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3 MEMORIAL SERVICE  
4 Dedicated to the Memory of

5 MARTIN I. HANSON

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9 Judge Presiding

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24 DATE AND TIME:  
25 SEPTEMBER 29, 1995, at 4:00 p.m.

1 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: Okay, please be seated.

2 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: I would first like to thank  
3 everybody for being here. I would now call on Chief  
4 Judge Simanek, and I thank him in particular for  
5 allowing us to use this courtroom as a memorial to my  
6 partner, Martin Hanson, and ask Judge Simanek to  
7 identify the judicial members that are here today.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: Thank you, Gene. I would  
10 like to welcome here for this service Judge Harry  
11 Schneider from the 2nd District Court of Appeals;  
12 Circuit Judges from Racine, Emily Mueller, Emmanuel  
13 Vuvunas, Dennis Flynn, Dennis Barry, Gerry Ptacek, Dick  
14 Kruel, Wayne Marik, Nancy Wheeler. From Kenosha County  
15 Judge Mary Kay Wagner-Malloy and reserve judges, Judge  
16 James Wilbershide and Judge Richard Harvey. And I  
17 apologize if I missed anyone who came in that I did not  
18 see.

19 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, judge. I'd also  
20 like to thank Judge Flynn for allowing us to use his  
21 courtroom here today. We are here to share the memories  
22 of Martin Hanson. We are here to share some vignettes  
23 of our experiences with Martin through the years. We  
24 are here to pay tribute to the son of Clifford and  
25 Lorraine Hanson of Holmen, Wisconsin, to the father of

1 Amy and Erika; to the brother, Ron Hanson, and to the  
2 fiancée, Jeni Helland.

3 I'd like to start out by saying Marty and I met  
4 in 1973 formally. At that time I was practicing under  
5 what is called the Student Practice Rule here in  
6 Wisconsin between my second and third year of law  
7 school. I was working then for Judge Flynn who was then  
8 Corporation Counsel for the County of Racine. My task  
9 was to prosecute traffic violations for the county. We  
10 were down one particular circuit court judge here in  
11 Racine County whose name shall go unnamed, but as it  
12 came to be, Martin was there asking for something, as  
13 Martin always did, from me in terms of getting a deal  
14 for his client. There were three particular charges.  
15 Martin, of course, wanted to plead to none, but then  
16 might have pled to one if I was willing to do that. But  
17 one of the charges was a disorderly conduct, and being  
18 fresh as I was at that time, the back of the citation  
19 always has the officer's comments concerning what  
20 happened out in the field, and on the back of these  
21 comments it said, "Don't take me in front of Judge So  
22 and So, because he's a blanking blank hole. So I said  
23 to Martin, I said, "Martin, this is impossible for me to  
24 do anything with this. Your client has not only  
25 besmirched, but slandered a circuit judge for the County

1 of Racine." Martin immediately went into his speech  
2 about civil liberties, about the freedom of speech, the  
3 United States Constitution and cited numerous cases that  
4 were right on point. I was impressed because I had just  
5 finished constitutional law in my law school the  
6 semester before and I was impressed that he was still  
7 out in the field and was mindful of these most recent  
8 cases. But he could tell, as he could intuitively and  
9 distinctively, that he wasn't winning the war. I said,  
10 "I'm not persuaded by this." He immediately, as he had  
11 a rare knack of doing, changed tack and said, "You know,  
12 you shouldn't convict this guy of disorderly conduct,  
13 because Judge So and So is a blanking blank hole." It  
14 was such a compelling argument that I did dismiss the  
15 case.

16 The story is just a fine example of two of  
17 Martin's better traits. One, to his dying breath he was  
18 always vigorously defending the constitutional rights of  
19 us all. And secondly, he lived by Albert Camus'  
20 definition of charm. He got you to say yes without even  
21 asking you to do something. So with that, we're going  
22 to start out with some speakers. The first speaker is  
23 Attorney James Hill, who's from Racine. The little  
24 known fact is that James, or Jimmy, went to high school  
25 with Martin in Holmen, Wisconsin. Some say that Jimmy

1 turned out well and Martin didn't, but they were  
2 co-valedictorians of their high school class, and so I  
3 now turn the podium over to Jim Hill.

4 MR. HILL: Thank you, Gene. Martin and I have  
5 shared several things in common; not the least of which,  
6 as Gene says, is that we both hale from Holmen,  
7 Wisconsin. In this world there are indeed few people  
8 who hale from Holmen, Wisconsin, a small town just north  
9 of La Crosse. At the time of our youth, Holmen was a  
10 community of about 500, consisting mainly of stubborn  
11 Norwegians. Holmen is famous actually for two things.  
12 It gave the University of Wisconsin its first seven foot  
13 basketball player in the person of one Eino Henrickson.  
14 Its second claim to fame is it gave Martin Hanson to the  
15 legal profession. Martin was one of these stubborn  
16 Norwegians of the Holmen area, growing up on his  
17 family's farm and attending a one-room school house  
18 through grade school. Not only do Martin and I hale  
19 from Holmen, but we were in fact classmates in the class  
20 of 1962. I was one of the town kids and first met  
21 Martin when he came to junior high school.

22 In high school we attended many of the same  
23 classes, competing for grades in a friendly competition  
24 which lasted throughout high school. Martin Hanson and  
25 the practice of law are so closely linked that you may

1 not know that Martin's first career choice was actually  
2 to become a jet pilot in the Air Force. His academic  
3 and other credentials were so sound that he received an  
4 appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, but soon  
5 discovered that the Air Force was not for him and so he  
6 returned home, went to the University of Wisconsin-  
7 Eau Claire, and then to the University of Wisconsin Law  
8 School.

9           There is no question in my mind that Martin's  
10 success as a lawyer could have been predicted by the  
11 intellectual skills that he developed and honed in his  
12 high school years. Martin always had a keen intellect  
13 and a special knack for thinking on his feet. One of my  
14 best memories of Martin's quick thinking abilities  
15 occurred in the Holmen High School debate team. During  
16 our high school years, Holmen High for the first time in  
17 recent memory decided to field a debate team and Martin  
18 and I were paired to do battle together. While our  
19 coach advised us to research a topic thoroughly, Martin  
20 and I took the advice with a big grain of salt,  
21 assembling a meager couple of dozen note cards with  
22 extremely pithy quotations from Time and Newsweek.  
23 Well, in our first debate Martin and I sat in the  
24 classroom clutching our two dozen note cards when in  
25 walked our opponents from one of the La Crosse high

1 schools, each of them carting under each arm two big  
2 file cabinets full of note cards and evidence. Well, I  
3 turned to Martin and muttered something like "Oh, my  
4 God, Mart, we're in trouble." But Martin was undaunted.  
5 He believed that it would take them longer to assemble  
6 the evidence in some cohesive fashion, that we should go  
7 on the attack, and attack Martin did, and he did it very  
8 well. This was a skill that he used many times as a  
9 lawyer.

