IN MEMORIAM

IN CIRCUIT COURT. RACINE COUNTY. WISCONSIN

GILBERT EDWARD BRACH

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

The Committee appointed by the Racine County Bar Association respectfully presents to the Court this Memorial to the distinguished life of GILBERT EDWARD BRACH, who for more than fifty years commanded the greatest of respect and admiration from the fellow members of the Racine County Bar.

Mr. Brach departed this life at his home on the 6th day of April, 1971 at the age of 74 years. He was a member of the Racine County Bar Association during all the years of his practice. He served as President of the Racine County Bar Association and on various committees thereof. He was a member of the Wisconsin State Bar and the American Bar.

Gilbert Edward Brach was born on Geneva Street on the north side of Racine on the 24th day of July, 1896, the son of William Brach and Rose (Mueller) Brach. He had two sisters, Lorena and Alice, and one brother, Clarence, all of whom predeceased him.

Mr. Brach attended St. John's Lutheran School, Garfield School, and graduated from the old Racine High School.

William and Rose Brach moved from the City of Racine to Franksville and purchased a farm, and their son, Gilbert, grew up with a close affection

for nature, its products, its beauty and the natural love of animal life which only the closeness of nature can produce. His father was associated with the Mitchell Wagon Works, and he also worked at the Nash automobile plant.

During the early years when Mr. Brach's parents lived on the farm in Franksville it was often too cold for one to walk that distance to high school and as a result his second home, during the winter, was that of Clarence and Edward Ruetz, whose close boyhood lives held them together as though they were brothers throughout all of his life.

After graduating from Racine High School in 1915 Mr. Brach moved on to Ripon College and then he studied law at Marquette University. While at Marquette, he joined the legal fraternity, Delta Theta Phi, and was active in all of its functions while at school. He was an honorary member of the Jesuit Society. His religion being other than Catholic, he felt quite fortunate to have been chosen. He served as Editor of the Marquette Law Review, and made several outstanding contributions. An article written by him while there, on the subject of Title to Personal Collateral, still reflects the final law thereon.

Mr. Brach did not enjoy the luxuries afforded by wealth during the time he attended college. He worked in the Kitchen as a waiter and as a bus boy in the dining room. He often spoke of these fond memories and of the friendships developed while working his way through school. During the summer months he worked at the Racine Manufacturing Company.

After graduation in 1920 he commenced his long career as an attorney by associating with the law firm of Storms, Foley & Beck. After Mr. Storms passed away the firm became known as Foley & Brach, which continued until 1946 when Mr. Brach became associated with Oscar M. Edwards under the firm name of Brach & Edwards. In the early fifties the firm was joined by Fred W. Wheeler, and the firm name then became Brach, Edwards & Wheeler. At the time of the passing of Mr. Brach, the firm was known as Brach & Wheeler.

Mr. Brach had great admiration and respect for the opinions of those who practiced law before him. The beauty of the earth attracted his keen interest. In 1960 he purchased one of the fine beautiful old homes on Main Street which had been occupied by Dr. Nott, and he transformed this into the legal home of the law firm. He would travel far to look at an authentic painting, and the walls of the beautiful old home were hung with some of the finest paintings, which produced a soothing atmosphere enjoyed by the firm family and the clients who came to have their needs fulfilled.

Early in his legal career he became enshrouded with a granite hard determination and a sense of responsibility to his convictions that carried throughout his long practice, and he was often referred to as one of the greatest rugged individualists of our time. He enjoyed a wide general practice of the law. He would put his adversaries to the utmost test in a trial or across the table in the field of labor relations. He was well known, well respected, if

not feared, by labor leaders in the State as well as outside the State of Wisconsin. His determination to represent the industry of Racine in their labor problems was surpassed by none.

He was dearly loved by the great publishers of legal books of our time. It has often been said, if the book is printed Mr. Brach will buy it. He thoroughly enjoyed reading. He had a wealth of knowledge concerning corporate, trust and estate work, and had a keen sense of detecting the tax impact. His love of the practice of law often appeared primary in his life. In his very late years he would arrive at the office shortly after 7:30 and depart well into the evening. The lights burned often past midnight at 744 Main Street.

