

# THE CALL OF THE CALENDAR

The Call of the Calendar ceremony is the evolution of the Racine County Bar Association's long standing Memorial services. Traditionally the Bar has paid tribute to its deceased members with a Memorial service conducted before the presiding chief judge of the circuit court. These Memorial proceedings have somewhat been preserved on the circuit court records and on filed written documents. Many of the records have been lost over the years.

The original Call of the Calendar was more a pretrial conference. The civil court judge would have a calendar published for his spring and fall terms. Usually trials were not scheduled during the summer months. All the attorneys with cases pending in that judge's court would be called to his court to a pretrial conference. The trial calendars back during these times was not as voluminous as it is now a days. Often times younger associates were sent to cover the conference. This occasion lent itself to an informal gathering of lawyers and often new associates would be have the opportunity to meet some of the other established lawyers. This procedure was discontinued in Racine in the mid 1970's.

In 1997 the Bar Association decided to expand the Memorial services to include the introduction of new members of the Bar. New members are administered an Oath and then invited to sign the Roll. This combined ceremony was renamed The Call of The Calendar.

RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

# The Call of the Calendar

*A Memorial Service  
for Deceased Members  
and  
Enrollment of  
New Members*

Monday, September 8, 1997  
11:00 am

Racine County Circuit Court  
Branch 2, 4th Floor  
Racine County Courthouse

*Presided Over By  
The Honorable Stephen A. Simanek  
Circuit Judge*

William R. Binetti  
*William R. Binetti Law Office*  
*President, Racine County Bar Association*

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Robert J. Riegelman  
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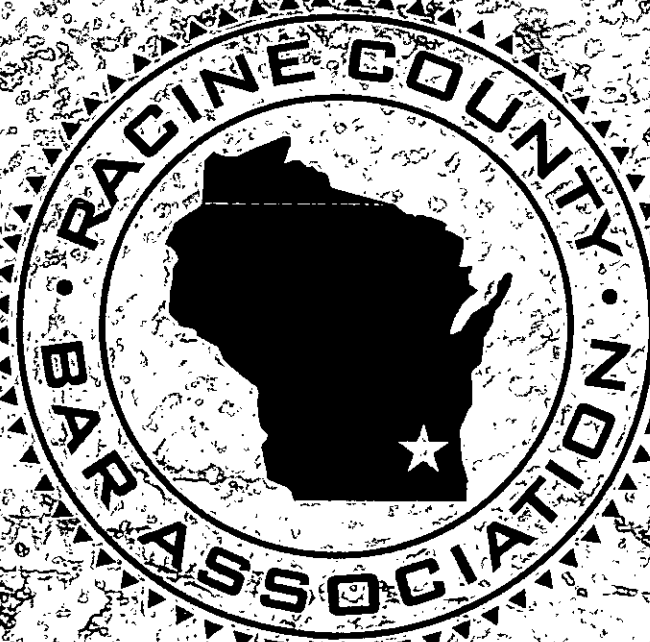
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*Riegelman & Mueckler, S.C.*  
*Richard, Reisterer & Blise, S.C.*  
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*Racine County Child Support, Director*  
*Shannon M. Whitworth Law Office*

Donations to Wisconsin Law Foundation

*In Memory of Deceased Association Members - Giulio J. A. Fornary; Fornary & Fornary*  
*Secretary, Racine County Bar Association*

Closing

*Honorable Stephen A. Simanek, Circuit Judge*



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Chief Circuit Judge*

RACINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SEPTEMBER 21 1998

## INTRODUCTION

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Richard F. Foltz

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*State Public Defender Office*

Oath  
*Honorable Gerald P. Placek, Chief Circuit Judge*  
President's Message  
*Jeffrey Leavell, President, Racine County Bar Association*



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SEPTEMBER 27 • 1999

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Family Court Commissioner's Office  
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Christy Hall

Jennifer Hansen

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Molly Jasmer

Andrei Junge

Mary McDaniel

Joseph Mrazek

James D. Newlun

Michael E. Nieskes

Mark O'Neill

Kay L. Pechin

Reinee R. Priebus

Randall Schneider

Robert Stack

Oath

Honorable Gerald P. Placek, Chief Circuit Judge

President's Message

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*Legal Action of Wisconsin*

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*Harvey, Nison & O'Neill*

*Legal Action of Wisconsin*

*Michael, Best & Friedrich*

*Racine County District Attorney's Office*

*Racine County Child Support Agency*



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RACINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SEPTEMBER 25 • 2000



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*President, Racine County Bar Association*

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*Racine County Circuit Court*

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*Racine County Circuit Court*

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John A. Becker, President, Racine County Bar Association



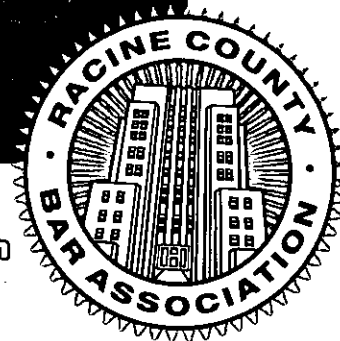
# The Call of the Calendar

A Memorial Service for  
Deceased Members and  
Enrollment of New Members

September 23, 2002

*Presided Over By*  
*The Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek*  
*Chief Circuit Judge*

Racine County Bar Association



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2ND FLOOR

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Jennifer Tanck-Adams

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Michael R. Younglove

Oath

Honorable Gerald P. Placek, Chief Circuit Judge

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Racine County Bar Association

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A Memorial Service for  
Deceased Members,  
Special Recognition of the  
Honorable Nancy E. Wheeler,  
and Enrollment of New Members

September 13, 2004

*Presided Over By*  
*The Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek*  
*Chief Circuit Judge*