10 While Martin was a topnotch student, he also  
11 enjoyed a good laugh and a good time even in high  
12 school. Martin was not above pulling pranks on  
13 teachers. During our tenure at Holmen High, a foreign  
14 language, French, was introduced to the curriculum and,  
15 of course, Martin and I took it. This was the first  
16 time that a language spoken south of a line drawn  
17 between London and Oslo had been taught at Holmen High.  
18 The challenge of teaching this course fell upon the  
19 kindly and long-suffering Mrs. Kerr. In an effort to  
20 encourage conversational use, she would ask students to  
21 exist the room, close the door and then knock and enter,  
22 engaging in what she hoped to be very fluent French.  
23 Martin decided that it would be much better fun for us  
24 to exit the classroom, close the door, stand outside and  
25 do nothing. After several minutes we could hear poor

1 Mrs. Kerr in the room pleading *entrez-vous, entrez-vous,*  
2 *entrez-vous.*

3 Martin also was not adverse to slipping the  
4 wrong answer to some more poor student who had turned to  
5 Martin to get him off the hot seat. In French, Martin  
6 quickly grasped the language and the correct  
7 pronunciation, but would give the fellow student the bum  
8 steer. Poor Mrs. Kerr had to endure statements such as  
9 *beaucoup le soup* in fractured French from those students  
10 that Martin tutored.

11 Martin's talents of argument and persuasion were  
12 not just in the classroom, however. He could often  
13 persuade you to do something which was absolutely the  
14 last thing you wanted to do. During one of our high  
15 school summers, since jobs in Holmen were scarce, Martin  
16 and I had the distinct pleasure of working at the local  
17 canning factory, canning peas, beans and corn. This  
18 factory gave all new meaning to the term sweatshop. The  
19 hours were long and the pay was about \$1.10 per hour.  
20 Martin soon learned that this job seriously impinged on  
21 time spent with his high school sweetheart. Whenever  
22 one of my days off approached, he would regale in all  
23 kinds of arguments why I should work and he should get  
24 that day off as well. The arguments spanned from  
25 everything from it would enhance my income to it would



1 enhance my character and help build my character. Of  
2 course, at \$1.10 per hour my income was not really  
3 enhanced and not much character is built through working  
4 on the brink of a heat stroke. Yet, Martin would  
5 somehow convince me that this was the thing to do.  
6 Martin ended up romancing the girl. I ended up  
7 romancing cans of peas in hot salt brine.

8 While Martin and I shared a lot, what we shared  
9 the most was a deep respect and friendship for each  
10 other. In my high school freshman year my mother died.  
11 In my sophomore year my father died. I had no siblings.  
12 Having a good friend with whom I could share  
13 intellectual challenges and laughs was all important to  
14 me, helping to heal the hurt and loss that I felt.  
15 Martin was that friend each and every day.

16 In preparation for today I looked at my senior  
17 class yearbook, and in his comment to me Martin wrote.  
18 "I don't think that it's necessary to write about our  
19 friendship -- we both understand that." Yes, Martin, we  
20 both understood it. It helped shape me and direct me to  
21 where I am. It is something that I cherished then and  
22 will continue to cherish through all my days. I miss  
23 you, Martin. Your Honor, I would like to make this a  
24 part of the court record.

25 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders the

1           comments of Mr. Hill be incorporated into the Court  
2           record.

3                   MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Jim. We'd now  
4           like to hear from the Honorable Dennis J. Flynn who's  
5           been a long time friend of Martin's for years and years.  
6           Judge Flynn?

7                   JUDGE FLYNN: I sense that Martin is here with  
8           us through all of you. For those of us who are here  
9           this afternoon, the shock and suddenness and even pain  
10          in the passing of Martin Hanson is still all too real.  
11          The wound is still open. Whether we learned of his  
12          death as his partners did by being with him at Al's Run  
13          or by a phone call last weekend, or as I did by reading  
14          an article that Ric Hayman wrote in the front page of  
15          last Sunday's Journal Times, I think our reaction was  
16          the same -- no, this cannot be. Why? Yet our angst,  
17          our concern, our effort and our prayer to have time  
18          change its course and return our friend is something we  
19          know that cannot happen. Martin, above all, understood  
20          the temporariness of time and of our human condition.  
21          He was a reflective man who understood that in the scope  
22          of things honest effort mattered more than the vagaries  
23          of results. That commitment to principal and to law  
24          produced a positive verdict whatever the decision was in  
25          a particular case, and that life's realities, whatever

1 they be, are best dealt with in the comfort of family,  
2 in meaningful relationships and in an avowedly Norwegian  
3 sense of humor that regaled in self-deprecation and in  
4 an abundance of cynicism.

5 Martin's death came too quickly for us, and we,  
6 all of us, did not have a chance or opportunity to say  
7 good-bye. Some of that will occur here today in this  
8 Memorial Service and will continue on as we go back over  
9 to Martin's office, and there we will all have a chance  
10 to tell stories, wonderful stories about times we shared  
11 with Martin. Jim Ennis could tell stories of the  
12 racing, the Mackinac race and other sailings that  
13 occurred. For me, of late in the last six months or so  
14 Martin has had a conversion to computers and technology,  
15 and about two months ago Martin came in and he had a new  
16 toy, and if you know most boys, we love toys. And  
17 Martin had a new little computer and he loved it, and we  
18 spent a lot of time talking about that.

