

STATE OF WISCONSIN:

CIRCUIT COURT:

RACINE COUNTY:

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Memorials to the Life and Character of:)
ALLYN L. MOGENSEN)
EMERY B. HOLLAND)
PAUL E. JORGENSEN)
DOMENICK N. POSTORINO)
EDWARD A. KRENZKE)
FRANK G. RUZICKA)
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Memorials as presented to the Court and the Racine County Bar Association on September 19, 1977 in the Circuit Court for Racine County, Wisconsin, the Honorable Thomas P. Corbett, Circuit Judge presiding. The Honorable John C. Ahlgrimm, Honorable William F. Jones, Honorable Richard G. Harvey, Honorable Dennis J. Flynn and the Honorable Jon B. Skow in attendance.

Mr. Lawrence E. Flynn, Clerk of Courts.

Mrs. Janice Christensen, Court Reporter.

MR. FLYNN: May it please the Court, the Racine County Bar Association Committee, under the chairmanship of Attorney Anthony S. DeMark, is here this morning together with other members of the Racine County Bar Association, families and friends in memory of deceased members of the Bar Association.

The first to offer a presentation before the Court is Attorney Gerald F. Hardy for Allyn L. Mogensen.

MR. HARDY:

May it please the Court, Allyn L. Mogensen was born at Racine, Wisconsin on August 5, 1898 and died at Racine, Wisconsin on April 13, 1977. His father was Louis Mogensen and his mother was Laura Hansen Mogensen. He attended Jefferson Elementary School, graduated from Racine High School in June 1916; attended Marquette University Night Law School and was admitted to practice law on August 4, 1927 by the Board of Law Examiners of the State of Wisconsin.

He began his practice with Guy A. Benson and later became a partner of the law firm of Benson & Mogensen, culminating in the offices of Benson, Mogensen & Butchart; subsequently opening his own office in the Baker Building where he remained until June 1, 1976.

Most local lawyers formed a very definite opinion of Mr. Mogensen. He was completely outspoken and truthful in his philosophical or political convictions, but his basic appreciation and importance of the law and justice can not be denied. He revered the law.

I know of my own knowledge that he was attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation during the Great Depression years; that during the 1960's he was an attorney for the Veterans Administration; that he examined abstracts for the First National Bank and Trust Company, as well as the Security National Bank;

that he handled probate matters for many of his old clients, and as a matter of fact, in one particular instance had probated six estates in one family, which is in and of itself justified by the results of his efforts.

His expertise in the law on real estate was sought by others of the profession when problems arose. But these achievements were not the greatest pride of his career; he knew and liked people. He often took cases or advised clients without any thought of being paid his fee. He frequently said, "I am an attorney for the poor." During those years there was no legal aid or public defender's office to handle indigent cases.

Allyn was a friendly man; in walking down the street I noticed that he spoke to everyone we met and if one were on the other side of the street and Allyn knew him he would call over rather than pass anyone by. He was an honest lawyer and an ethical one. I often heard him say, "I can not do that, because it is unethical."

Allyn had a sense of humor and enjoyed the practice of law. He regularly attended the Bar Meetings and would participate in any discussion; telling the lawyers what he thought on any question or proceeding coming

before the membership of the local Bar. He had an excellent command of the King's English. He also knew the Danish language; he studied the Bible in Danish. He was often called upon to translate Danish letters and documents by members of the judiciary. He was kind to the younger lawyers; spending time with them and giving them the advantage of his experience. Whenever I had a legal problem that troubled me, I felt free to go into Allyn's office and he would always take time to discuss the matter with me. He played the piano well and enjoyed singing Danish and English songs. He was a good friend to me and a good friend to many others.

Thank you!

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you very much Mr. Hardy.

MR. FLYNN: May it please the Court, Attorney Jack Harvey for Edward Krenzke.

MR. HARVEY: 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 work of Edward August Krenzke, who for more than 35 years practiced law in Racine and was a respected member of the Wisconsin Bar Association and the local Bar. He was admitted to practice in both the United States and the Wisconsin Supreme Courts.

Ed was born in the City of Racine on October 15, 1915, to Charles and Ida Krenzke. His father was a well known attorney in this community.

Ed received his education in the Racine Public School System, graduating from Horlick High School in 1933. He received his law degree from Valparaiso University in 1940, where he had captained the varsity basketball team. He then returned to Racine to practice his chosen profession.

On July 19, 1941, he was married to Lorraine Guenther at St. John's Lutheran Church in Racine, and he continued his membership in that church throughout his life.