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President, Racine County Bar Association

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Honorable  
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Appreciation of  
Honorable Nancy E. Wheeler's  
Service as Circuit Judge

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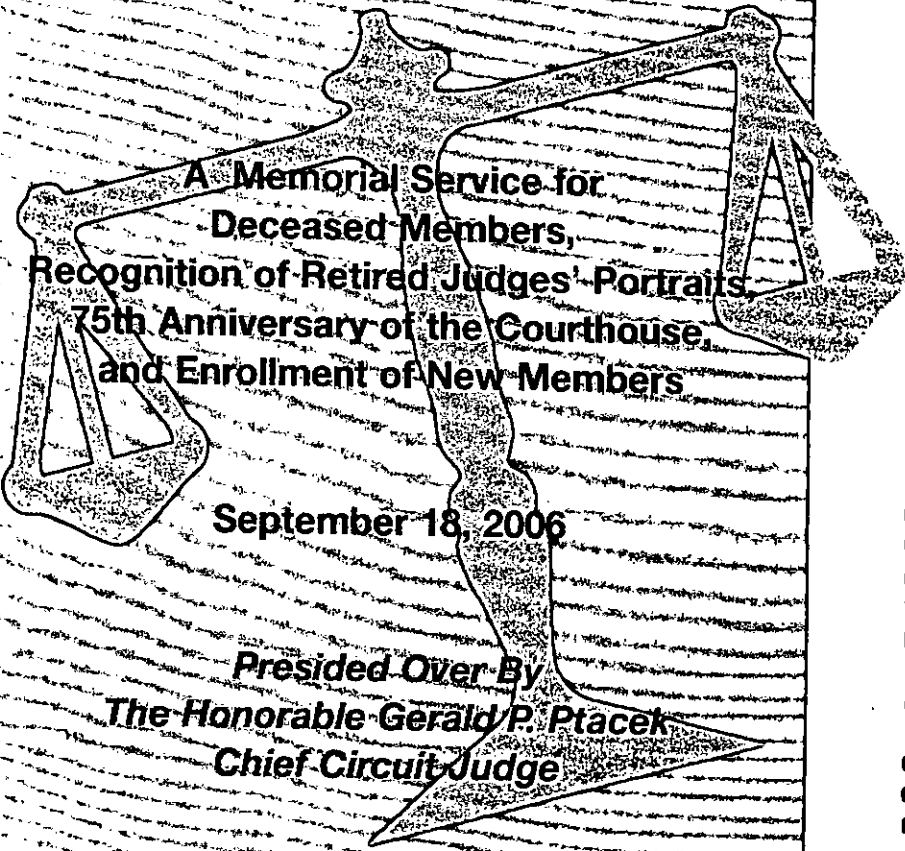
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RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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A Memorial Service for  
Deceased Members,  
Recognition of Retired Judges' Portraits,  
75th Anniversary of the Courthouse,  
and Enrollment of New Members

September 18, 2006

Presided Over By  
The Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek  
Chief Circuit Judge

RACINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE • FOURTH FLOOR

11 A.M.

RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



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*Robert W. Weber Law Office*

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COURTHOUSE

**"The Million Dollar Courthouse"**      **Geoffrey Greiveldinger**

## DEDICATION OF JUDICIAL PORTRAITS

**Chief Judge Gerald Ptacek**

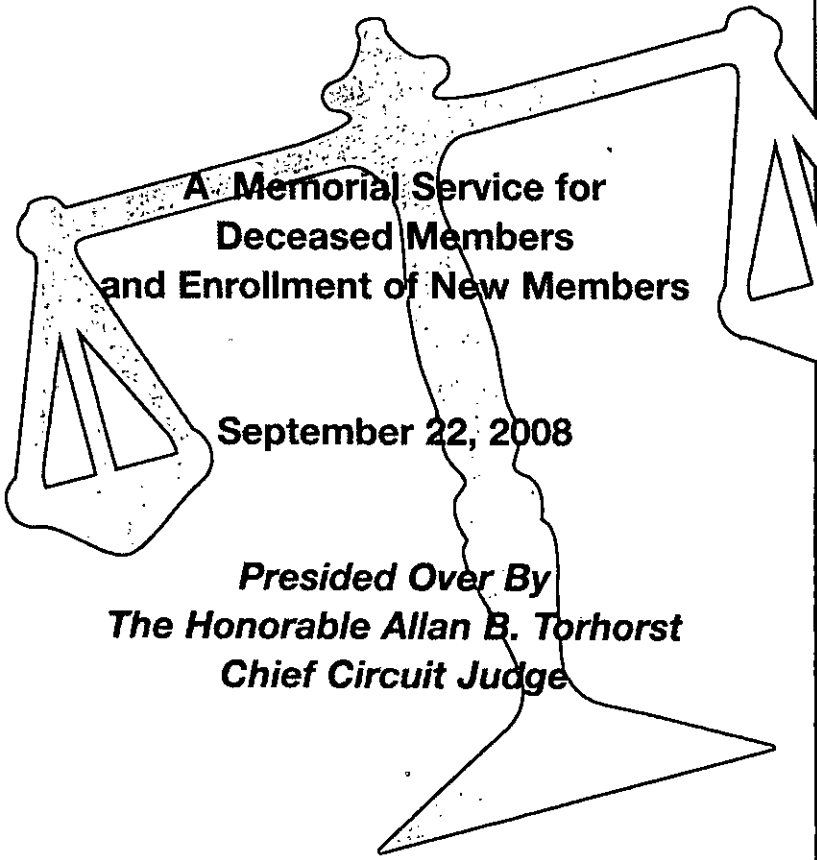
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**Scott Fisher**  
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**Thomas J. Hall**  
**Dirk Jensen**  
**Steven H. Jesser**  
**Peter J. Kersten**  
**Scott Letteney**  
**Stefanie Meiri**  
**Jill Mengesha**  
**Abraham Michelson**  
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**Oath**  
*Chief Judge Gerald Ptacek*  
**President's Message**  
*Wynne P. Laufenberg, President, RCBA*