19 This is an opportunity for us to talk about  
20 victories that have been won and defeats that have been  
21 suffered. And for us it is a part of the healing which  
22 truly is necessary. Above all else, Martin in the field  
23 of law was a trial lawyer, a trial attorney. He kept  
24 before us the ideal of what it is, what it means to be  
25 an effective advocate. During his career he was a

1 prosecutor for just a little bit of time and then he was  
2 primarily involved in defense work in the area of  
3 criminal law. However, he also handled with distinction  
4 cases in civil matters, family, juvenile and probate.  
5 And in each area he represented his clients and the  
6 profession of law with both skill and competence.  
7 Usually he prevailed, but Martin, however, was also  
8 fully human and he knew both sides of the verdicts which  
9 can be rendered by a jury. His special skill was  
10 advocating a case before a jury with logic, with reason,  
11 with respect and with focus. He would discuss the  
12 evidence and the law, give his comments on reasonable  
13 doubt as he saw it and then discuss the inconsistencies  
14 or weaknesses in the opposition's case. It's not really  
15 unusual, but Martin brought to that approach something  
16 very special. To say that his approach worked or  
17 resonated well with juries, would be an absolute  
18 understatement. To watch and work with Marty was not to  
19 get a message of becoming like him; rather, his  
20 challenge for all of us was to use our talents to be our  
21 best in advocating a cause, in representing a client and  
22 in presenting the facts and the law accurately. The end  
23 for Martin was not so much winning, though he liked to  
24 win, as it was to obtain justice.

25 But to get back to this La Crosse farm boy-

1 turned lawyer's special ability to be at one with a  
2 jury, and he knew that the jury's search for truth  
3 ultimately would decide the fate of his client. His  
4 uniqueness in that area, from my point of view at least,  
5 is perhaps best understood by a story I'm going to title  
6 "The Lawyer and the Parakeet." Twelve years ago in  
7 Racine we had a long, hot summer, and in that long, hot  
8 summer we had a two-month jury trial in June and July.  
9 Now, this was before the courthouse itself was air  
10 conditioned. There were multiple defendants and they  
11 were represented by two pretty fine attorneys, Martin  
12 Hanson and Bill Coffey. The State also was represented  
13 by a pretty fine attorney, Gerry Ptacek. But the story  
14 itself is not really about winning or losing that or any  
15 other case, but it is about one lawyer's impact on this  
16 jury as representative of all juries.

17 We got this particular jury in Beloit because  
18 there was quite a bit of discussion about the case, and  
19 I won't go into the facts of the case, but the result  
20 was that none of the jurors knew the attorneys or the  
21 parties in the lawsuit at all. The case, as it should  
22 have been, was hard-fought and much evidence was  
23 presented. Martin Hanson was at his usual best in his  
24 examination of witnesses and in his opening statement  
25 and particularly in his closing arguments. He

1 constantly urged the jury to render a fair and just  
2 verdict based on the facts and the law and not on  
3 emotion.

4 Now, the verdict in this longest-ever Racine  
5 trial ultimately was returned in favor of Martin's  
6 client, but that's not what this story is about either.  
7 When the case was all done and the jury left the  
8 courtroom, the jury went back into my library and there  
9 they asked, after being away from their families for  
10 almost two months, if they could speak with and shake  
11 the hand of one of the lawyers who was involved in that  
12 case. That attorney, of course, was Martin Hanson. One  
13 woman on the jury shared that during the trial she had  
14 gone out and purchased a parakeet, and she was so  
15 impressed with this lawyer's skills and his competency  
16 that she had decided to name that parakeet Marty, and  
17 she wanted to let him know that. Well, Marty came in  
18 and was told the story and very softly and with some  
19 embarrassment Martin said to her "Thanks" and he gave  
20 her a hug. Thereafter his friends chided him, but he  
21 always seemed particularly proud of how a parakeet ended  
22 up sharing his name.

23 Now, all of us are temporary stewards of those  
24 talents and abilities that we possess, but which are  
25 God-given, family-nurtured and honed by the experiences

1 of life. Martin Hanson was a good steward of his  
2 talents. We in the field of law have lost an advocate  
3 who set the standard for others to strive for. He made  
4 us and our discipline special as a result of his  
5 involvement as a lawyer in the details of justice. He  
6 was a patriot to the ideals that give meaning to our  
7 democratic republic, not by blind faith in the  
8 institutions of government and commerce, but by  
9 challenging those who would exercise power in order to  
10 insure equality and justice for all of our citizens,  
11 those who were powerful and those who were not.

12 And now, Martin, to you directly, your memory  
13 will not be forgotten in this community and state. Our  
14 sympathy goes out especially to your daughters, Amy and  
15 Erika; to your parents who are here in spirit with us,  
16 Cliff and Lorraine; to your brother, Ron, and to your  
17 special friend, Jennifer. And to your partners Rob and  
18 Gene, and to all, all of us here who have had our lives  
19 impacted so specially by you. God bless you, dear  
20 friend. Judge Simanek, I would ask that these comments  
21 please be placed in the record.

22 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The comments of Judge  
23 Flynn will be placed in the court record.

24 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Judge Flynn.  
25 I'd be remiss if I didn't fill in a little story

1. concerning what Jim Hill talked about; that is, Marty  
2 attending the Air Force Academy. Of course, every  
3 parent's dream is to send their son to some school that  
4 would pay room and board for four years. So his parents  
5 were not too particularly happy when he returned home  
6 after deciding not to continue there. But what's most  
7 interesting about the story is how he extracted himself  
8 from the Air Force Academy, which is not an easy thing  
9 to do once you enter the military academy. He went  
10 before the general -- there were three generals at the  
11 Air Force Academy -- before them and indicated that he  
12 had decided after being there two or three weeks or  
13 months, I'm not sure what it was, that his calling  
14 really was in the ministry. The government had told him  
15 that, you know, there's not many flying priests and that  
16 they had spent an enormous amount of money training him  
17 already, and he promised to pay the money back, although  
18 he assured me he never did sign a note with the  
19 government. But he did confide in me later on, many  
20 years later, that that urging to the ministry faded once  
21 he left Colorado Springs and was somewhere over Kansas  
22 City.

23 We'd now like to call on Jack W. Van Metre who  
24 was Martin's first employer. Jack was the head of the  
25 Madison Public Defender Office and he was, by Martin's



1 own admission, one of his first mentors. Jack?

2 MR. VAN METRE: It's a little scary. I've  
3 never been in front of quite so many judges all at one  
4 time.

5 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Clearly never had your back  
6 to them.