During World War II, he served for two years in the European Theater of Operations with the 518th Ordinance Company, a Racine based unit and was involved in five major campaigns in that area, including the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1946, Ed was elected District Attorney for Racine County as the only Democrat to win a contest in this county. As district attorney, he led a series of raids on gambling houses and was also instrumental in obtaining favorable Public Service Commission decisions on grade crossing safety.

Ed was elected "Young Man of the Year" for the year 1947. In 1952 he was elected President of the Wisconsin District Attorney's Association. In 1954 he served as a member of the Special State Bar Committee on the Criminal Code Revision and also as a member of the State Legislative Advisory Committee on the Criminal Code Revision.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1954, when he was the first Democrat to carry this county in a congressional race in six years. In 1961, Krenzke was a candidate for Mayor of the City of Racine, finishing second to the incumbent.

He became Racine County's first Corporation Counsel in 1955 and served until 1960. He was again named to that post in 1966, and served until he joined the

City Attorney's staff in 1968 as Deputy City Attorney.

In 1974, Krenzke became City Attorney for the City of Racine. During his service with the City, he appeared before the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the City in a water pollution action brought by the State of Illinois. He subsequently negotiated agreements with Illinois and Michigan officials on measures to halt pollution of Lake Michigan.

Ed leaves surviving two daughters, Patricia M. Krenzke, of Racine, Wisconsin and Cynthia M. Bergfield, of Phoenix, Arizona. Patricia is presently employed at Modine Manufacturing Company and attends Parkside as a parttime student, and Cynthia is a registered nurse employed in a government Indian hospital in Arizona.

Ed Krenzke was a dedicated student of the law and was known for the thoroughness with which he prepared and presented his cases. Many of the younger members of the Bar profited from the wealth of experience which he was always willing to share with them.

In his personal and professional life, Ed Krenzke was a scrupulously honest and absolutely ethical individual.

He was a kind and friendly man and a devoted father and husband.

Ed Krenzke shunned publicity and fanfare. Yet

by his example, he has left an inspiring legacy to those fortunate enough to have known him. His life work has been in the highest tradition of our profession.

The letter he addressed to the people of Racine on the occasion of his retirement as City Attorney in 1976 best expresses his philosophy:

"So now it is my wish to say good-bye and to express to you my sincere and honest feeling of love and joy in having worked with and for you. It was a singular honor to have served my community and shared in the resolution of many of its problems."

His passing is a grievous loss. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family and the host of relatives and friends who survive him.

Your Committee moves that this memorial be spread upon the records of the Circuit Court of Racine County.

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you very much Mr. Harvey.

MR. FLYNN: May it please the Court, our District Attorney Gerald E. Clickner for Frank G. Ruzicka.

MR. CLICKNER: May it please the Court, Frank G. Ruzicka was a resident of Racine County all his life. He lived in the City of Burlington where he was born. He attended Milton College and Marquette University School of Law and was admitted to the Wisconsin State Bar in 1961.

He practiced law in Burlington with the firm of Ruzicka, Fulton and Lloyd for three years and then with Robert Wanasek until January of 1965 when he was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Racine County. He was the first Chief Administrative Assistant, the position which he held at his death.

Frank is survived by his wife, Susan and eight children.

He was a very complex man. When you began to think you knew Frank, you would then get another feeling that you hardly penetrated his life at all. He was open as a book and yet no one could ever say they really knew him.

He was very opinionated about some things and yet always willing to listen to logic and reason. He was extremely dependable and loyal to a fault.

Frank was a big man, a strong man, a mature man; yet, in some respects childlike in his pursuits. He was much concerned about things as they were and yet his two main interests were weight lifting and racing cars. It was the weight of his stock racing car falling onto his massive chest that crushed out his life on May 20, 1977, at the age of 44 years.

A quotation in the memorial to one of Frank's law school professors, who died just ten days later, is from the War Memorial in Edinburg, Scotland, and a poem by Rupert Hughes which is even more aptly applied to Frank Ruzicka:

"He grew not old
As we that are left grow old,
Age did not weary him,
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun as in the morning
We shall remember him."

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of September,
A.D. 1977. Racine County Bar Association Memorial
Committee.

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you Mr. Clickner.

MR. FLYNN: May it please the Court, Attorney Garth Seehawer,
for Paul Jorgensen.

