. Later that firm was joined by Floyd J. Monk and the name became Thompson, Harvey & Monk. From 1939 to 1942 Judge Thomas P.Corbetter was his partner, practicing

as Harvey & Corbett. Then his son Richard G. Harvey, Jr. joined them in the firm of Harvey, Harvey & Corbett, and at the time of his death he was with that son in the firm of Harvey & Harvey. He was a loyal and active member of the Bar, attended many Bar meetings where he enjoyed the company and discussions of fellow lawyers. He particularly enjoyed a lawyers' symposium and liked to call it that since it was a rather unusual but descriptive word of Greek origin meaning "an intellectual social gathering accompanied by good wines at which there is a free association of thoughts".

From 1906 until 1910 he was Assistant District Attorney in Racine County. He was a past president of the Racine County Bar Association, a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin as well as the American Bar Association, and in 1953 - his 50th year in the practice of the law - was honored by a testimonial dinner by his fellow lawyers in the Racine County Bar Association.

In addition to his active practice of the law until shortly before his death he was active in many other fields. He was one of the founders of what is now Racine Junction Savings & Loan Association and a member of its Board of Directors for 45 years. He served on the Racine School Board from 1920 to 1923. He was also a director of Harvey Spring Company for many years, a past president of American War Dads of Racine, an active member of the Optimist Club of Racine, and one of the oldest and most staunch members of the Good Shepherd Universalist Church of Racine.

Richard G. Harvey was well known, respected and loved not only as a learned lawyer, but also as a most kindly,

genial gentleman and scholar who loved learning for the learning itself. He was well read, an independent thinker, and his company was thoroughly enjoyed by all who knew him. He had an almost extreme sense of righteousness as to his own conduct; but could be tolerant of the shortcomings of others. He had a deep appreciation of the real values of the simple things of life, and loved his walks until just a short time before his death. In his passing we have lost not only a good friend but also one of our most pleasant companions, and his memory will linger long in our minds.

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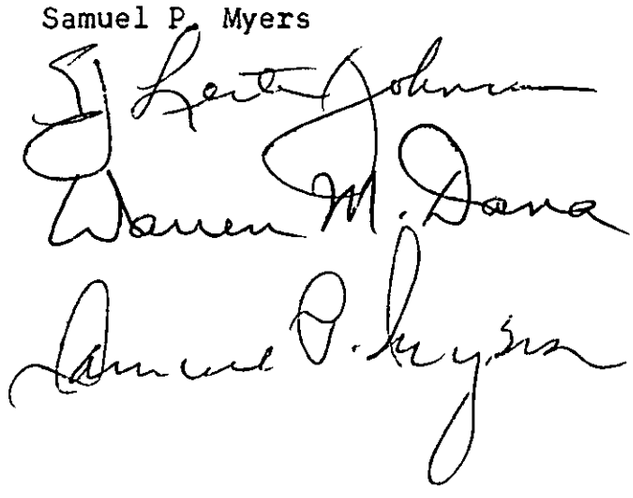

I N M E M O R I A M

EUGENE JOHN WEHMHOFF

1879 - 1963

The Bar owes a great debt to the example of its elder members. They have set for us, by voluntary self-discipline, high standards of professional attainment, integrity and diligence. Without the intervention of local Bar Associations and the Integrated Bar they have established a shining example to emulate. Such a lawyer was Eugene John Wehmhoff, better remembered as E. John Wehmhoff. We deeply regret his passing.

Mr. Wehmhoff was born on February 27, 1879, at Burlington, Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his life. His father, Eugene Wehmhoff, was a respected merchant who operated for many years a store in which he sold jewelry and similar merchandise. His mother, Emma, was a gentle and good woman. They were the parents of three daughters and one son. The closeness of their family relationship is borne out by the devotion of their children to each other and to their family home. Their four children remained unmarried and lived together in the same home to be separated only by death.