7 MR. VAN METRE: I hired Martin many, many years  
8 ago to work at the Legal Services Center at Dane County  
9 Incorporated. Martin was a law student at the time.  
10 That's how long ago it was. And Marty and I have been  
11 friends ever since. Loyalty was a Martin Hanson  
12 trademark. How many of the gentlemen here have ever  
13 been invited to their ex-wife's wedding? Once a friend,  
14 always a friend. The Legal Services Center was an  
15 experimental Criminal Defense Program. We got some  
16 money from the Ford Foundation and from a lot of other  
17 sources. In those days everybody was an idealistic  
18 liberal, and I guess maybe the accomplishment I'll be  
19 proudest of to the day I die is having played at least  
20 some small role in interesting Martin Hanson in criminal  
21 law. I don't have to tell anybody in this room what a  
22 fine attorney he turned out to be.

23 I guess my personal testimonial, best  
24 testimonial, would be that whenever I had a question or  
25 problem, my first reaction was to give Marty a call. I

1 did that often. But as capable as he was, I don't think  
2 Martin's skill was what really set him aside. I think  
3 it was his dedication and his compassion that were what  
4 made Martin unique. Sometimes he exercised that  
5 dedication and compassion without, what some people  
6 would say, proper regard for proper financial  
7 remuneration.

8 Monday of this week I got a call from a client  
9 of Martin's by the name of Lyle. Lyle currently resides  
10 at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan,  
11 Michigan. In 1988, Lyle was arrested while allegedly  
12 attempting to buy some cocaine from a dealer turned  
13 snitch. I initially got involved in Lyle's defense and  
14 I soon determined that I had a conflict, so I called  
15 Marty. Who else? Marty showed up, took over the case,  
16 went through a four-day jury trial and lost, probably  
17 because I was a bad witness. I don't know. But anyway,  
18 the fun was just beginning. This was one of the first  
19 cases to which those wonderful new Federal Sentencing  
20 Guidelines was going to apply, and it turned out that  
21 Lyle had been a flower child, and when he was very young  
22 he had antagonized his then live-in girlfriend. She, in  
23 turn, had notified the authorities that Lyle was  
24 attempting to manufacture synthetic cocaine in his  
25 garage, and that he was a very close friend of a pot

1 dealer. Lyle was ultimately convicted of attempting to  
2 manufacture cocaine and he ill-advisedly pled guilty to  
3 aiding and abetting a pot dealer even though the dealer  
4 himself was acquitted after a jury trial. Lyle's  
5 attorney in that case was himself a drug addict;  
6 subsequently disbarred.

7 In any event, Marty realized his client was  
8 facing a quarter of a century. He had two prior drug-  
9 related convictions. He could be sentenced as a career  
10 offender. Marty spent literally days in our library  
11 researching and formulating his arguments and he lost.  
12 Judge Shabaz sentenced Lyle to 22 years. Martin was  
13 incensed. The judicial system, which he both loved and  
14 hated, had failed him again. So he went to work. He  
15 went to the 7th Circuit on the Federal case. He went to  
16 the Wisconsin Supreme Court through the Court of Appeals  
17 on the prior State cases. I'll never forget one day he  
18 called me up and he said, "Jack, have you ever heard of  
19 a Writ of Error Coram Nobis?" Before I had a chance to  
20 respond he said, "I'm not gonna embarrass you by asking  
21 you to answer that and think up some lie. It does  
22 exist, it does exist, and I have filed it on behalf of  
23 Lyle." Martin road that Writ of Error Coram Nobis to a  
24 new hearing in Mauston on an attempt to withdraw a plea  
25 entered 15 years ago. He lost. There was an

1 evidentiary hearing, but he lost. He was frustrated at  
2 every turn, but he kept working on the case.

3 Two weeks ago Marty called me and said, "I'm  
4 this close, Jack, this close to getting the Attorney  
5 General's Office to stipulate to effect the  
6 consolidation that was agreed on 15 years ago and that  
7 never happened because of the incompetency of counsel."  
8 That, of course, was reduced prior to one and justified  
9 a new sentencing in federal court. The last time I  
10 talked to Martin he figured he had about \$10,000  
11 invested out-of-pocket in this case. That doesn't begin  
12 -- well, it doesn't have anything to do with the  
13 hundreds and hundreds of hours he spent on the case. He  
14 flew to Detroit, rented a car, went to Milan, Michigan,  
15 the garden spot of the world.

16 When Lyle called me on Monday it was purportedly  
17 to console me. As a matter of fact, he also sent me a  
18 wonderful sympathy card, the Lyle who knew how much  
19 Marty meant to me. But in the course of our  
20 conversation, Lyle did come to express some concerns for  
21 himself. He said, "I called the office early this  
22 morning and I got the terrible news and then they put  
23 some other guy on the line." He said, "Jack, that other  
24 guy didn't even know my name." I said, "Lyle, I know  
25 Marty's law partners, associates, and they're wonderful

1 people and they're good attorneys, but they have mouths  
2 to feed and overhead to pay. You gave Marty a \$1,000  
3 retainer and he's been working for six years on your  
4 case. Perhaps, just perhaps, Marty was afraid or  
5 ashamed or embarrassed to mention to the rest of his  
6 office what he's been doing for you for these six  
7 years." There was a long pause, and then Lyle said,  
8 "Jack, what am I gonna do without Marty?" Bingo. What  
9 are we going to do without Marty? Well, I for one am  
10 going to do what I know he would want me to do. I'm  
11 going to leave here and go to the nearest watering hole,  
12 which is probably going to be Gene's office, and I'm  
13 gonna have one of those God-awful Bombay martinis, maybe  
14 two or three, and I'm gonna wash 'em, down with a little  
15 Jack Daniels. And I'm gonna tell Marty stories and  
16 listen to them, and I'm gonna thank God that I had a  
17 friend like Martin Hanson. Thank you.

18 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders that  
19 Mr. Van Metre's comments be incorporated into the  
20 Court's record.