MR. SEEHAWER: Paul E. Jorgensen, a member of the Racine County Bar
for forty-nine years died June 17, 1977. Paul Jorgensen
was a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, born in 1903. He
was a graduate of Marquette University Law School
and was admitted to the bar in 1928. Paul served as
an assistant district attorney in 1931 and 1932.
Following that he was secretary to 1st District
Congressman, George W. Blanchard, in 1933 and 1934.

The 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution,
Prohibition, was in effect when Paul was in the District
Attorney's office. He became well acquainted with the
problems Prohibition helped create. Early in 1932
Paul Jorgensen recalled being called into the office
of Racine newspaper publisher, and later Governor,
Walter S. Goodland, who foreseeing the repeal of
Prohibition in 1933, suggested there should be an
organization for self-regulation for the sale of
drinks, with members who would not make the mistakes
that brought on Prohibition.

Paul Jorgensen organized the Racine Tavern
League, then the Tavern League in Kenosha, and
another in Walworth County. By 1935 there were seven
local leagues around the state, and a state-wide

meeting was held that resulted in organization of the Tavern League of Wisconsin. For the next thirty-six years, until he retired from those positions in 1971, Paul Jorgensen was the general counsel, executive secretary and lobbyist of the Tavern League of Wisconsin. He had his hand in virtually every piece of state legislation involving taverns in that thirty-six years. He had one cardinal rule in his legislative appearance - always present both sides of the bill he was advocating. As a result his advice was often sought out by those officials. His standing word to the members of the league was that any bill favored by the Tavern League without the public's support had little chance of passage.

Paul's efforts were effective. When he retired in 1971, the league had 6,200 members in 70 counties (excluding Milwaukee County) and was the largest trade association in Wisconsin.

In addition to his positions with the Tavern League of Wisconsin, Paul Jorgensen was the coordinator for the National Licensed Beverage Association, with 40,000 members, the national tavern owner's association, with its national headquarters operated by Paul. He was also a director and a member of the executive committee of Licensed Beverage Industries, the liquor

industry's national public relations arm.

Paul was a good boss, honored as the 1957 Boss of the Year by the Racine Chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

Paul said and believed "a tavern operator is his brother's keeper." This led to his studies at the Yale School of Alcohol Studies and his service as a member of the Racine County Comprehensive Mental Health Services Board.

The accolade that Paul would most appreciate is that said by another lawyer and friend, "I'm glad I knew Paul."

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you very much.

MR. FLYNN: May it please the Court, Gerald P. Flynn for
Domenick N. Postorino.

MR. GERALD FLYNN: Honorable Judges, it is a pleasure for me to
present this memorial to Domenick Postorino.

Domenick N. Postorino was admitted to the
Wisconsin Bar Association in 1938. He had attended
grade school in Racine and also attended Horlick
High School and then attended Marquette University
and Marquette University Law School. Upon
graduation from law school in 1937 he entered the
private practice of law and continued to practice
law in Racine until his death.

Domenick was a typical product of the City of
Racine. He knew and liked people. He was interested
in whatever happened in the City of Racine or to
people that he knew here- He was a friendly man and
was extremely loyal and supportive of his friends.

In 1941 he married Jenny and she was a faithful
and loyal wife and was a great asset to him over the
many years of their marriage. They had four children,
Jim, Tom, Michael and Pat.

Domenick and his wife were of Italian extraction
and were well known and highly regarded in the Italian
community of Racine, and were in regular attendance

at church. Domenick and his wife raised their family well and his family both loved and highly regarded him. He was a very good family man and in his life things affecting his family came first.

Domenick was a long time member of the Italian-American Club and played a great part in the building of the club room known as Roma Lodge. He spent a great deal of time there and did many things to aid and assist the members of the club and the Italian community by virtue of his work through that organization.

Domenick joined the Elks Club and became an active member and participant in all Elks activities. He was well known and highly regarded by the members of Elks Lodge 252. He participated in the charity work of the Elks and gave freely of his time to their functions.

Through these organizations Domenick met many people and always took great interest in the people he met and tried to be a friend to all.

Domenick had a disabled leg which prevented him from participating in athletics. He, however, has had an interest in athletics and attended more than the average share of athletic events. He liked to

talk about and discuss the various members of the teams in almost every sport. As a boy on the baseball sand lots of Racine he was both an umpire and score keeper and whether he could play or not he was always there with the other members of the teams.

Domenick was known as a kindly man, as a man who loved people, and as a man who was willing to put himself out to aid or assist his friends. He had a great sense of humanity and enjoyed a story well told and he himself enjoyed telling stories and it was always interesting to hear him tell a story. This was one of the things that drew people to him.