# The Call OF THE Calendar



**A Memorial Service for  
Deceased Members  
and Enrollment of New Members**

**September 22, 2008**

***Presided Over By  
The Honorable Allan B. Torhorst  
Chief Circuit Judge***

RACINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE • FOURTH FLOOR

**4 P.M.**

**RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**





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*Chief Judge Allan B. Torhorst*

**President's Message**

*Sally Hoelzel, President, RCBA*

# The Call OF THE Calendar 2011

A Memorial Service for  
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Enrollment of New Members

September 26, 2011

*Presided Over By*  
**The Honorable Allan B. Torhorst**  
*Chief Circuit Judge*

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RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



## INTRODUCTION

**Michael D. Leffler**

*Action Law Offices, S.C.*

*President, Racine County Bar Association*

## MEMORIALS

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**Einer Christensen**

**John W. Foley**

**Donna Gilligan-Arendt**

**Arthur J. Hansmann**

**Judith M. Hartig-Osanka**

**Honorable  
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**Robert A. Wanasek**

**Honorable  
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*Kenosha County Circuit Judge*

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*Leib & Katt, LLC*

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*Wyant Law Offices, S.C.*

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**Honorable  
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*Racine County Circuit Judge*

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**David A. Gottardo**

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**Peter Kaiser**

**Jeffrey Krause**

**David Leibowitz**

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**Michael Masnica**

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**Courtney Schultz**

**Travis Schwantes**

**Jennifer Severino**

**Kate Simonds**

**Jon Spansail**

**Kelly Stengert**

**Lee Todd**

**Philip Trampe**

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*Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.*

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*Concordia University*

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*Phegley Law Offices*

*Attorney Jon G. Spansail*

*Guardian Credit Union*

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*Murphy & Johnson, S.C.*



**RACINE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**CALL OF THE CALENDAR 2011**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

RACINE COUNTY

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CALL OF THE CALENDAR - 2011

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JUDGE PRESIDING

APPEARANCES:

MICHAEL LEFFLER, President of  
the Racine County Bar  
Association, appearing.

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Patricia Schaefer  
Court Reporter

1           MR. LEFFLER: I'd like to welcome everybody  
2       to the call of the calendar, 2011. Fellow members of  
3       the bar association, family, friends, special guests,  
4       we're gathered here today to memorialize and pay  
5       tribute to the deceased attorneys and judges of the  
6       Racine County Bar and of Racine County. We're also  
7       here to formally welcome and witness the swearing of  
8       new members who are seated over in the jury box and  
9       will also have them sign at the bar rolls.

10           From a historical prospective, the call of  
11       the calendar was scheduled going back into the 1800's,  
12       and at the call of the calendar, the judges would get  
13       together with the attorneys who were practicing in  
14       that court, and they would set the calendar, they  
15       would discuss cases, and hopefully resolve some of  
16       them, but that's when the Court calendared the cases  
17       that would be coming throughout the year.

18           At some point, the call of the calendar  
19       changed, and we began eulogizing deceased members.  
20       That was added to the call. We're not exactly sure  
21       when, but we do know that in 1997, a new tradition was  
22       commenced by introducing new members of the bar and  
23       administering an oath. As new members were added,  
24       they were invited to sign the bar rolls, which date  
25       back to 1948. Coincidentally, the same year that

1 Wisconsin was accepted as a state in the United  
2 States. This book contains the signature of all the  
3 bar members, and I said 1948, but actually 1848. That  
4 is the first date that we see in the book, but there  
5 are actually some names and notations before that. It  
6 actually goes back between 1848.

7 The call of the calendar has evolved from a  
8 calendaring event with eulogizing deceased members and  
9 adding new members, and today we're going to add  
10 unveiling judicial portraits, and we'll have two  
11 portraits over here we're going to unveil towards the  
12 end of the ceremony.

13 As some of you may know, the bar association  
14 is undertaking a project to document the history of  
15 the bar association in Racine County. Today  
16 presentations will be made, and they'll be made  
17 orally, and there's also a written submission that  
18 will be given and filed with the Court. Those written  
19 submissions will then become part of the written  
20 record of the Racine County Circuit Court, and there  
21 will be a permanent record, and they also will become  
22 part of the bar's history.

23 I've had the pleasure of reviewing a lot of  
24 documents over the course of the last several months  
25 that I've been the president, and it's amazing the

1 rich history that the bar association has, the  
2 stories, the tales that are contained in eulogies from  
3 past members that were all part of the bar association  
4 archives. They were lost for a short period of time,  
5 which was devastating to many members of the bar, but  
6 we located all of those eulogies, and we hope to have  
7 them on the bar association web site in the future,  
8 and again, that way everybody can look at the rich  
9 history of the bar association, from mayors to  
10 aldermen to city councilmen. We have judges, all  
11 kinds of eulogies that are very, very special to the  
12 bar association. Those members paid a vital role in  
13 the development of Racine County, and again, from a  
14 historical standpoint, we know that the new members  
15 will become part of history and take their roles in  
16 the future.

17 Let's proceed with the tributes of our  
18 deceased members. At this time I'd like to call the  
19 Honorable Wilbur Warren to pay tribute to Dennis  
20 Barry.