21 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Jack. I'd like  
22 to pick up on just a another little comment that I think  
23 I can share with you now. One of the things that Jack  
24 so eloquently talked about was Marty being an idealistic  
25 liberal and that was quite true of him, and this is a

1           slight aside, but it's interesting. When I was a young  
2           lawyer I worked for Adrian Schoone, who will be speaking  
3           later, and Marty worked for Adrian as well. During the  
4           course of those early years which were much fun for all  
5           of us, and a very, very funny learning experience for  
6           me, we represented a politically unpopular client in  
7           Racine who was in the midst of litigation with a judge.  
8           It so happened that I had to appear on a rather trivial  
9           matter in front of another circuit judge, and the judge  
10          was saying, "Look, I can't believe what you guys are  
11          doing. I can't believe you guys would take this case,  
12          it's politically hot, you know, this could just ruin  
13          everybody's reputation here in Racine inclusive of the  
14          circuit judge." And, of course, I had my marching  
15          orders from on high. I said, "Look, I didn't sign the  
16          guy up, but this is the case that we have." And with no  
17          uncertain terms this circuit judge referred to Adrian as  
18          a blanking liberal and I said, oh, I said, "Well, you  
19          know, if you believe that's true of Adrian, what do you  
20          think of Martin?" He said, "Well, Martin's a left-of-  
21          the-center extremist. I looked at the judge and I said  
22          "Exactly what does that mean?" He said, "It means he's  
23          a blanking liberal." We'd now like to call on Stephen  
24          Simanek, the chief judge, who has been Martin's friend  
25          since Martin moved here to Racine. They've been

1 socially friends for years and years, and I'd ask him  
2 for some comments.

3 JUDGE SIMANEK: Thank you, Gene. To Amy and  
4 Erika, Cliff and Lorraine, Alice, Marie, Jeni, Martin's  
5 other relatives and co-workers, you have my deepest  
6 sympathy. This is a Memorial Service and I have  
7 memories of Martin. In the beginning of the 70's we  
8 began our legal careers in Racine -- Martin with the  
9 LaFrance-Thompson firm, myself with the Foley & Capwell  
10 firm. I remember the early years with family -- Martin  
11 and Alice raising Amy and Erika, who are the same ages  
12 as Sue and my children, Emily and Peter. I remember the  
13 family vacations taken together to the campgrounds on  
14 the Wisconsin River at Lyndon Station, to the State Park  
15 on the Mississippi River. I remember the severe  
16 thunderstorm at Dodge State Park flattening all the  
17 tents, frightening the kids and requiring us to sleep in  
18 the cars. I remember the houseboat trip up the  
19 Mississippi River. If you ever want to learn if you  
20 really like someone, or truly dislike someone, take a  
21 houseboat vacation with them. By the time you disembark  
22 you will know, and I knew, I really liked Martin.

23 I remember the Gourmet Club. I have managed to  
24 repress all recollection of the food, and I don't want  
25 anyone to draw those repressed recollections out of me

1 later at the office, but I do fondly remember the  
2 conversation. Cliff and Lorraine, I know you will see  
3 this videotape. I remember picking watermelons with the  
4 kids at your farm in Holmen. Martin proudly referred to  
5 you as the Watermelon King and Queen. And I remember  
6 the numerous excursions to Las Vegas with Martin as the  
7 tour director. He was like a mother hen with ten or  
8 twelve supposed adults acting like juveniles. He made  
9 sure everyone got a choice spot at the pool. He got  
10 reservations at the best restaurants. He got us the  
11 best seats to see Siegfried and Roy. And he always made  
12 certain that the cocktail waitresses at the gambling  
13 tables brought us the correct drinks in a timely  
14 fashion. And maybe most importantly he made certain we  
15 all got back to our rooms alive; often with a lecture on  
16 proper money management which, of course, was frequently  
17 given too late.

18 The one thing I remember common to all these  
19 events is the laughter. I remember laughing until my  
20 eyes watered and my side hurt. Martin had a sense of  
21 humor. He was fun to be with. But Martin also had a  
22 serious side. I remember when Bruce Williams, a Racine  
23 police officer, was seriously ill and recovering from  
24 heart surgery. Martin opened his house to Bruce for  
25 weeks and weeks and weeks and weeks of caring and



1           recuperation. And I remember Martin as the premier  
2           criminal defense lawyer in this area. Martin took the  
3           difficult cases and handled them with skill and  
4           professionalism. Watching Martin at work was a joy. He  
5           was always, always straight with the Court. His word  
6           was like money in the bank. No exaggerated or inflated  
7           claims. No embellishments. No lame excuses. No  
8           frivolous or spurious arguments. Martin never wasted  
9           the Court's time. In fact, Martin never wasted anyone's  
10          time; particularly not his own. So you may lament the  
11          fact that his time on this earth was cut short, but keep  
12          in mind Martin never wasted one minute of it. Whether  
13          it was learning how to fly an airplane or skiing in  
14          Colorado, it was time well spent. Whether it was  
15          congenial conversation at Becky's on Main Street or the  
16          Cornerhouse, it was time well spent. When he was doing  
17          things with those he cared about, his family, his  
18          friends and his professional associates, it was time  
19          well spent. He has enriched all of our lives. We are  
20          all better human beings for having known Martin. The  
21          Court orders these comments be incorporated into the  
22          Court record.

23                   MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Steve. We're  
24                   now going to call upon Dr. Walter McDonald who has been  
25                   a long time friend of Martin. Martin routinely bounced

1 ideas for trial strategies off in terms of how to  
2 address a jury, how to approach a case, long before it  
3 was popular in the legal system. He always liked  
4 Dr. McDonald; he valued his opinions, his friendship and  
5 we used him as an expert as often as we could because we  
6 always admired his forensic abilities. Dr. McDonald?

7 DR. MCDONALD: Good afternoon, everyone. When  
8 I got here this afternoon, sitting waiting for these  
9 things to begin, I was approached by a lawyer whom I  
10 know who was just reading the program that I would be  
11 one of the speakers -- for those of you who don't know  
12 me, I am a clinical psychologist -- and he said, "Tell  
13 me, please, that when you're through with your remarks  
14 you're not going to make us hug one another." I  
15 guarantee I won't do that. When I learned last Saturday  
16 evening of Marty's death, I became suddenly very, very  
17 upset, and then I did something that I often do when I'm  
18 quite upset. I grabbed a pen and a pad and I started  
19 furiously scribbling the thoughts and the feelings that  
20 were rushing through me at the time. The couple of  
21 paragraphs that emerged from that were meant to be a  
22 private expression of my grief and were not really  
23 intended to be heard by others, but as I reread them the  
24 next day, they seemed to make me feel a little bit less  
25 devastated. I offer them here both as a tribute to

1 Martin and with the hope that they may help some of you  
2 to cope a bit better with this tragedy that has occurred  
3 to all of us. Beatrice Prunty, Jeremiah Joseph Ring,  
4 George Wells, Mary Agnes Prunty Ring, Walter J.  
5 McDonald, Catherine Ring McDonald, an unnamed stillborn  
6 child, Charlotte R. McDonald, Frank Goldstein, M.D.,  
7 Frank Ruzica, J.D., Bob Roperts, J.D., Jay Schwartz,  
8 J.D., Carlos Albizu-Miranda, Ph.D., Ted Harris, J.D.,  
9 Mary Agnes Ring Perron, Martin I. Hanson, J.D.

