

October 18, 1967

Mrs. Warren Dana
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Dear Joyce:

I am enclosing the Memorial given by Mr. Lyman Gillett on behalf of the Racine County Bar Association and the response made to it by the Honorable Howard J. DuRocher.

I know you will wish to keep them with the many treasures and memories of your companionship with Warren.

Kindest regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Daley

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MEMORIAL TO WARREN M. DANA

To the Honorable Courts of Racine County:

May it please the Court: The undersigned Committee, appointed by the Racine County Bar Association, respectfully presents to the Court this Memorial in behalf of Warren M. Dana.

Warren Munroe Dana was born at Racine, Wisconsin, March 22, 1909, the son of George G. Dana and Mary Rennie Dana. His father, a descendant of Richard Dana, who came to the New World in 1626, came to Racine in 1899, where he was employed by the J. I. Case Company until his retirement in 1947. Incidentally Warren's father observed his 92nd birthday on December 11, 1966, and is a resident of Racine, Wisconsin. His mother was a descendant of O. C. Munroe, a pioneer settler in Racine County.

Warren Dana attended Knapp and Howell Elementary schools, McKinley Jr. High School, and graduated from Racine High School. He attended Carroll College at Waukesha for two years, and then the Letters & Science College and the Law School of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932, and Bachelor of Laws in 1934. During his school career, Warren was the recipient of several scholastic awards. In High School he was elected to membership in the National Honor Society. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with Senior Honors and in Law School he was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Upon graduation from Law School, Warren was admitted to practice law in Wisconsin and the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Later, he was admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the United States Treasury Department.

He started his law practice at Baraboo, Wisconsin, July 1, 1934, with the late Norman Quale and Harold Langer, and became a member of the firm of Quale, Langer & Dana, which became Langer & Dana on the death of Norman Quale. He remained with that firm until June 22, 1942, when he returned to Racine and became associated with and later a partner in the firm of Simmons, Walker, Wratten & Sporer, which became Wratten, Dana & DeMark when Anthony S. DeMark joined the firm January 1, 1962.

Mr. Dana was a member of the Racine County and Wisconsin State Bar Associations, always had a special interest in the Racine County Bar Association and served the Association as its Secretary-Treasurer for 12 years, from 1945 through 1956, and as President during 1961 - 1962. He also served as chairman of its committees on Legal Aid, Law Library and Grievances. It was during his tenure as chairman of the Legal Aid Committee that the Association adopted that committee's plan for a Legal Aid Society for Racine County.

During his entire life, he had a continuing interest in music, both as a performer and supporter. He studied piano with the late Frederick Schulte for five years and was a frequent performer of piano solos and a pianist with a violin, cello and piano trio during his high school years. He also was President of the Baraboo Music Club and played piano solos in programs of that club. He also learned the trombone as a youth, and played in the Junior High and High School orchestras. He played with several bands, including the Carroll College Band, Waukesha Legion Band, the University of Wisconsin Marching and Concert Bands, Baraboo Legion Band and Racine Park Board Band.

One of his special interests was the Racine Symphony Orchestra, in which he played trombone for 14 years, and of which

he was Secretary-Treasurer for four years, and President for four years. He was able to have the orchestra corporation qualified as a tax-exempt organization, and amended its Articles and By-laws to open membership, allowing community members as well as playing orchestra members in the Racine Symphony Orchestra, and was instrumental in obtaining Dudley Powers as the orchestra's conductor.

His skill in drafting Corporation and Organization Articles and By-laws, led him to several assignments in this field. During the year 1964 - 1965 he revised the By-laws for the Kiwanis Club of Racine, and drafted the Articles and By-laws for the Kiwanis Foundation of Racine, a tax-exempt foundation created by the Kiwanis Club of Racine for handling the youth service and other charitable work of the club in the Racine area. He also wrote the By-laws of the Women's Symphony League of Racine, and most recently drafted a complete revision of the By-laws for Racine United Community Service.

Warren was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Racine, and had a 23 year record of perfect attendance. He served the Club as a Director for two three-year terms, and as Chairman of many of its committees. One of his favorite services to the Club was the introduction of new members.

He was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church of Racine and served the Church as a Deacon for three years, taught a Sunday School Class for one year, was often called upon as leader of the Junior and Senior Classes as well as the Adult Class. He represented the Congregation on the occasion of the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Reverend Francis Ihrman's pastorate of the Church. He presided as Master

of Ceremonies at the banquet celebrating the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Church.

Warren was a member of Racine Masonic Lodge No. 18 and the Racine County Humane Society.

In his practice he had a particular interest in probate procedure. This led to his appointment by the State Bar of Wisconsin in 1962 to its probate study committee, of which he remained an active member until ill health forced curtailment of his activities. The Committee was created to draft a new Probate Code for Wisconsin, to be submitted to the Wisconsin Legislature for adoption to accomplish the first complete revision of Wisconsin's probate laws in over 100 years. The work of the Committee culminated in the publication of the proposed Probate Code in September 1966.

Warren had gardening as another of his interests, and for many years enjoyed the planting and raising of his own flowers, which, except for perennials, he raised each year from his own planting of seeds and bulbs.

Dogs were another interest - not as a dog fancier or trainer - but as a companion and friend. For more than 20 years he was well-known as the man who walked his dog each day along Washington Avenue.

Above and beyond his other activities, his primary interest and concern was for his family, consisting of his wife, Joyce, whom he married August 22, 1945, and three children, John, Carol and Martha, with whom and from whom he achieved his greatest joy and satisfaction.

His death occurred on March 12, 1967, at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine.

Warren will always be remembered for his good works and deeds in the community, for his subtle wit and humor, for his great ability as a lawyer and counselor, and as a loving father and husband.

We respectfully request that this Memorial be spread upon the records of this Court and that a copy be furnished to the family of Warren M. Dana.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnan B. Giebert

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Response by Judge Howard J. DuRocher
to Memorial for Warren Dana

The Court wishes to thank Mr. Gillett and also to express its appreciation to the other members of the committee for the work in the preparation of this excellent memorial to the life, the character and the accomplishments of our fellow attorney.

This memorial, excellent as it is, fails, I believe as does all history, to capture the personality of its subject. The court was unaware of all of Mr. Dana's accomplishments. It saw him as a diligent meticulous scholar, advocate and officer of the court in whom it could implicitly rely personally.

The incumbent of this office knew Mr. Dana as a courteous and generous host, a sincere friend, a stimulating dinner companion, a deservedly proud father and a devoted husband. When my wife and I were guests in his home we were received with utmost gracious simplicity which characterized the family secure in its solidarity, without any pretense. Dinner was served beautifully and lovingly and it progressed under Warren's unobtrusive direction with unhurried grace and dignity. Conversation was interesting and stimulating, unostentatiously designed to allow the guest to feel a part of that worthy group.

Mr. Dana's daughter studied cello with my son for about two years and I had the opportunity of observing how he instilled in his family, by his own example, the virtue of application,

punctuality and consideration for others. Hundreds of similar examples come to mind and you members of the bar who had known him intimately over many years, and have known of his life in this community and his contributions to it, will find like incidents that they recollect as they reflect upon his life and character.

I am authorized to state that my fellow Judges join me in these respects and it is ordered that the memorial just read be spread upon the records of this court and that a copy of it, together with the court's response, be furnished to his family.

I would now request that you join me standing in a moment of silent prayer or meditation upon the life and character of Mr. Dana.

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