21 VOICE: Thank you. Judge Torhorst, esteemed  
22 colleagues, family and guests of those persons being  
23 honored today. It's a distinct pleasure for me to be  
24 able to be here to honor my friend, Dennis J. Barry.  
25 Dennis was a close friend and colleague going on forty

1 years. We shared a lot in common with him. He was  
2 Branch 5 in Racine. I was Branch 5 in Kenosha. It  
3 was he who I asked to conduct the oath of office when  
4 I was sworn in as judge in Kenosha.

5 Many of our tastes were similar, many of our  
6 likes and dislikes. I can still remember the first  
7 time when I was in his home, walking up to his office  
8 and seeing the desk that he had in there. It was the  
9 identical desk I had in my office. I remember looking  
10 at the credenza behind the desk. It was the identical  
11 credenza. I looked at the picture over the credenza.  
12 It was the identical picture. This is true. I looked  
13 down at the briefcase next to the desk. It was the  
14 exact same briefcase.

15 Dennis and I had a lot in common. We were  
16 good friends, and I certainly mourn his loss. Our  
17 politics and sporting events were all parallel, the  
18 same. In fact, when he called the house, we were so  
19 close and saw so much of each other that my wife would  
20 hand me the phone and say it's your other wife  
21 calling. Rarely did a day go by that we didn't speak.  
22 If a couple days had gone by, I'd get a message. Hey  
23 Orca, when are you going to surface. We always had  
24 this weight thing going. And, of course, when I  
25 didn't hear from him for a couple days, it was a



1 Shamu, when are you going to surface, so we had that  
2 going.

3 Every Thursday for over twenty years, Dennis  
4 and I met at a little pub right on the county line  
5 where we played cribbage. As a matter of fact, it was  
6 just last week I received a card from the waitresses  
7 and cooks and some of the regular patrons there  
8 expressing their sorrow for the loss of a good  
9 friend. We were indeed a fixture there.

10 We were very good friends, very good friends,  
11 and I'm sure a lot of you were equally good friends  
12 with Dennis. I'm going to miss his smile, his  
13 encouragement, his laughter, his thoughtfulness. And  
14 as we all, I do wonder why he chose to take the action  
15 he did. It was completely out of character for him.  
16 We're all going to be plagued for a long time with  
17 that question -- why.

18 But we're not here to mourn his loss so much  
19 as we are to celebrate his life, and what a life it  
20 was. He's always going to be remembered as a fair and  
21 honest, faithful, loving, competent inspired, hard-  
22 working individual.

23 He was born here in Racine on April 4th,  
24 1947, graduated from Park High School, who had him  
25 back as an alumni and gave him the alumni of the year

1       award for his many accomplishments. He went on to  
2       attend Lawrence University, graduated there, and then  
3       went into the Army and served nobly in the Army for a  
4       very short period of time. He was honorably  
5       discharged on a medical discharge. Now, just so you  
6       don't get the wrong picture, he didn't get a Purple  
7       Heart for this injury he received in the military. He  
8       was home on leave tobogganing down a hill at Racine  
9       Country Club and broke his back, so thank goodness it  
10      repaired, but it was enough of an injury where he was  
11      discharged from the military.

12               He went on to Marquette Law School and in  
13      1973 graduated, became an assistant district attorney  
14      in Kenosha. In fact, that's where I first met  
15      Dennis. He left there to go into private practice  
16      with Thompson and Coates. It was while he was in  
17      practice at Thompson and Coates that he ran for  
18      District Attorney. He ran for District Attorney and  
19      lost, except for the recount. There was a recount,  
20      and Mike -- where's Mike? Are you here? There he  
21      is. Mike Piontek. He and Dennis became good and fast  
22      friends, because Dennis won by 92 votes in a recount  
23      over Mike in that election, and he went on to serve as  
24      District Attorney.

25               That was what he was doing when he was tapped

1 by the Honorable Lee Sherman Dreyfuss to be on the  
2 bench in 1980. Dennis ran every six years faithfully  
3 after that, been reelected to the office, and every  
4 year he ran unopposed. A testament to his character,  
5 his intellect, his ability and confidence the people  
6 of Racine County had in Racine County to act as a  
7 judge. We have had over thirty years of a wonderful  
8 judge, and I hope you all appreciate it.

9 He received many honors as a judge in Racine  
10 County. In fact, in 1997 he was nominated and  
11 received the judge of the year award for the entire  
12 state of Wisconsin, and I'm proud to say that it was I  
13 who nominated him for that position, a position very  
14 well-deserved.

15 Over the years, he's received many honors.  
16 He's been a member of Racine County, Kenosha Bar,  
17 State Bar of Wisconsin, Arizona Bar. He was active in  
18 Racine Trial Judges Association, the Italian American  
19 Bar Association, and the Justinian Society. He  
20 chaired the Juvenile Justice Committee for the state,  
21 was on the civil jury instruction committee, and  
22 extremely active in Statewide Moot Court  
23 competitions. He did a lot of these activities in the  
24 legal field.

25 His dedication to the community was vast. He

1 lived in this community. He loved this community, and  
2 he was an outstanding contributor to this community.  
3 He was president of the Downtown Rotary Club, active  
4 in the Big Brothers Organization. He was on the  
5 professional coalition committee for Carthage College,  
6 on the advisory board for Kids First, Racine Youth  
7 Council, active in the Racine Make a Difference Day,  
8 Racine Domestic Violence Task Force, Racine Traffic  
9 Commission, Urban League, more and more.

10 Those aren't all of them. I won't bore you  
11 with all the details of his service. He was also  
12 active in his church and served as president of the  
13 church council at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

14 He was always proud of his Italian heritage,  
15 proud member of both Roma Lodge and Italian American  
16 Club in Kenosha.

17 On January 5th 1980, he married his lovely  
18 wife, Joan. Joan and their two children, Becky and  
19 Kevin, are here today and will help share the memory  
20 of Dennis and honor him in this way.