Mr. Brach leaves his wife, Anita, five children, Gilbert E. Brach, Jr., Dorothy Brach Barrett, Diane Brach Kelley, Betty Brach McPherron and Bonnie A. Brach, in addition to grandchildren. Mr. Brach's son, Gilbert E. Brach, Jr., is also an attorney, having graduated from Wisconsin University Law School. However, he chose to enter the field of industry rather than in the private practice of the law.

Mr. Brach was actively engaged in work which benefitted our government, national, state, county and city. He has served as Chairman of the Racine County Republican Party, and in the earlier years attended many of the State Conventions as a delegate, serving arduously on many of the committees.

Mr. Brach was keenly interested in education. Perhaps one reason is that he so greatly appreciated his own education, and the hard work he had to perform to get it caused him to hope that others might find the path easier to trod. He served on the Racine School Board commencing in 1928. He was President of the Board in 1932-1933. He served as a vigorous member of the Racine County Agricultural Society for many years, and also was most active in improving the Racine County Fair and its facilities for the benefit of the area residents. He served on the Racine County Civil Service Commission, serving as Chairman for several years, and was devoted to upgrading the civil service status of those who served. In 1970 when the City of Racine was beset with labor problems with its Fire Department, he was chosen as Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee and devoted his time freely. The last few years of his life he was dedicated and strenuously so, to the creation and advancement of the Racine Technical Institute by serving as Chairman of its Board, and did much to locate the institute on the lake front property.

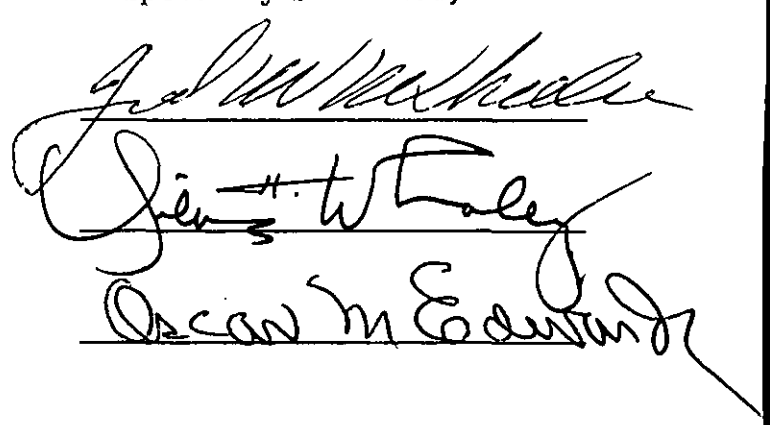
He designed a plaque which more fully sums up his life than one can really reduce to writing. This plaque contained a turtle upon which the following was inscribed on a bronze plate, "Observe the turtle, he progresses only when his neck is out."

Mr. Brach approached life with a deep sense of challenge, and respected the challenge that life presented to him. He remained active up until the time of his passing, and he usually moved forward as he often would say, "I will stick my neck out."

Gilbert Edward Brach was a person possessed of great love for his family, great respect for his fellow man, a devoted friend. He fought hard for that which he believed in. He devoted much of his professional time to his decisions, be they legal or not. In his more than fifty years in the practice of the law, Gilbert E. Brach enjoyed the highest esteem and greatest respect that could be bestowed upon him by industry, labor, the political, the religious, and the men of all walks of life.

The Racine County Bar had prepared a testimonial dinner for his benefit, and this testimonial was held after his passing. It can truthfully be said he must have received great personal satisfaction from the life he lived.

Respectfully submitted,



STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: RACINE COUNTY:

Memorial of
Bernice Kleman Harvey

Bernice Kleman Harvey was born on April 10, 1906, in Marinette, Wisconsin, one of eight children born to Herman and Emma Kleman. She attended the public schools of Marinette, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Marinette High School in June of 1924, She took her undergraduate work at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin, where she received a BA Degree with a major in economics, She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School on May 29, 1943, and was admitted to practice on the same date. She married Jack Harvey on January 19, 1943, and for many years, they were partners in the law firm of Harvey and Harvey in Racine, Wisconsin. She was a dedicated lawyer and gave the utmost in service and diligence to her clients in spite of the fact that no fee or compensation may be obtained. This she did in the finest tradition of the practice of law. She was a member of the Racine County and State Bar Associations for 25 years. In addition to her law practice, she served 15 years with various governmental agencies, including the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, the Wisconsin State Board of Health, and the United States Treasury Department's procurement office in Madison, Wisconsin. While working in Government Service in Washington D. C., Mrs. Harvey was executive secretary of the trucking commission of the National War Labor Board, and later was an attorney for the Custodian of Alien Property, and the Federal Communications Commission. In 1950, she directed the federal government's census taking for a 5-county southeastern Wisconsin District. In the field of education, Mrs. Harvey was a school teacher in the mid 1930's and taught commercial law at the Racine Vocational and Adult School.