Domenick was a member of the Racine County Bar Association, the Wisconsin Bar Association and shortly before his death was appointed as a Court Commissioner for Racine County. He was very proud of this appointment and had planned on being active as a Court Commissioner.

Domenick left a myriad of friends, and had many ties and attachments and it could be truly said of him that he was beloved by the people in the circles in which he traveled. His memory will live in the hearts and minds of a large segment of the people in the City of Racine. He will always be highly regarded,

loved and remembered by these people, and in particular, by the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted, Memorial Committee,
Racine County Bar Association.

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you very much Mr. Flynn.

MR. FLYNN: Your Honor, Anthony S. DeMark for Emery B. Holland.

MR. DEMARK: May it please the Court, I am here to present the Memorial for Emery Holland that was prepared by James S. Fornary, a member of our committee.

May it please the Court, Emery B. Holland, an attorney, was born in Racine on May 7, 1902. He died at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine on February 28, 1976.

Emery's father was Knute Holland who was a very prominent realtor and insurance agent in this city for many years. His father was also a councilman for the City of Racine, and his mother's name was Marie Halverson. There were three children born to Knute and Marie Holland: Melville, Emery and Kenneth Holland.

Emery attended the Lincoln Elementary School in Racine. In 1921 he graduated from the Racine High School, which was located on the present site of the Racine County Courthouse.

After graduating from high school, Emery attended college for two years. Due to the lack of necessary funds, he left school and became employed.

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Later however Emery returned to school and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1941 with a degree of Bachelor of Law.

During his working life, Emery Holland worked as an accountant for the Simmons Company in Kenosha, Chicago Rubber Company in Racine and the John Oster Manufacturing Company in Racine.

Mr. Holland's law activities were restricted to a probate practice of the law. He was a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Racine County Bar Association.

Emery's hobbies were two-fold, fraternal work and golfing. He was an excellent golfer, played very regularly. He was a member of the Meadowbrook Town and Country Club.

Emery was a very active Mason, belonging to the Belle City Lodge #92, Racine Commandery #7, Wisconsin Scottish Rite Bodies, Tripoli Shrine and the Racine Shrine Club.

On January 30, 1942, Emery was united in marriage to Alice Benson, the daughter of John and Magdeline (Diem) Benson. Emery and Alice Holland lived together happily and successfully as husband and wife to the

date of his death. Emery and his wife liked to travel and went on several extensive trips around the world.

He is survived by his wife Alice and his two brothers Melville and Kenneth Holland.

Emery was a good man, a good attorney, a good husband and a good Christian.

I am happy to present this memorial to the Circuit Court on behalf of Emery B. Holland.

JUDGE CORBETT: Thank you very much Mr. DeMark.

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Fellow Judges, Members of the Bar, relatives and friends.

In behalf of the Bench and the Bar I extend our sympathy to the members of the families of the men memorialized. Their work in the Racine court system commenced by permission to practice in this Court. It is fitting that in this Judicial Circuit we gather together in this courtroom at the commencement of a new day, and pause and receive the memorials and testimonials, prepared by fellow lawyers, to the lives, activities, and accomplishments of these departed members of our profession.

These men specialized in varied areas of the law. The lives and activities of some of them were highly publicized, while others moved quietly through the community. Each in his own way sought to be of assistance to his fellow man. Each was a friendly man, well loved by his family and close associates. Those of us who knew them intimately, have missed and will miss their presence here as long as we are alive.

It is not my intention to attempt to add to these memorials. They better testify to the accomplishments and quality of these departed members of the Bar than any words I or we might express.

My fellow judges, both active and retired who are here present join me in this response to the memorials presented. I ask that each of us stand for a few moments of silent prayer, or in meditation upon the memory of each of these men who have departed from our company.

IT IS ORDERED that these memorials of Allyn L. Mogensen, Emery B. Holland, Paul E. Jorgensen, Domenick N. Postorino, Edward August Krenzke and Frank G. Ruzicka be received with the gratitude of the Court to the Racine County Bar Association, and the special committee which actively participated in their preparation; that they be spread upon the minutes and the records of this Court and that certified copies thereof, together with this response be furnished to the nearest relatives of the men memorialized.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
RACINE COUNTY)

I, JANICE CHRISTENSEN, do hereby certify that I am a stenographic reporter; that I was present at the taking of the foregoing hearing, and that I recorded said proceedings in Stenotype; that the above and foregoing is a true, correct and exact copy, in longhand, of my Stenotype notes taken at said hearing.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1977.

Janice Christensen
Registered Professional Reporter