The Wehmhoff home is a landmark in the City of Burlington. It is situated on two-thirds of a city block in the heart of the business district. On its spacious grounds wild flowers bloom in the spring. It is a constant reminder, in the bustle of traffic, of a gentle and gracious past.

The early education of Mr. Wehmhoff was obtained in the Burlington public schools. Thereafter he attended the University

of Wisconsin from which he received his law degree on June 18, 1903. He was admitted to the Bar the same day.

Returning to Burlington, he pursued a distinguished and successful career as a practicing attorney until 1960, when he was forced to retire because of failing health. However, his law office remains to this day as it was when he occupied it.

His law library was comprehensive and up to date. He read from it constantly, not merely to serve the needs of his clients, but to keep himself well informed. When he encountered a decision which he felt to be unsound, his remarks concerning it were most emphatic.

During all of the years of his practice, he never employed a stenographer. This was characteristic of his insistence on a very personal devotion to his clients and of his desire for perfection.

Among his colleagues and the judiciary he was widely known and greatly respected. His given word was his bond.

Younger members of the Bar, when dealing with him or seeking his advice, found him always courteous, helpful and encouraging. Frequently he would refer to them items of business or seek their appointment as guardians ad litem, so as to assist them financially and to broaden their experience.

His mind was keen and incisive and he was a tenacious, serious advocate.

It is no wonder, with all of his excellent qualities, that he enjoyed a very devoted clientele and a comprehensive practice. While he did not attempt either to specialize or to limit his work, he was especially proficient in probate and real property matters.

The high esteem in which he was held by his fellow citi-

zens is evidenced by his public career. The Burlington City Council elected him City Attorney on April 18, 1905, and continuously reelected him until April 18, 1916. He served with distinction in that capacity during a time when the city was progressing from the status of an overgrown village. One of the important events which occurred during his term of office was the letting of the city's first street paving contracts. It is significant, too, of his public consciousness and his popularity that his fellow citizens elected and reelected him to the School Board for ten years. He also served as Clerk on that Board.

Burlington has Mr. Wehmhoff and his sisters to thank for one of its parks. Given to the city in memory of the family and known as "Wehmhoff Park", it is a spacious, shady area nestled in a secluded bend of the Fox River. It is a favorite place for group and family gatherings.

Despite his busy professional and public life, Mr. Wehmhoff found time for interesting avocations. It may be remembered by some of you that at the testimonial dinner which was given by the Bar to honor Mr. Wehmhoff, after fifty years as a practicing attorney, he responded by quoting from memory an appropriate poem. He was an extensive reader of good literature, especially poetry and Shakespeare. His major field as an undergraduate at the University was the Ancient Classical Course.

Another facet of his interests was fishing. He was without a peer as an expert flycaster. This was true both as to accuracy and as to distance. When he was younger, it was not unusual to see him sharpening his skill by casting at a target in his yard. He also tied many of the flies which he used.

The beautiful countryside around Burlington intrigued him greatly. It was one of his delights to take his sisters and his friends for drives over highways and byways to admire the hills and valleys, the lakes and streams, and the verdant fields of the area. Wherever he drove, no matter how remote the road, beside it lived his clients and friends.

Mr. Wehmhoff died at Burlington on January 23, 1963. Now that he is gone, let us not forget him. Let us remember the honor he brought to our profession so that we may profit by his good example.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Fulton

R. Stanley Kelly

Robert A. Warnock

On behalf of the
Racine County Bar Association.

IF IT PLEASE THE COURT:

It becomes our painful duty to notify the Court officially of the passing of a member of the Bar.

Cornelius M., better known as "Connie" Colbert, was one of the best students of the law in this Bar. Had he been more aggressive, which is not usually associated with a student, he would have been one of the outstanding lawyers of the Racine Bar, of which we have had a number.

When he became associated with the firm of Foley, Brach & Colbert, I learned to know him intimately. He had ability as a lawyer to get at the philosophy of the law governing a set of facts. He would discuss such philosophy to the joy of one who would appreciate his tapping the spring of knowledge in this area.