21 But the important thing is that even with all  
22 of his professional accomplishments, his real purpose  
23 in life was the love of his family. They came first.  
24 They always came first. In 1998, when Governor  
25 Thompson literally enlisted Dennis to fill a vacancy

1 in the Wisconsin Supreme Court, he was the only person  
2 he talked to, Dennis ultimately declined that  
3 nomination.

4 There was a memorial service for Dennis  
5 yesterday at Roma Lodge, and Governor Thompson was in  
6 attendance. He told the story of how he had tried to  
7 twist Dennis's arm to become a member of the Supreme  
8 Court, only to have that decision come back that  
9 Dennis could not possibly do that. I can tell you  
10 from many agonizing lunches with Dennis to discuss the  
11 prospects of accepting this appointment that he  
12 decided that his love of his family, his community,  
13 were far more important than an ego trip it would have  
14 been to serve on the Wisconsin highest court. It was  
15 more important for him to be there for his father,  
16 Alex, who was in failing health, his wife, Joan, who  
17 relied and so much encouraged him, and watch his two  
18 children grow to adulthood. It was much more  
19 important than being a Supreme Court justice.

20 Yesterday I showed Governor Thompson a  
21 platter that I had bought and had engraved for Dennis  
22 right after he turned down the appointment. Big  
23 sterling silver platter. In the center, two inches  
24 wide, engraved justice. On the bottom it said to  
25 Dennis J. Barry, April 28th, 1998 by Governor Tommy

1 G. Thompson. Only Dennis would turn down an  
2 appointment to the Supreme Court that was handed to  
3 him on silver platter. Dennis simply memorialized  
4 that.

5 Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention  
6 Dennis's love of the Brewers and the Packers. He was  
7 a huge fan, and there was a time about eight or ten  
8 years ago where there happened to be two people on the  
9 Packer roster, one named Barry, one named Warren. I  
10 had jerseys made for the two of us we both proudly  
11 wore to Packer games. I don't think we fooled  
12 anyone. But we still wore them. No one mistook us  
13 for NFL material.

14 Finally, if you ever get to Lambeau Field and  
15 go to the north end zone, there's a whole series of  
16 bricks there that are engraved with names and dates.  
17 If you have time, and you're so inclined, you might  
18 want to look there and see if you can find a brick  
19 that says Dennis Barry. I bleed green and gold.

20 I respectfully ask the Clerk of Courts here  
21 to make these comments a permanent part of the record  
22 of Racine County Circuit Court. Thank you for your  
23 kind attention. Dennis, we miss you.

24 MR. LEFFLER: Thank you, Judge Warren, for  
25 your remarks. Next I'd have the great honor to ask

1 Gilbert Bertelsen to come up and say some words about  
2 John Casanova, and I say very honorably, because my  
3 first loss in the legal profession was with Gilbert  
4 Bertelsen, and he taught me immensely out of the law,  
5 how to be a lawyer, how to have integrity and practice  
6 with dignity. Gib?

7 MR. BERTELSEN: May it please the Court,  
8 members of the bench and members of the bar, friends  
9 and guests, yes, I am Gib Bertelsen, and I speak today  
10 of John Casanova, my partner for eighteen or nineteen  
11 years.

12 My first memory of John was not John himself,  
13 but a story by Rex Capwell, who was my senior partner  
14 for, I think, twenty-five or thirty years. He told a  
15 story about John when John was the president of the  
16 village of Wind Point. Rex could embellish stories  
17 perhaps more than the rest of us, but what he did  
18 always made the story a little better. His stories  
19 could make you like you if you were his friend, you  
20 become a mini-legend among those who he had friends,  
21 and that was the story I heard of John Casanova before  
22 I ever met him.

23 Rex said that John was the president of the  
24 village of Wind Point. The Coast Guard indicated  
25 somehow some way that they didn't have much interest

1 in continuing the maintenance of the lighthouse. The  
2 lighthouse, you'll recall, is the symbol of Racine.  
3 It was the office for the village of Wind Point for a  
4 long, long time. And Rex said Coast Guard didn't need  
5 the lighthouse, so John got on his plane, went to  
6 Washington -- flew to Washington and came back with a  
7 lighthouse.

8 In preparation for today, I decided to check  
9 Rex's story, and I found for the most part it was  
10 true. I suppose I shouldn't act so surprised. I  
11 talked to Marilyn, John's wife, and I found Marilyn  
12 pointed out a book, a history book down in the village  
13 of Wind Point by Doctor Richard Minton. I should put  
14 a footnote, Doctor Richard Minton was also a good  
15 friend of John's, maybe his view of history was  
16 colored about that. I don't know.

17 It was about a two year process getting  
18 that -- getting that lighthouse. It wasn't done  
19 instantly, as Rex's story suggests. John did fly to  
20 Washington, but he didn't, quote, fly in his plane,  
21 end quote. He didn't get a plane until about ten  
22 years later. Instead, he was on business in New  
23 York. On his way back from New York, he stopped in  
24 Washington, and he did send me a post card, and  
25 ultimately yes, he did become -- come home with a



1 lighthouse. So maybe after our discussion today, next  
2 time you go by the lighthouse or see it, perhaps  
3 you'll think of John.

4 John was World War II veteran, served in the  
5 Navy. He graduated in 1946 from Marquette. Not in  
6 liberal arts like many of us have. He graduated in  
7 mechanical engineering. He taught engineering at the  
8 engineering school at Marquette and graduated law  
9 school at Marquette in 1949. He was a licensed  
10 professional engineer here in Wisconsin. A member of  
11 the Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Technical  
12 Association of the Graphic Arts.