10 If I live long enough, this list of significant  
11 relatives and friends that began in 1929 when I was two  
12 years old will expand. It's not surprising in the  
13 course of a moderately long life that in addition to  
14 these, many others I have known have also died and still  
15 others whose death I'm unaware. Those whose names I  
16 have listed are different, however. They were through  
17 with me before I was through with them. These were the  
18 unexpected, the unanticipated, the ones whose ends upend  
19 our lives; those full of life and promise departed from  
20 us before we made full use of them and before they gave  
21 to us and to others a fuller measure of themselves.  
22 Each one of us here has such a list, a kind of a  
23 personal pantheon. We now share in common, in addition  
24 to that list, our friend Martin Hanson. Knowledge of  
25 his death came to me from a kind person who called to

1 tell me, sparing me the sudden blow of unwanted  
2 knowledge from the next morning's front page. I'm still  
3 buffeted by a gale of emotions; grief, anger, remorse of  
4 the undone, and happiness that our paths crossed for a  
5 time. I'm enriched for having known him. I'm saddened  
6 at having lost him. But then again, I thought out to  
7 myself, I have no more lost him than I have lost the  
8 other departed who touched my life and who for the rest  
9 of my life left part of themselves with me.

10 Among many unusual things about him, a number  
11 of which you already heard this afternoon, more of which  
12 you will hear, one in particular stands out. Of the  
13 many trial attorneys I have worked with on forensic  
14 matters over the last 30 years, he was one of few who  
15 almost always took care of business in a timely fashion.  
16 It seems he just broke that habit, much to our regret.  
17 Good-bye, Marty, and thanks.

18 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders that  
19 Dr. McDonald's comments be read into the record.

20 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Dr. McDonald.  
21 The next speaker on your list was the Honorable Terry  
22 Evans, Circuit Judge from the 7th Circuit Federal Court.  
23 Terry was unable to be here. He desperately wanted to  
24 be. He has a close relationship to Martin through their  
25 daughters. Judge Evans' daughter as well as Amy Hanson

1 attended high school and the University of  
2 Wisconsin-Madison together so they had a close bond. In  
3 addition to that, Terry Evans sat on many cases in which  
4 Martin tried in the federal system, but I think I'm  
5 clearly at liberty to say, especially since there's no  
6 federal judge sitting behind me or standing behind me,  
7 that Martin wouldn't be too upset by this because often  
8 times Martin would say to me, "Since Earl Warren left  
9 the bench there hasn't been a federal judge that did me  
10 any favors." So with that in mind, I'm going to call on  
11 long-time friend and very close to him, Tom Tofte, to  
12 read the comments that were faxed up to me by Judge  
13 Evans and give some of his own personal insights as  
14 well.

15 MR. TOFTE: Judge Evans apparently doesn't  
16 realize that we have a judge here in Racine County  
17 that's not afraid to hold a Federal Court Judge in  
18 contempt, so he should be concerned about his  
19 nonappearance. In any event, I came to Racine County in  
20 1973, as an Assistant District Attorney, and one of the  
21 first things that I learned was the premier criminal  
22 lawyer in Racine County was Martin I. Hanson. Martin I.  
23 Hanson left us a week ago. When he left us, he was  
24 still the premier criminal lawyer in Racine County.  
25 This is quite an accomplishment for any lawyer to

1 dominate a particular field of law for more than two  
2 decades, and Martin Hanson did it. He practiced not  
3 only in Racine, but he practiced in Milwaukee and in the  
4 Federal Courts. About the 1980's, he decided he was  
5 going to expand his practice and go to Milwaukee and  
6 practice in Federal Court. I always suspected that it  
7 was some Racine Assistant District Attorney who talked  
8 him into sharing his talents with other prosecutors.

9 As all of us here know, when Martin Hanson meets  
10 somebody and when Martin Hanson practices before people,  
11 they notice him and they realize what a quality lawyer  
12 he is. And this is true in Milwaukee. Lawyers from all  
13 over Milwaukee are calling and saying what a wonderful  
14 lawyer Martin was. Not only the lawyers, but the judges  
15 saw the essence of this man that we know so well. Judge  
16 Terence Evans sent this memorial on Martin:

17 "I was indescribably saddened when I learned on  
18 Sunday that Martin Hanson had passed away. To Martin's  
19 family and many friends, I write to express my  
20 condolences on behalf of the federal court family here  
21 in Milwaukee.

22 Martin was a towering figure in Wisconsin's  
23 legal community. He was smart. He was tough. He was  
24 decisive. He was charismatic. That he has been taken  
25 from us, at such a young age, is grossly unfair, but

1 Marty would not want us to dwell on his loss. Like  
2 getting a bad evidentiary ruling during a trial, Marty  
3 would want us to simply forge on, and that we will do,  
4 aided in no small way by the wonderful memories he has  
5 left for us.

6 Martin put his unique mark on the federal  
7 building here in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He  
8 was without a shadow of a doubt one of the truly great  
9 litigators to grace our court. Words were precious to  
10 Marty Hanson. He used them sparingly, but decisively,  
11 usually while driving home a point of great importance  
12 during the trial. Despite all his skill, however,  
13 Martin did have a blind spot. He thought his favorite  
14 story, the Badger story, used repeatedly during jury  
15 trial closings, was actually funny. Many who heard the  
16 story several times disagreed with it. Despite this  
17 slight flaw, I want to emphasize that the judges  
18 repeatedly gave Martin Hanson the highest compliment --  
19 we listened intently when he spoke because he didn't  
20 waste our time. When he spoke, he had our full  
21 attention because what he said was always, always  
22 persuasive and important. Marty, your friends at the  
23 federal building will miss you.