He was aware of his ability, but he was so modest it was difficult to prevail upon him to display his wisdom and his understanding. To know his studious habits in jurisprudence, history of law, the comparative systems of the Anglo Saxon Jurisprudence as compared to the Code Napoleon of the Continent of Europe, led to a deep respect for his understanding of the law.

Your chairman was a partner with him for a period of close onto ten years. We were on the opposite sides of most subjects from politics to religion, but we never let our differences affect our judgment when it came to preparing a case. In fact our differences never affected our respect for one another. However, there was an area

in which we were in complete accord. We loved literature, and especially those writers whose subtle sarcasm cut deeply into outworn practices, or found the soft spot in some sophistry such as becomes acceptable from time to time by the public.

In the office we always felt it was a mistake for "Connie" to take the position of City Attorney. Anyone who accepts a full time position which is dependent upon the whims of men whose popularity in turn is dependent upon the whims of the electorate, runs the risk of making decisions which though correct are unpopular.

Therein lies a danger, and it makes little difference the excellence of the work one does.

"Connie" was a good lawyer, and, therefore, not accustomed or trained to couch his opinions designed to please rather than to point out the law. He was a good counsellor. During the time he served as City Attorney, those who appreciated sound advice and judgment thought much of him. Therefore, he served under four different Mayors, and did an outstanding job.

Finally he was not reappointed. When a man has cut himself from the public for a number of years, he is faced with going through a period of adversity in establishing a practice, or finding a position in which his peculiar talents are appreciated and can be utilized to the fullest extent. Hence he served as attorney in the Office of Price Administration and Federal Housing Administration. His work took him to Washington and to Chicago, with the consequent result

that unless one met "Connie" socially or fraternally, one seldom met him.

It was unfortunate he could not have made a greater contribution to the history of our Bar, but because of circumstances this was denied. However, those of us who had the privilege and the pleasure to work with him will always remember him as a gentleman and a scholar, which in itself is the highest compliment we can pay a fellow member of the Bar.

Up to now we have had little to say of his family. Whenever you observe a member of the Bar who is a scholar, and at the same time is married, his wife must be accorded her share of credit, for the law is a jealous mistress. Thus the wife must have a perspective which makes allowances for the man who requires her to give up so much time which might have been spent with her, but which is spent in depths of legal philosophy and history in order that the husband can better serve his client and the community. Thus "Connie's" wife must have great credit for her understanding, and her ability as a mother who raised two fine boys to carry on the family name.

Speaking of family names "Connie's" father was a leader in the community. In fact he was a leader in the days when the groundwork for the development of this community was laid. His mother added her contribution, as most mothers do whose husbands assume leadership and responsibility.

The family provided the children with an excellent education. "Connie" was the recipient of such education.

He made much of it in the leadership and ability he displayed in his particular field.

It is unfortunate from time to time we must present to this Court with sorrow the passing of a valued member, but since in the scheme of things this appears inevitable, it only accenturates our responsibilities as dedicated members of an honorable profession, which has under our system of jurisprudence stood as the bulwark between chaos and a government of law.

Let us pray it may so continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert E. Brach

Vilas H. Whaley

Leonard P. Baumblatt

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MEMORIAL

to

EDWARD J. ZAHN, JR.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Your committee respectfully presents the following Memorial to the Memory of Edward J. Zahn, Jr.

Edward J. Zahn, Jr., was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on September 7, 1921, of a pioneer Wisconsin family. His parents were Edward J. Zahn, Sr. and Ruth Hanneman Zahn, both of whom survive. He was educated in the schools of Racine and took his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, where he met his wife, the former Catherine Hood.

During World War II he was a member of the Army, attaining the rank of Sergeant, and serving overseas in the European theatre, where he saw extensive combat service.