13 After he graduated from law school, he didn't  
14 begin to practice, as most of us have. Instead, he  
15 went to work for a company, for Printing Development  
16 Incorporated, PDI, which was located -- at least had a  
17 Racine plant. Time Incorporated owned PDI, and that's  
18 the reason why John would be periodically flying to  
19 New York and perhaps give him an excuse to go see the  
20 Coast Guard.

21 It was thirty years later, twenty-eight,  
22 twenty-nine years later after he had become president  
23 of PDI, after Time sold PDI that John joined us, as to  
24 say Rex, Gib, and David Nolden, in the practice of  
25 law. Our firm was Capwell, Bertelsen, Nolden, and

1 Casanova. He was our business lawyer. Rex and Gib  
2 and Dave tried cases for insurance companies. We  
3 didn't know much about business law, but John did, and  
4 he did that for us for about twenty years. Later he  
5 joined John Knutson, Bernie Powers, and Matt Quinn,  
6 retiring from that firm in 2009.

7 Perhaps more so than a businessman, perhaps  
8 more than a lawyer, John was a flyer. John did have  
9 his own plane. He found every excuse there possibly  
10 could be to fly that plane. I must say I know that,  
11 because I can't tell you how many times I flew in it  
12 and how frightened I was every minute of it. He was,  
13 in fairness, he was instrument rated. He kept  
14 learning, he became more and more a learned and just  
15 into everything in that airplane.

16 He was also a flyer in the world traveler  
17 sense. He had the good fortune of having a daughter  
18 who worked for an airline. That allowed him to --  
19 international kind of airline, and that allowed him to  
20 fly for the most part free forever anywhere he wanted  
21 to go. But, of course, he had to go stand by. He  
22 flew stand by, and I asked Marilyn for this list, and  
23 here it is. He flew stand by to France, and Spain,  
24 and Turkey, and Switzerland, and Russia, and Sweden,  
25 and China, and Japan, and Thailand, New Zealand. Can

1       you imagine the patience of a person sitting stand by  
2       in a airport only to fly on an airplane for fifteen or  
3       twenty hours yourselves. He could do that.

4               In the sixties, he was president of the  
5       Village of Wind Point, and in the eighties, he was a  
6       member of the Racine County Planning Council. Later  
7       he was on the board of directors of the Sienna Center,  
8       and throughout a very active member of Rotary. He was  
9       a golfer, tennis player, scuba diver, a pianist, but  
10      to his partner, of course, he was much more. He was a  
11      good partner, he was a good lawyer, and a good  
12      friend.

13              I respectfully request that these remarks be  
14      put upon the record of the Court.

15              THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Bertelsen.  
16      They're received.

17              MR. LEFFLER: I now ask that Kevin  
18      Christensen pay tribute to Einer Christensen.

19              MR. CHRISTENSEN: I would like to start by  
20      thanking Adrian Schoone and the Memorial's Committee  
21      for inviting to speak to you with briefly today in  
22      memorial of the long time Racine lawyer and my father,  
23      Einer Christensen. Einer passed away December 2nd,  
24      2010 at the age of eighty-three.

25              My dad grew up in Union Grove, the only child

1 of Danish immigrants. He attended the University of  
2 Wisconsin both for his undergraduate and law degrees.  
3 After graduating law school in 1952, Einer began his  
4 law practice in Racine with the firm of Helm, Meyers,  
5 Gillette, and Christensen, where he practiced for  
6 approximately twenty years, but his partners passed  
7 away in very close succession.

8           Einer went on to join the partnership of  
9 Constantine, Christensen and Krohn. The firm was  
10 later joined by Charles H. Constantine, who we now, of  
11 course, recognize as Racine County Circuit Court Judge  
12 Constantine. However, then I only knew of Judge  
13 Constantine as Little Charlie, as Einer would refer to  
14 him, to distinguish from the judge's father and his  
15 law partner, Big Charlie. Take heart, Judge  
16 Constantine, I assure you that if Einer were here to  
17 try a case before you today, in all due respect to the  
18 bench, he would refer to you as the learned and  
19 Honorable Little Charlie.

20           Over his forty years of practice, Einer was  
21 honored with many distinguishments and associations,  
22 including membership in the American College of Trial  
23 Lawyers, election to the American Board of Trial  
24 Advocates, listed in the Best Lawyers of America, and,  
25 of course, membership in the Wisconsin and,

1 importantly, Racine County Bar Associations. Einer  
2 served his community as he served on the police and  
3 fire commission for many years as well. However,  
4 nearly every lawyer who has recognized me as Einer's  
5 son, as many people have pointed out to me just  
6 recently, were over my twenty-one years of law  
7 practice has cited to his sense of responsibility and  
8 integrity as his defining qualities. I know because  
9 they have told me so. That those he practiced with  
10 and against have held him in the utmost respect on  
11 both a personal and professional level.

12 His long time law partner and friend, Tom  
13 Krohn, and his long time colleague, some time an  
14 opponent and friend, Adrian Schoone gave two of the  
15 most insightful and moving eulogies at his funeral  
16 services. The stories they shared and the feelings  
17 they expressed would mean more to Einer than any  
18 plaque on his wall.

19 It is further testament to his practical  
20 legal skill and experience that I, as a young lawyer,  
21 then at a large Milwaukee firm, practically any  
22 resource necessary, chose the Einer-net for my legal  
23 research rather than Westlaw or Lexis. Only on the  
24 Einer-net could a young lawyer receive the practical  
25 advice and on the Einer-net would you question as to

1 why you would want to cite case law on a motion in  
2 limine. Very clearly Einer understood the value of a  
3 good argument and the need to present it in  
4 straightforward, simple way, even to the exclusion of  
5 well-placed case cite.