24 On a personal note, I will miss chatting with  
25 you and sharing our stories of our daughters -- my

1 Christine and your Amy -- going back to when they were  
2 together on 42nd Street. Thanks for the memories,  
3 Marty. God bless you." This is what Judge Terence  
4 Evans had to say.

5 No matter how enormous Martin's legal talents  
6 were, these talents paled compared to his humanity. He  
7 was a true, great human being as is attested to by the  
8 presence of all of you, and I don't know of another man  
9 who could go through life and touch people as deeply as  
10 Martin Hanson did. For me, he was my friend and his  
11 leaving will leave a hole in my life, but I will carry  
12 the essence of this man to my grave. Thank you. We  
13 would offer the memorial from Judge Evans into evidence.

14 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders the  
15 comments of Judge Evans and the comments of Mr. Tofte be  
16 incorporated into the court record.

17 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, your Honor.  
18 We'd now like to call on Adrian Schoone who is  
19 responsible for really stealing Martin back from Madison  
20 and bringing him back to Racine. Adrian started with  
21 Martin within the law firm of Schoone, McManus & Hanson.  
22 Adrian?

23 MR. SCHOONE: Judges, members of Martin's  
24 family, lawyers and other friends of Martin Iver Hanson,  
25 Martin graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law



1 School and became a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin  
2 in May of 1968. He immediately began the practice of  
3 law as an Assistant District Attorney for this county.  
4 He was to credit then-District Attorney Gerald Clickner,  
5 a great trial prosecutor, with giving him early  
6 inspiration for the immense trial success Martin would  
7 go on to achieve. Martin and your speaker met within a  
8 few weeks of his arrival here in this courthouse, at a  
9 preliminary hearing which lasted less than two hours.  
10 Before it was over, he had received an invitation to  
11 join me in private law practice. He resisted my  
12 blandishments. After a year with the Racine County  
13 D.A.'s Office he returned to Madison to work for Mr.  
14 Van Metre from whom you've already heard. But we  
15 persisted in our entreaties.

16 In July of 1970, Martin and wife Alice returned  
17 to Racine and he joined me as associates with the  
18 LaFrance firm. Four months later Martin, Roger McManus  
19 and I formed our own law firm. By this time Martin had  
20 been fondly labeled "The Young Man", a description which  
21 will forever befit him. Conversely, he called me the  
22 old man, perhaps because as they said of Richard  
23 Milhouse Nixon, "He was old when he was born." In any  
24 event, the period of 1971 through 1975, was undoubtedly  
25 the most enjoyable time of my 36 and a half years in the

1 law practice, due primarily to my association with  
2 Martin. The expansion of our organization gradually  
3 eroded the camaraderie we had enjoyed. By May of 1979,  
4 Martin and Gene Gasiorkiewicz left to form their own law  
5 firm, which has now enjoyed almost 16 and a half years  
6 of continued success.

7 Martin and I remained friends. The esteem in  
8 which our law firm held him can be measured by the many  
9 criminal law matters we've referred to him over the  
10 years.

11 Martin deserved the recognition he received as  
12 one of The Best Lawyers in America because of these  
13 admirable traits, among others. You've heard of his  
14 exceptional intelligence. But he had more. He had  
15 uncommon sense and understanding of what makes people in  
16 the law, whether clients or lawyers, behave as they do.  
17 He had charisma. That means charm. Jurors  
18 instinctively and often instantly liked him, and distaff  
19 jurors did more than that. He had a confident serenity  
20 or inner peace; indeed, a philosophy of sanguinity which  
21 stemmed from his time on this earth.

22 Martin the Viking, native of Holmen, was a  
23 product of the 60's. I suspect he remains a fan of Bob  
24 Dylan to this day, which is why the slogan from The  
25 Rolling Stone, "When you ain't got nothing, you got

1 nothing to lose", captured Martin's attitude toward  
2 life. That's why I'm confident today he disdained  
3 shedding of tears in his memory, difficult as that is,  
4 and we're trying to avoid it.

5 I want to take a short stroll down memory lane  
6 to recall several vignettes involving Martin in the form  
7 he retold them back at our law office which perhaps will  
8 capture his up-beat, positive, good-humored approach to  
9 the law and his involvement with it.

10 The first will be corroborated for veracity by  
11 his law partner and son-in-law Rob Weber who was  
12 Martin's adversary at the time this actually happened.  
13 As they say in Casey Stengel, you can look it up.  
14 Martin was defending a client in a criminal proceeding.  
15 The case was at Motions After Verdict stage. The  
16 presiding judge was one who had returned to this county  
17 near the twilight of his law career. He ascended to the  
18 bench soon thereafter. His industry and diligence were  
19 immediately evident to those appearing before him, but  
20 by the time of these instant motions there was a hint of  
21 burn-out in his demeanor. Whatever the issues involved,  
22 Rob preceded Martin in making oral argument. When  
23 Martin's turn arrived, he made the most of the  
24 opportunity. His presentation spared no horses. He  
25 even went to the blackboard -- this wasn't a jury trial

1 -- he went to the blackboard to diagram the merits of  
2 his client's cause. After extended oration, he returned  
3 in spent condition to sit at counsel table. There  
4 followed a long, anxiety-producing pause. Finally his  
5 Honor looked up from his notes, peered over his  
6 spectacles at Martin and said, "Mr. Hanson, would you  
7 like to respond to Mr. Weber's argument?" Martin  
8 confessed he lost those motions.

9           The second episode involved a different now-  
10 retired jurist, gone from the community, who was  
11 outwardly fond of Martin and often took him into his  
12 confidence. This day when Martin was making the  
13 courthouse run and stopped in his Honor's chambers, the  
14 judge asked him, "Martin, what's a law clerk?" Martin's  
15 startled response was, "Judge, why do you ask?"  
16 Thereupon, his Honor showed Martin a written communique  
17 offering the services of a law clerk for the summer  
18 months at no expense to either the judge or this county,  
19 seemingly a can't-lose proposition. Martin then  
20 explained that a law clerk could help the judge with his  
21 research and drafting of decisions, but the judge  
22 responded as follows: "Research? I don't do research.  
23 I like to make my decisions from the bench, off-the-  
24 cuff. What's a law clerk gonna do, stand by my chair?"