Mrs. Harvey was a thoroughly outgoing and civic minded individual and a dedicated member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church of Racine,

Wisconsin. In the words of her minister, The Rev. Dale Hallberg, she was a person with "great compassion and concern for her fellow-man" and a "rock of a person." She was fair, just, and judged an individual by his deeds and not his words. Mrs. Harvey stood for the principal of fairness regardless of adversary or condition and would express her opinion clearly against any unjust element or cause. She was an international person in the sense that her dedication to understanding and peace was global in scope. She loved books and travel and delighted in understanding the customs and folk-ways of individuals from many societies. She was a serious person, but she had a great sense of humor and loved amusing human interest stories. Mrs. Harvey had a special interest in gardening and loved to watch things grow. She was fond of animals, and her dog was given the same geniune humanitarian concern that was so much a part of her.

Bernice Harvey had a great zest for life, love, and loyalty to her country. She had many social and civic affiliations, She was a member of Kappa Gamma Phi, Kappa Delta and Kappa Beta Pi. She was a member of the board of Wustum Museum, the Racine Public Library and the Zoological Society.

Bernice Harvey was a kind and friendly lady and a devoted wife. Her passing means a grevious loss to a great many people. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her husband, Jack Harvey, and a host of relatives and friends who survive her.

Respectively submitted,

Edward E. Hales

Jack Wilbershide

Lyman Gillett

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George C. Gilday, a member of the Racine County Bar for 34 years died at Racine, Wisconsin, on November 14, 1970.

George was born in Racine of a pioneer northside family on June 4, 1912 and attended St. Patrick's Church and grade school and after grade school was graduated from St. Catherine's High School. He then attended Marquette University where he where he received his undergraduate and law degree, graduating from law school in June of 1936 at which time he was then admitted to the bar.

Upon graduation and admission to the bar Mr. Gilday commenced practice with his brother, Edmund, which continued until Edmund's untimely death in the late 1930's. After the death of his brother, Mr. Gilday practiced law with offices in the Badger and Baker Buildings in Racine, until January 1, 1966 when he accepted a position with the Public Service Commission as a Trial Examiner. This latter association with the Public Service Commission Mr. Gilday maintained until the time of his death, and during this time in the course of his duties he appeared in many cities of the State for hearings concerning matters before the Public Service Commission.

Mr. Gilday was married to the former Elizabeth Haight on November 16, 1940 and his devoted wife remained with him until her untimely death in January of 1969. Mr. Gilday and his wife, Elizabeth, were blessed with a fine family who survive them with the eldest and only daughter, being Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hartman and three sons, Edmund T. Gilday, George C. Gilday, Jr. and James T. Gilday.

George Gilday always expressed a keen interest not only in the affairs of his profession, but also in the religious, social and fraternal life of the community, serving not only on various bar committee appointments, but also on various groups and was associated with his church, the political party of his persuasion, and other civic and social groups. He will always be remembered not only among the profession, but among his friends, associates and neighbors of the community for his gentlemanly demeanor and his wry wit that helped grace many an occasion. The passing of George Gilday means not only a loss to our local bar, but a loss to the community as a whole, and our sympathy is extended to the surviving children who may be assured that his memory will always be honored among the bar and the city of his birth.

Arthur Ramsey Jr.
Jim Weaver
Anthony S. DeNiro

IN MEMORIAM
BERNICE HARVEY
GEORGE GILDAY

By Honorable Thomas P. Corbett
Judge, Circuit Court, Racine County

In behalf of the Bench and the Bar, I would like to extend our sympathy to the members of the families of Bernice Harvey and George Gilday. I also wish to commend you, Mr. Morrissey, and your committee, and you, Mr. Hales, and your committee, for the excellent memorials which have been prepared. You may rest assured that the memorials will be spread upon the minutes of this court as a fitting memorial to their work here. It is only proper that since their work in the Racine court system commenced by permission to practice in this court that their final record be also here.