Following his discharge from the armed forces, he attended Marquette University Law School and received his law degree in 1948. He was admitted to the bar of the State of Wisconsin on November 8, 1948. His first association in the practice of law was with Arthur J. Morrissey,Jr., under the firm name of Zahn and Morrissey. Shortly thereafter he became associated with Alfred E. LaFrance, of the bar of this county, and continued to practice with Mr. LaFrance until 1957. At that time the firm name was LaFrance, Thompson, Greenquist, Zahn & Dye. In 1957 Mr. Zahn accepted a position as a special consultant to President Eisenhower in the field of international disarmament, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Later in the same year he became a special

assistant to the Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell, and served in the United States Department of Labor until 1959, when he returned to Racine to resume the practice of law.

Shortly before his untimely death on October 5, 1962, he associated with Miss Nettie Karcher in Burlington, under the firm name of Karcher and Zahn.

During his practice in Racine Mr. Zahn was active among many charitable organizations, including the American Red Cross. He also is well remembered for two spirited campaigns for public office, for District Attorney of Racine County shortly after his graduation from law school, and for Congressman from the First Congressional District in 1960. He was also an active member of the Republican Party and served it in many ways.

He was a fine competitive athlete, excelling in the game of golf, and in the sport of swimming. He had a life-long interest in the game of baseball, and was an ardent spectator at many sporting events.

For those of us who knew Ed Zahn well, his friendliness, his deep interest in many areas, his sharp sense of humor and his fine legal mind will be best remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Hood Zahn, and his four children: Edward, Catherine, Russell and Jeffrey, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zahn, Sr., of Brown's Lake, by his sister, Mrs. Daniel Gregoric, of Hales Corners, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Hanneman, of Milwaukee.

Your committee requests that this Memorial to the Memory of Edward J. Zahn, Jr., be filed with the permanent records of this Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dye

Harley Brown

Nettie Karcher

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IN MEMORIAN

FRANK J. RUZICKA

1896 - 1968

Frank J. Ruzicka was born on September 9, 1896, at Racine, Wisconsin, the son of Anton Ruzicka and Mary Hamata Ruzicka. He attended Washington Grade School, graduating in 1909, and Racine High School, graduating in 1913. Thereafter he entered Marquette University in Milwaukee as a special student. In order to pay his expenses at the University, he worked as a haying hand and also in a Racine Shoe Factory. Much of his studying was done on the interurban while he commuted back and forth from his home and job at Racine, and his part time schedule at Marquette. This continued for three years.

He then moved to Burlington where he entered the office of attorney, George W. Waller, to study law. His mentor was an excellant, exacting and ethical lawyer, greatly respected throughout this part of the state. This association profoundly influenced his career in the law.

His legal education was interrupted by his induction into the United States Army on October 25, 1918. He served in the Intelligence Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, until his honorable discharge on March 4, 1919.

Thereupon he returned to his law studies in Burlington with Mr. Waller. He took and passed the Bar Examination on July 31, 1920, and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Wisconsin on August 24, 1920. Soon afterward the firm of Waller & Ruzicka

was formed and continued a thriving practice. Upon Mr. Waller's death in 1938, Robert M. Fulton entered the firm and its name was changed to Ruzicka & Fulton. In 1957, Patrick M. Lloyd joined the firm and its name became Ruzicka, Fulton & Lloyd. Frank G. Ruzicka was admitted to the Bar and became associated with his father in 1961.

On December 9, 1931, at Burlington, Wisconsin, Frank J. Ruzicka was united in marriage with Anna Wiechert, who, together with their son, Frank G. Ruzicka, survived him when he died at Burlington after a brief illness, on April 27, 1963.

Frank J. Ruzicka was justly proud of the fact that he enjoyed for many years, the highest rating awarded to general practitioners of the law for professional excellence and integrity. He also cherished the high esteem in which he was held by judges and lawyers alike. That he should be so honored was truly deserved. His education in the law never ceased, as he read and studied carefully the newly decided cases and all other useful material available. In his practice he diligently applied his quick and discerning mind, his almost uncanny memory, and his broad comprehension of the law. He worked tirelessly, accurately, rapidly and with close attention to detail.