6 My dad's sense of responsibility and  
7 integrity was not limited to his law practice. These  
8 qualities apply to me today. He demonstrated these  
9 qualities as a devoted father of five sons and devoted  
10 husband to my mother, Nancy, for over sixty-one  
11 years. Despite a busy law practice and sometimes  
12 requiring travel, I don't recall Einer ever missing a  
13 basketball or football game or being available to fill  
14 in as sixth man on three on three basketball game.

15 His pride and devotion to the practice of law  
16 in Racine was second only to his pride and devotion to  
17 his family. Although his career as a Racine lawyer  
18 ended long ago, anyone who has lost a parent or a  
19 spouse can appreciate his impact as a father and  
20 husband will never end.

21 Again, thank you to the Racine County Bar  
22 Association for allowing me to memorialize Einer's  
23 life and legal practice here in Racine. With great  
24 pride, I respectfully request these remarks be spread  
25 upon the record of this Court. Thank you.

1           THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Christensen. They  
2 are received.

3           MR. LEFFLER: I ask that Judley Wyant step  
4 forward to pay tribute on John Foley.

5           MR. WYANT: Members of the Court, family,  
6 friends, guests and members of the bar, I'm honored to  
7 have been asked to speak to you about John Foley.  
8 John was born on July 31st, 1929. He was the fifth  
9 youngest child of Jeremiah Foley and Rose Irene Weldon  
10 Foley. Jeremiah was a prominent Racine lawyer. His  
11 oldest son, Jerome, and youngest son, John, followed  
12 him in his footsteps. John had one additional  
13 brother, Edward -- Edmund, and two sisters, Rosemary  
14 and Margaret.

15           The family was a traditional Irish family.  
16 Say it in spades, actually. The family, however,  
17 broke with tradition when Jeremiah built the house  
18 that was the homestead, which is on Main Street and  
19 Walton Avenue across the street from the zoo, an  
20 orange prairie brick school -- house. He then  
21 transferred from Saint Patrick's Parish to Saint  
22 John's Nepomuk, and back then all of the parishes were  
23 ethnically identified, so, in fact, the Foley boys  
24 learned to deal with the Bohemians, and they made  
25 their adjustments when they learned to accept the

1 monical of being called Foleychecks.

2 John graduated from Saint Catherine's High  
3 School, went to Marquette University undergraduate,  
4 and he graduated from Marquette University in 1954.  
5 He began practicing law with his father and his older  
6 brother. His father died shortly after John joined  
7 the practice, but John continued to practice with his  
8 brother, Jerome, until Jerome's death. John's  
9 practice almost exclusively transactional, although he  
10 did help make some law in Wisconsin on inverse  
11 condemnation.

12 On August 18th, 1959, he exercised one of his  
13 better decisions, and he married Karolyn Smith Foley  
14 and was happily married for nearly fifty years until  
15 his death on June 22nd, 2009. John and Karolyn had  
16 three daughters, Elizabeth, Stephanie, and Catherine.  
17 One grandchild -- one grandson, William, and one  
18 granddaughter, Emily. Elizabeth and Stephanie  
19 continue to live in Racine, and Catherine lives in  
20 Indianapolis.

21 According to Karolyn, John was funny. He was  
22 an avid skier and known as a horseman. At one time,  
23 John owned half an interest in a horse. He reported  
24 he owned the half that ate the hay. He traveled  
25 extensively before and after his marriage, even going



1 to Cuba before Castro's revolution. He and Karolyn  
2 continued to travel, enjoy traveling through the  
3 course of their marriage.

4 In 1963, John unsuccessfully ran for the  
5 State Assembly as a Republican candidate in the  
6 traditionally Democratic district. This is another  
7 example for the Foleys breaking Irish tradition. He  
8 went from Democrat to Republican. This was another of  
9 the breaks of the tradition. While John lost, he  
10 secured enough votes that he had the highest majority,  
11 of the highest minority that the Republicans had ever  
12 had in the district.

13 After the election, John's opponent called to  
14 thank him for the courtesy John extended in the  
15 campaign in not seeking to exploit some of the  
16 personal problems that this other candidate had had.  
17 It's no surprise to me that John would have focused on  
18 only on the political issues. I never knew of a  
19 single instance in which John was anything but  
20 courteous in dealing with anyone. John went on to  
21 chair the Republican party, was also in the Kiwanis.

22 In 1972, John suffered a mild heart attack  
23 and pretty much changed his habits. He quit smoking,  
24 lost weight, began a regular exercise program, which  
25 continued through his whole life. In 1976, he had a

1       bypass surgery. Good habits, consciousness of what he  
2       was doing, he had no further incidents, although  
3       Karolyn reports he became a practicing hypochondriac,  
4       which is probably true.

5               John went on to practice for more than fifty  
6       years, finally retiring in 2008. As an attorney, he  
7       was known for his dignity, his quiet steadiness, and  
8       his loyal client base.

9               This brief outline of John's biography,  
10       however, does not really describe the John Foley I  
11       knew. Before I graduated from law school in 1975 and  
12       began practicing with him, John was just my wife's  
13       uncle. Very, very nice man who I met on family  
14       occasions, who took my wife, Mary, skiing when she was  
15       high school, made calls to people in Washington DC to  
16       try to sort out some problems I had with the Peace  
17       Corps, who lined up a hotel for us for a trip out to  
18       Washington, and that sort of thing. When I began to  
19       practice law, I came to know him in a much larger  
20       sense.

21               John was an excellent mentor. He helped  
22       teach me the practice of law. John understood the  
23       business side of the law, but he never lost sight of  
24       the fact that the law is a high calling. Early on, I  
25       quickly learned from him, for example, that an

1 experienced legal assistant is much more valuable than  
2 a new associate. When I failed to earn my draw and  
3 overhead my first year as a shareholder, John steadied  
4 this very concerned young lawyer, explaining that  
5 things would improve over the next year or two. In  
6 fact, they did. His confidence gave me the confidence  
7 to keep on going.

