

Racine County Bar Association

Memorial Services for Manny S. Brown

Born in Chicago, Illinois on November 2, 1917 and died in Racine, Wisconsin, on April 11, 1987.

Although born in Chicago, Manny Brown lived in Racine most of his life. He attended Park High School and upon graduation entered the University of Wisconsin. He graduated with a degree in Journalism and then attended Law School at Marquette University. During World War II Manny served in the Navy after which he returned to Racine where he practiced law for 36 years. Manny was always interested in education. He served on the Unified School Board for 16 years and was on various education committees, local state and national. He served four terms as a State Legislator. While in the Legislature he suffered a near fatal heart attack in 1972. However, he fought back and returned to private practice and was active in the practice of law until his death.

Manny was a fighter. He fought for his clients, for education and for the bills he sponsored in the Legislature.

Manny was a good family man. He and his wife Jeanne raised two fine sons. Chuck is a PR Consultant in Schofield and Rick is a Judge on the Wisconsin Court

of Appeals. His brother Jerome lives in Racine.

Manny was a giving person. He worked for others. He was on the Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries, Racine Recreation Committee, the Health Commission, Safety Council and the Democratic Party, to name a few. He was an advocate of victim compensation in criminal matters.

Manny worked in the trenches as a lawyer for 36 years. He was a member of the County, State and American Bar Associations. Manny's office is covered with certificates, plaques and awards for his community service.

*Rotary*  
*Piano Player*  
One of the things not generally known is that Manny was an avid sports fan. He always had season tickets for Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer football games. He followed Marquette in basketball. He sure would have been proud of our thrill-a-minute Milwaukee Brewers.

Manny was a good lawyer and a good friend and a good family man. He will be missed.

Your Honor, I move the memorial to Manny Brown be spread on the minutes of the Racine County Circuit Court Records.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

YOUR HONOR, FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BAR, MRS. HEFT,

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CARROLL R. HEFT

IN MEMORIAN TO

CARROLL R. HEFT

October 1, 1900-January 25, 1987

We are here today to honor the life of a fellow member of the Bar, Carroll R. Heft, who passed away on Sunday, January 25, 1987, at the age of 86 years. I respectfully present to the Court this Memorial to the distinguished life and character of Carroll R. Heft.

Carroll R. Heft practiced the profession he loved and respected for 60 years, being true to the Libra sign under which he was born--the scales of Justice.

Born on October 1, 1900, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, he came to Racine as a young boy.

He was married to Arleen Klug in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 26, 1925. They were married 62 years.

Graduating from Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin, he then attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School and came back to Racine to practice his profession. He started with the Simmons, Walker, Wratten, firm, and later practiced with Thorvald Beck, Lawrence Smith, and Howard DuRocher under the firm name of Beck, Smith and Heft, which became Beck, Heft and DuRocher. Later he formed a firm that was known as Heft,

Burgess and Brown. When I was a partner with Mr. Heft it was Heft, Brown, Stewart and Coates. He later formed a partnership known as Heft, Coates, Heft, Henzl, and Bichler. I respected Carroll Heft, and feel privileged to have called him "colleague and friend." At the time of his death, he was the senior member of the law firm, Heft, Dye, Heft and Paulson.

He was a Past President of Racine Country Club; honorary member of Racine Rotary Club; a Past Master of Belle City Lodge No. 92; Orient Chapter No. 12 Royal Arch Masons; Racine Commandery No. 7 Knight's Templar; Racine Shrine Club; Most Wise Master Chapter of Rose Croix Scottish Rite Body of the Valley of Milwaukee; and an Honorary 33rd Degree Mason.

In his profession he was a Past President of the Federation of Insurance Counsel, a Fellow of the National Academy of Trial Lawyers, a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, a member of the International Society of Barrister, a Fellow of the American College of Probate Counsel, and a Past President of the Racine County Bar Association.

He leaves a wife, Arleen Heft, a son, C. James Heft, and a daughter, Barbara Heft Warren and eight grandchildren. He was privileged to see many of his grandchildren reach their majority during his lifetime.

We shall all remember his ingenuity, his search for knowledge when working on a case, his persistence, his energy, and his poise and he made a great contribution during his lifetime of his mind and his talents to the trial practice of law.

His Comparative Negligence Manual written by him and his son, James, and published by Callaghan & Co., was a national best seller for a number of years while the doctrine of comparative negligence was sweeping the country. Mr. Heft lectured extensively all over the country with regard to comparative negligence and travelled and met with numerous legislatures and legislative committees in other states with regard to the drafting of their comparative negligence laws.

His trial flair was a masterpiece of advocacy and professionalism. He will long be remembered as a great public speaker, orator, and trial lawyer. Mr. Heft never expressed a desire to follow any other career than the law, nor did he ever think of retiring from it.

We shall miss him in our profession, for he devoted his lifetime to the law, and always represented his clients with all his expertise, energy, enthusiasm and outstanding ability.

We respectfully request that this Memorial be spread upon the records of the Court and that a copy be given to Arleen Heft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Stewart