With his clients, he was understanding and compassionate. The position or wealth of a client did not measure his devotion to the client's cause. It was the justness of that cause which influenced him and the difficulty of its successful solution that intrigued him. He adhered to the highest standards of professional ethics and scorned these who did not.

In addition to his active private practice, Mr. Ruzicka found time to serve with distinction as Burlington's City Attorney

for several years. During that period many and varied legal problems beset the City and all were resolved competently. He also served as a Circuit Court Commissioner from November 14, 1938, to June 2, 1953.

As we memorialize the lawyer, let us not forget the man. Frank was an individual of many interests and talents.

He was devoted to his home and his family and took great pride in his son's admission to the Bar. As his grandchildren came along, he displayed toward them the greatest kindness and affection. In fact, all children claimed his interested attention. For several years prior to his death he had a large clientele of youngsters who brought their moth and butterfly specimens to him for identification and preservation. The latter he did with meticulous care under glass on a cotton background, with frames that were carefully joined, sanded and finished. To impress each child with the importance of their joint project, he charged a few pennies - - much less than the cost of his materials. Many a child has cause to regret Frank's passing; but many, too, have an awakened interest in the wonders of nature.

It is apparent that Frank was an accomplished naturalist. The flora and fauna of Wisconsin and their habitat were well known to him. He possessed an outstanding collection of native birds' eggs, as well as numerous other interesting specimens. Significant of this interest was his active participation as a conservationist. For many years he held a sportsman's license and assisted the Conservation Commission in its fish and game census. Appropriately, these interests have resulted in the establishment of the growing "Frank J. Ruzicka Memorial Collection" of books on natural history in the Burlington Public Library.

There are few of us who know of it, but those of us who do will not forget Frank's remarkable work as a craftsman. In his home he maintained a workshop in which he relaxed from the vexations that beset us all. There he produced work in wood that was unique for its delicate design and professional finish. Amony his many products were a set of lanterns for Plymouth Congregational Church and a complete table service of handled cups, plates, dishes, forks, knives and spoons turned and carved of walnut which was treated with a special finish to render it as useful as it is beautiful.

Frank was a "man's man", too; a sportsman, marksman, fisherman, trapper, raconteur and good companion. Many and successful were his hunting and fishing ventures. He was so accomplished with a gun that he could clip a tree-top twig with a rifle and would often wait until two ducks were aligned to dispatch them by a single shot. After a light snowfall, he stalked rabbits and brought them down with a well-aimed club. Many enjoyed the succulent benefits of his expert talents. Many, too, enjoyed the evenings in camp when the hunting and fishing were done and the tales were told.

Had he not decided to become a lawyer, he would have been an equally successful and able scientist. He was a most observing man, always seeing the unusual and searching for answers to his discoveries and discussing his finding intelligently and interestingly.

Frank was a gregarious man and, beyond his natural association with people of all walks of life, he participated actively in groups organized for the advancement of society.

He was a member of the State and County Bar Associations. In the latter, he endeavored unsuffessfully to promote recommendation on judicial selection, believing in it as an obligation of the Bar.

As an active member of Burlington Lodge Number 28, Free and Accepted Masons, he was responsible for forming the holding company that enabled it to acquire its beautiful building which has been a center of community activity for many years.

During the critical period of the Second World War he was chairman of the Burlington Branch of the American Red Cross. In that capacity he supervised its vital fund raising and other activities and personally handled the numerous emergency problems of servicemen from the western Racine County area.

He especially enjoyed and fulfilled his long-time membership in Rotary International. He served as president and as chairman or member of most of its committees. When he attained past service status, he continued to be regarded as a mentor on its objectives and an active practitioner of its principles.

In the span of his sixty-six years, Frank J. Ruzicka led a full and useful life. As lawyer, husband, father, citizen, naturalist, artisan and friend, he created that image to which we should all apire for the enhancement of our profession.

Dated October 7, 1963. Respectfully submitted.

Memorial Committe on behalf of the Racine County Bar Association.

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