25           Martin's sense of humor was not confined to the

1 courthouse. He took it with him on vacations. About a  
2 year after the formation of Schoone, McManus & Hanson,  
3 Martin and Alice went to Hawaii. By this time we three  
4 law partners had learned something about legal economics  
5 -- having undergone a baptism of fire because we began  
6 with no retainer clients and thus no guaranteed income.  
7 Each day was a new adventure. We learned to check cash  
8 receipts almost daily. Martin promised to send us a  
9 post-card from Hawaii. And so he did, in the form of a  
10 football-size pineapple. The message on its exterior  
11 was short and to the point, documenting his ongoing  
12 concern about office overhead and how we were meeting  
13 it. The message was lifted from a then-popular Johnny  
14 Cash country song. It said, "How high's the water,  
15 Momma", which meant have you taken in enough to get us  
16 back home?

17 When Martin joined me in the private law  
18 practice, we agreed upon a division of labor with him  
19 completely responsible for all criminal law matters.  
20 Occasionally we joined forces in civil cases. One was  
21 tried on the 7th floor of this building before Judge  
22 Thomas P. Corbett and jury. Our client was a child  
23 dart-out victim well under the age of seven. Defending  
24 the insurance company and allegedly negligent driver was  
25 a Milwaukee transplant you'll recall as having the

1 silver-throated ability to sell sand to the Arabians.  
2 Therefore, when several days of trial demonstrated the  
3 risk of a no-liability finding, we deemed it in the best  
4 interests of our client to settle for a total of  
5 \$40,000, those days a princely sum and more than a  
6 peppercorn even today. Judge Corbett promptly approved  
7 the settlement. Several days later, Martin encountered  
8 a member of the jury in the courthouse. The juror  
9 unsurprisingly complimented Martin for his presentation,  
10 but told him we shouldn't have settled because this jury  
11 was prepared to assess big damages. Martin's heart sank  
12 with the fear of what we might have done wrong, and he  
13 timidly inquired of this juror as to what damages they  
14 were contemplating. Replied the juror, "Oh, big  
15 damages, maybe as high as 25 to 30 thousand dollars."  
16 This tells us who are still sufficiently foolhardy to go  
17 before juries today, that the more things change the  
18 more they stay the same.

19 This last anecdote about Martin deals not with  
20 his exceptional good spirits, but with his unique  
21 devotion and loyalty to clients, which you have already  
22 heard about. During our association we did indeed  
23 represent a person of color employed in the local public  
24 sector in an extremely high profile criminal matter.  
25 Ultimately we were successful in gaining dismissal of

1 all charges. Many years later that client, now living  
2 far, far away, wrote a book about his experiences. A  
3 banquet was held to kick off book sales. One person  
4 from Racine I'm aware of, at his own expense, traveled  
5 the many thousands of miles to be present for that  
6 event. That person was Martin Iver Hanson. Just one  
7 more testimonial to his steadfast dedication to client  
8 causes regardless of John Q. Public's opinion of them.

9 And so, Martin Iver Hanson, your family, your  
10 home town of Holmen, your Racine legal community and  
11 your legal profession respectfully reflect upon your  
12 legal career of over 27 years. Your accomplishments are  
13 singular. By realistic standards it can be said that  
14 you may have become the best Wisconsin criminal defense  
15 lawyer during your lifework, but of equal importance you  
16 reached that pinnacle without engaging in sharp  
17 practices, without overreaching, and without  
18 demonstrating that lack of civility sometimes a hallmark  
19 of your big city counterparts. As the role is called up  
20 yonder, you more than measure up. You can be rightfully  
21 proud of what you've sown and what you've reaped. Fair  
22 well, Morty, my old pal. Judge Simanek, I would offer  
23 these remarks into evidence.

24 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders the  
25 remarks of Mr. Schoone be incorporated into the Court

1 record.

2 MR. ROB WEBER: Judge, may I ask that the  
3 reference to his son-in-law be stricken from the record?  
4 I would like Martin to rest easy in the hereafter.

5 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: Mr. Weber, would you  
6 please cite the appropriate evidentiary rule?

7 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: Thank you, Adrian. Last  
8 night I was awakened thinking of Martin and thinking of  
9 today. I thought of this moment, the closing moment,  
10 the importance it rightfully deserves. How I relished  
11 late last night the opportunity to say farewell to you  
12 all on behalf of Martin. I however was frightened. I  
13 was frightened that I would fall short of the task. So  
14 what I did in the wee hours of the morning, I concocted  
15 what I learned from Tom Holloran just recently was  
16 called a Martin Hanson which apparently is a noted drink  
17 in Milwaukee that I'm sure my expense account paid for  
18 the development of it, and thought of what I needed.  
19 Classical music usually comes to mind to me when I'm  
20 thinking this, I need a crescendo, I need something, I  
21 need a finality. I then thought of classical music that  
22 I know. I purport to be no master of the classics, nor  
23 would I infer that Martin liked the classics, but Aaron  
24 Copland's musical piece written in the late 1940's to  
25 honor the war participants came to mind. It is entitled



1 "Fanfare for the Common Man." It is a short piece,  
2 depending on who is conducting, whether it's Aaron  
3 Copland himself or Lenny Bernstein or Eugene Ormandy.  
4 It goes somewhere from three and a half minutes to five  
5 minutes, but no longer. It is percussion and brass  
6 only. It is straight-forward. It is a straight-forward  
7 statement that is at the same time simple and dignified.  
8 Martin lived his life with the dignity of a simple human  
9 being, while professionally protecting the rights of the  
10 common man. He truly was the hero of the common man.  
11 Martin was the uncommon common man. If you get the  
12 chance, please pick up Aaron Copland's "Fanfare to the  
13 Common Man." It will only take two or three minutes or  
14 four minutes out of your life. Please listen to it. I  
15 think you will hear Martin in there. I think you will  
16 hear Martin, and this piece is Martin's fanfare for  
17 Martin Hanson. Thank you.

18 CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: The Court orders the  
19 comments of Mr. Gasiorkiewicz be incorporated into the  
20 court record.

21 MR. GASIORKIEWICZ: I wish to thank all the  
22 judges for participating here today. There is a  
23 reception following at our office and on behalf of the  
24 family, loved ones and close friends of Martin Hanson  
25 and his business partners, we thank you very much for

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coming here today. Thank you.

CHIEF JUDGE SIMANEK: This court stands  
adjourned.

(MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARTIN I. HANSON CONCLUDED)

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Dated this 5th day of October, 1995.

  
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