I knew George Gilday before I knew Bernice Harvey. I think that is true of all of the members of the Bar, because George began practicing here a great deal sooner. I personally remember him because back in 1938, when I started in the Baker-Block Building on the third floor in the office formerly occupied by Judge Harvey, he was over in this building doing Jerry Clickner's work. I could look across the court and see George at his desk, and if you stuck your head out a little further you would see Kenney Greenquist and Judge Wendt across

the line. Sometimes there would be conversation going on between all of the offices without the benefit of the telephone. That was back in the days when there weren't many clients and the few clients we had didn't have any money, and the big events of the day would be stopping in the middle of the morning for a cup of coffee down in Pauline's in Baker-Block, and later on over in Walgreen's. George was quite a man.

We all remember his infirmities, but the old timers remember how much sympathy he had for a man that had greater disability than he did, and how he used to rouse up work for this man so he could stay in the office and make a living. That was in the Baker-Block Building. George was always fair in his dealings, competent in his work, and he left you a little happier after being around you.

Back in those days we had a baseball team. George sometimes played second base and sometimes played catch. I played first base and left field, and they put me on first base, I think, because they couldn't find me in left field. They put George on second base--this was with a pillow ball--and when one of the big hitters would knock one down toward second base and George caught it, we used to have to go out in right field and pick him up when he didn't quite get it on the fly, and when he threw it toward first base you were never quite sure where it was going, but it always came over to

first base with a great deal of enthusiasm. The younger lawyers today, I don't imagine, could comprehend us old timers playing a baseball team, but we did, and we had a great deal of fun.

I was most please when the general counsel for the public service commission called me, when I was on the second floor, with respect to George. I hadn't known he was making application for work as an examiner, but it was possibly the happiest recommendation I had ever made, and they were very pleased with his work there as we were all pleased with his work here in Racine. I know he enjoyed his work with the commission, because every time his work brought him in the building he stopped in the office, and if you were on the bench he would leave a little note that he was here, but at least he ended his work career in a happy line of endeaver. He was a good member of this Bar, and he served his clients well. I am certain that his family should know now that we who worked with him in behalf of the public of this city and State held him in high esteem and high regard, as they must have as their father, because he loved them very much and we all knew it.

Bernice Harvey, I have known as a personal friend for many years, and came from my home town. There are not many members of the Racine Bar, if any in existence right now,

who worked for as many governmental agencies as she did, or worked as hard as she did for some clients who didn't have a cent to pay. We all know that all you had to do was turn Bernice loose on a woman with some children looking for a husband to give her support, and she would do her utmost to make things balance out even though there wasn't, as I say, a thing in it for her. When she had success, she was a very happy woman. The women in America today who work for women's liberation and try to get themselves in that sphere need only look to Bernice. She was a liberated woman all her life, as far as I know. She was a firm woman, a strong woman, but she had a streak of kindness and tenderness in her that few women possess.

I know in this memorial you made reference, Mr. Hales, to her dogs and pets. She was a great woman for pets. We had a dog once that we had to divorce from one of my children because they were incompatible, and Jack and Bernice took the dog. I don't know if she fed the dog more than Jack or Jack more than the dog, but they both looked pretty rotund for quite a while. But the dog was well fed and well cared for, and that was just one long procession of pets in the house. She spread her affection on them as she did with all her friends and cousins. She recognized the necessity of a person

to be a mate, a wife, and she also recognized the need to be an individual; not only for herself, but for her husband as well.

She permitted people to share the happiness that came into her home. I know the pride she had in her home when they did a little remodeling, change the kitchen, or built the garage, or put the recreation room in the basement. You could be sure that all the close friends were invited over to share in those bits of happiness. Her garden was a great source of joy to her, and when a new bloom would come up you could expect a phone call, "Come over and see this flower," but she never showed you the bloom with, "This is what I did." She always showed this with, "Isn't this wonderful?" She was quite a woman.

She was conscious of her surroundings, conscious of the people around her, she recognized good when she saw it and she recognized other than good when she saw it, and she wasn't one to sit by idly if you were doing wrong. If she thought you were doing wrong you would hear from her, and I think she made many people in this community better persons because she was alert to what was going on. We, in the Bar and on the Bench, know more about her than her own family, and the times we spent with her were very wonderful. She worked extremely diligently for her clients. She and George Gilday were able attorneys in the fields in which they chose

to work.

We all practice different faiths, but in the faith of George Gilday and in the faith of Bernice Harvey, I would appreciate it very much if we would at this time stand, and for those whose faith is similar to theirs I would hope that you would say a prayer to God thanking Him for taking them to His bosom, and if that hasn't happened yet, hope that the interval between now and then will be very short, and for those who do not have those beliefs, to stand and have a kind thought for these wonderful people.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS:
COUNTY OF RACINE)

I, KEITH W. GALES, do hereby certify that I am a stenographic reporter; that I was present at the foregoing Memoriam service and that I recorded the speech of Honorable Thomas P. Corbett in shorthand; that the above and foregoin is a true, correct and exact copy, in longhand, of my shorthand notes taken at said Memoriam service.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1971.

KEITH W. GALES, Court Reporter

I N M E M O R I A M

IN CIRCUIT COURT, RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

CHARLES FRIAUF WRATTEN

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

The Committee appointed by the Racine County Bar Association respectfully presents to the Court this Memorial to the life and character of CHARLES FRIAUF WRATTEN, who for more than fifty years was a beloved and respected member of the Racine County Bar.

Charles F. Wratten passed away at Racine, Wisconsin, on May 28, 1971, at the age of seventy-five years. He had served as President of the Racine County Bar Association and was a member of said Association, the Wisconsin State Bar, and the American Bar on the date of his death.

Charles F. Wratten was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on December 11, 1895, the son of Charles Ernst and Mary Friauf Wratten. He is survived by his devoted sister, Harriet A. Wratten, with whom he resided until the date of his death.

When his mother was four years old, in 1874, his maternal grandparents, Frank and Anna Friauf, brought their family of six children from Bohemia to this country, for advantages of education and subsequent opportunity. Their immediate goal, American citizenship, was achieved within the minimum time required, and was intensely cherished.

As a skilled cabinet maker, with the traditional dedication of the European craftsman to his work, Mr. Friauf readily found opportunity with the then Hartmann Trunk Company in Racine. One example of his master craftsmanship is his Cathedral clock, carved from wood and intricately hand-scrolled, with music box concealed, to sound the time. It is now in the Racine County Historical Museum.

The paternal grandparents of Charles F. Wratten, Jacob and Harriet Biggs Wratten, came as children, with their respective parents, to Utica, New York, from Maidstone, Kent County, England. Married in Utica, they came to Racine in the year 1844.

For a time, Jacob Wratten was Chief of the Racine Fire Department. By vocation, however, he was a carpenter-contractor, and he maintained a school of apprentices. His home, in the 700 block, was the first to be built on what is now Grand Avenue, close to what were then the south limits of the community. Deer came to the windows and it was not uncommon for Indians to come to the doors. Wisconsin was not yet a State when Jacob Wratten acquired this and other properties, from the Territory of Wisconsin.

He was the carpenter-contractor for one or more of the city's earliest schools. Although his death occurred 103 years ago, when he was 48 years old, the house which he built at 119 Eleventh Street is familiar to our time. Facing East Park at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Main Streets, it is now owned and occupied by Mr. Arthur Modine. Jacob Wratten was also

the carpenter-contractor for the traditional white frame house in the 700 block of Main Street, later to be owned and occupied by the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Constantine. It was razed to accommodate the new office building of Konnak, Constantine & Krohn.

As a very young man, Charles F. Wratten's father worked briefly for the local Telephone Company, at a time when telephone communication between south and north sides of the city was cut off whenever the lower Main Street bridge was opened. Subsequently, Mr. Wratten installed the first automatic telephone switchboard in Racine. Later, following in the footsteps of his father, he served a short time with the Fire Department. For a number of years, until metal replaced wood in the manufacture of farm implements, he was in charge of the Wood Department of the J. I. Case Company. He then became founder and head of the Floorkleen Company, and in his later years was Credit Manager for the Racine Journal-Times.

Charles F. Wratten's mother was active in fund-raising and other volunteer services for both local hospitals. For a number of years she was President of the Florence Nightingale Society. She was vitally interested in good government and Veterans' welfare, was an early President of American Legion Auxiliary to Post 76, and was Women's Chairman of the Post's first Poppy Drive.

Charles F. Wratten had his elementary classwork in

the McMynn School, occupying the red brick building then, as now, located on the northwest corner of Seventh Street and Lake Avenue. In those early school years, with a memorable singing voice, he was the boy soprano soloist with St. Luke's Church choir and made many solo appearances elsewhere. At the age of 16, in 1912, he graduated from the Racine High School.

As a boy, Charles did not have a paper route. However, he had a modest, home-based business, selling a furniture oil of original formula. Customers continued to ask for it long after this temporary enterprise was terminated.

Entering Marquette University, he took preliminary work in the Liberal Arts and Sciences. His Law studies were interrupted by World War I, in which he served overseas with the 326th Field Artillery of the 84th Division. Following his honorable discharge, he resumed and completed his course, graduating, cum laude, in 1920. Among other extra-curricular activities, he was President of his Senior Class, Editor of the Marquette Law Review, a member of Alpha Chi, social fraternity, and the all-University Honor Society for men.

In the year of his graduation, 1920, Charles F. Wratten was admitted to the Bar and returned to the Simmons and Walker firm, with which he had already spent some of his spare time. In the short period of three years, he became a partner in the firm, which then became known as Simmons, Walker & Wratten.

In the year 1930, Harold J. Sporer, a respected member of the Bar who died in 1949, was admitted to the firm as a

partner and the firm then became known as Simmons, Walker, Wratten & Sporer. The late Warren M. Dana became associated with the firm in the late 1930's and in 1962 the firm name was changed to Wratten, Dana & DeMark, upon Anthony S. DeMark becoming a member in said firm with Charles F. Wratten and Warren M. Dana.

The professional career of Charles F. Wratten embodied the natural talents and conscientious training which should be our ideal of a lawyer. He possessed a keen and inquiring mind, a pleasing personality, a ready wit, a very comprehensive understanding of human nature, and an excellent command of the English language. He had the attributes of thoroughness, preciseness, determination and scholarship. Charles F. Wratten was scrupulously honest and did not deviate from either the written rules or the unwritten principles governing proper conduct of members of our profession. The development and growth of the Law were matters of vital concern to him, and he never ceased to study and learn.

During the early years of his practice as a lawyer, he was engaged in a number of complicated litigations as a trial lawyer in the local courts. He appeared and argued cases on various occasions before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. His preparation of the facts involved in any case, and his briefing of the law were always thorough, complete and scholarly. He was unusually successful in these cases because of his preparation, knowledge of the law, and his ability as a trial and appellate lawyer.

During the latter years of his practice, Charles F. Wratten devoted practically all of his time to corporate, estate and taxation work. As a result, he did not have the time to engage in the trial of jury cases, although he mentioned to me that he missed the challenge of trying jury cases.

The field of taxation, both State and Federal, occupied a great deal of his time. This involved matters on behalf of clients, either as individuals, corporations or personal representatives of estates. He attended various tax schools and subscribed to many tax publications. He was recognized as an outstanding authority in this field.

Although he never aspired to be a candidate for a political or judicial office, nevertheless, he was vitally concerned in the election of qualified, dedicated and sincere men. He took an active and continued interest in all elections, whether it be on a Local, State or Federal level.

A measure of the constancy of Charles F. Wratten's fealty to the Law, is the fact that from early years on, he never expressed a desire to follow any other career, and in his later years, rejected the idea of retiring from it.

For him, the Law became an avocation as well as a vocation, but he also had far-reaching, well-informed interests in widely diversified fields, stimulated and nourished by a lifelong love of reading which began with his boyhood exposure to good books read aloud by his mother and father around the fireplace or family library table. Much of the store of information

which he acquired, he retained, with the help of an almost photographic memory. It not only enriched his own life. It made him a versatile, enjoyable companion.

Charles loved the out-of-doors - - - wild life - - - the companionship of his dogs. Feeding trays encouraged birds and small creatures to visit his yard. He found great pleasure in fishing, especially in Canadian and northern native waters. He thoroughly enjoyed target practice on the rifle range and achieved a record of excellent marksmanship; however, on trips with hunting companions, including two Polar Bear safaris on the Arctic Ocean in recent years, he left his guns at home. Instead, he carried photographic equipment with which he satisfied one of his major hobbies and, through the years, built up a fine personal photographic library.

In 1922, as a member of American Legion Post 76, Charles F. Wratten, along with George "Babe" Ruetz, George E. Smalley, a deceased member of our Bar, and others, was instrumental in obtaining a franchise for the Legion in the Professional Football League. That League is now the NFL as it exists today. Charles served as attorney for the Legion, drafting players' contracts and attending to other legal matters. About three years later, due to the lack of adequate attendance at the games, the franchise was sold to a group from Detroit for less than Five Thousand Dollars. Today the franchises, if available, are being sold in the neighborhood of Ten to Twelve Million Dollars.

Charles F. Wratten's interest in all spectator sports, including football, baseball and basketball, continued until the date of his death, and he attended many college and professional contests. He had many acquaintances and friends in the sports world, including such men as "Curly" Lambeau, George Halas, and Joseph E. Carr of Canton, Ohio, one of the founders of the NFL and its first President. Charles told me that on one weekend he attended a Friday night football contest between Marquette (his Alma Mater) and St. Mary's of California, in Soldiers' Field; a University of Wisconsin football game the following afternoon; and a Green Bay Packer - Bear game on Sunday of the same week.

Charles F. Wratten was vitally interested in community affairs and served as Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Community Chest for eight years.

His love of children is well known to everyone who knew Charles F. Wratten. A few days after Mr. Wratten's death, Jerry Wilkerson, a next-door neighbor, wrote a tribute to Mr. Wratten which was published in the Racine Journal-Times on June 1, 1971, which, among other things, emphasized the love and affection that Mr. Wratten had shown the three small Wilkerson children. What better can one say for his love of children, than that it was reciprocated?

Charles F. Wratten always took an active and kindly interest in the younger members of the profession. He never assumed that years of experience or a measure of success in the practice placed him on a plane higher than younger members of the Bar. He was ever willing to meet them and discuss their problems.

Charles F. Wratten was a devoted son, a devoted brother, a devoted friend. He was devoted to his profession. Upon his death, messages poured in from friends and associates far and wide, testifying to the respect and affection in which he is held.

It is said that a man can have no higher tribute than the esteem of his colleagues. In more than fifty years in the practice of Law, Charles F. Wratten enjoyed this esteem. The testimonial accorded him by the Bar of his County and his State afforded him well-merited gratification. It was an ornament, as it were, to the deep personal satisfactions which he derived from a lifetime of giving his best to a work he loved.

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IN CIRCUIT COURT, RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Response by Honorable
Howard J. DuRocher

These two men were very different -- perhaps due to a bit of ambivalence in my personality, I felt close to each of them. This is an age in which we constantly seek to minimize individual differences, to search out and exaggerate universal characteristics; but it is very difficult for me to develope a high degree of affection for the norm, the median, or the average. The endearing qualities among my friends -- the most frustrating ones as well -- are those which distinguish, which vary, or deviate, if you prefer, from those of the great mass of mankind with which each of us has so very much in common.

When one has lost a friend or close associate, I think each of us, not deliberately, not unkindly, certainly not with malice, tends to seek and preserve in our memory or recollection those great and easily recognized qualities or virtues of our friend; and the minor foibles, the endearing trivialities, the

harmonics of his character, which really determine the beauty of his personality, gradually fade from our consciousness, and we are left with an image partaking the nature of the sculpture on Mount Rushmore.

So it may be that the qualities for which I will seek to remember Charles Wratten and Guilbert Brach may not be those which appealed to anyone else in the room, but which to me were the most salient features of each of them. These men may have felt qualities to have been weaknesses in themselves, which to me were among their most appealing features.

The other day I came across a short prayer. May I read it to you:

> This is my prayer to thee, my lord--strike
> Strike at the root of penury in my heart
> Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows
> Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend
> my knees before insolent might
> Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service
> Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily
> trifles
> And give me the strength to surrender my strength to
> thy will with love

As Guilbert Brach and Charles Wratten left this life, I am very sure that each did so with a sure and certain knowledge that his prayer, in the words of Tagore, had in his case met with fulfillment in the eyes of his creator.

I wish to rexpress the appreciation of the court and each of its members to the Racine County Bar Association, and in particular to its respective committees, for the excellent memorials this morning presented.

It is the order of the court that they be spread upon its permanent record and that copies thereof and of the response be furnished to the respective families of our departed colleagues.

After a moment of silent meditation upon the lives of Charles Wratten and Guilbert Brach, in which I ask that each of you rise and join, the court will be in recess.

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