8           There are three things about John Foley I'll  
9 never forget: His high moral standards, his loyalty,  
10 and his sense of humor. John demonstrated time and  
11 again that he understood that legal ethics and  
12 legality is just the minimum that's required. The  
13 things that just would simply pass the legal ethics or  
14 the bar minimum legal is not enough. For example, the  
15 Foleys paid a monthly stipend to their father's  
16 secretary for many years, many, many years. Until  
17 after her death, although legally not obligated to do  
18 so. When the firm initiated a retirement plan, that  
19 was 1975, I was the brand new employer, the actuary  
20 had explained that one of our elderly paralegals could  
21 be excluded from the plan. John made it clear that  
22 she would be included in the plan, although the  
23 initial contribution would be substantial. It was  
24 simply the right thing to do.

25           John's loyalty to his clients and co-workers

1 was only an extension of the loyalty he shared -- that  
2 started with his family. John was an excellent father  
3 and husband and a doting grandfather. John's  
4 affection for his family was strong and deep. He was  
5 also an excellent son, brother, and nephew to his  
6 extended family. He was very much the go to man for  
7 his family, and he was helpful and patient even under  
8 the most difficult and trying of circumstances.

9 Finally, one had to appreciate his sense of  
10 humor. His steady and quiet presence concealed a very  
11 droll sense of humor. He was not prone to jokes and  
12 clever stories, but he was a keen observer of the  
13 human condition. His observations were funny and  
14 insightful, and he could summarize a person in a few  
15 very short words. It was always kept not for public  
16 purposes and not to be insulting. I suspect his wide  
17 reading provided him the ability to turn a phrase that  
18 he would aptly use to identify situations and  
19 personalities. His quiet sense of humor usually  
20 defuses a tense situation.

21 I hope this gives you some insight into who  
22 John Foley was. John was a capable lawyer, steady of  
23 temperament, with a high sense of duty and loyalty  
24 bolstered by a quiet sense of humor. Both as an  
25 attorney and as an individual, I'm proud to have known

1 him, mentored under him, and been part of his extended  
2 family.

3 I respectfully request that these remarks be  
4 spread upon the permanent record of the Court.

5 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Wyant. They are  
6 received.

7 MR. LEFFLER: I would ask that Katherine  
8 Lingle step forward to pay tribute to Donna Gilligan  
9 Arendt.

10 MS. LINGLE: Greetings to Honorable Judges,  
11 members of the Racine County Bar and Racine, friends  
12 and family. It is my honor today to pay tribute to  
13 the life of my friend, Donna Gilligan Arendt. Donna  
14 was born on August 11th 1949, and she died on December  
15 17th, 2010 at the age of sixty-one. She practiced law  
16 in Racine, Walworth, and Kenosha from 1990 to 2010.

17 Donna grew up on Long Island. She earned her  
18 bachelor's degree at Marymount Manhattan in New York.  
19 She studied a year in London and traveled Europe.  
20 After college, Donna worked a year as a secretary in a  
21 small Manhattan firm. She liked what she saw and went  
22 on to earn her law degree from Hofstra Law School on  
23 Long Island in 1975. After admission to the New York  
24 Bar, she worked in private practice in a small firm in  
25 Manhattan from 1975 to 1981.

1 Donna belonged to the Socialist Workers  
2 Party. She decided to become a union organizer, and  
3 so she decided she would come to Wisconsin, because we  
4 have reciprocity with New York. While waiting to be  
5 licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, she performed  
6 union activities and painted neon beer signs. After  
7 admission to the bar, Donna worked for UAW Legal  
8 Services in Janesville from 1984 to 1990. And while  
9 she was there, she formed a union for the UAW Legal  
10 Service employees.

11 After her move to Wisconsin, she met and  
12 married U-W graduate Gary Arendt. While they were  
13 dating, Gary took the postal employee exam in  
14 Milwaukee and Kenosha, and after they were married, he  
15 was hired by the Kenosha Post Office. So Donna worked  
16 in Janesville, Gary worked in Kenosha, and they lived  
17 in Lake Geneva.

18 Soon they had their first child, Brian. He  
19 was quickly followed by his sisters, Kelly and Megan.  
20 When their children were school age, it was no longer  
21 feasible for both parents to work out of town, so the  
22 Arendts moved to Kenosha in 1990. Donna became the  
23 managing attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin's  
24 Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth offices from 1990 to  
25 2003. While there, she developed a specialty in

1 family law.

2 According to her husband, she was very  
3 disappointed when Legal Action decided to close the  
4 Kenosha office in 2003, basically leaving the poor in  
5 Kenosha without access to legal service. Her father  
6 had passed away, leaving her an inheritance, and she  
7 decided to open her own law firm. About the same  
8 time, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

9 Donna and I did go to the same church. I  
10 taught religious education to her children. We had a  
11 few cases together, but I really didn't form a close  
12 relationship with Donna until I was diagnosed with  
13 breast cancer in 2007. She told me that she had just  
14 hit the five year mark, and she was getting ready to  
15 throw away that wig, and then they told her that they  
16 found her cancer had returned, and she went through  
17 all the treatments about a month before I did, and she  
18 kindly advised me as to what I would expect. She let  
19 me sit through a chemo therapy session with her. So I  
20 knew what was coming.

21 During this time, she shared a family  
22 tradition with me that showed me how central Donna's  
23 faith was to her and to her life. She told me that  
24 from the time her children were very small, she and  
25 her husband and her three children would meet in the

1 hallway before everyone went to bed and say the Our  
2 Father.

3 Donna and her husband enjoyed a happy,  
4 committed, God-centered marriage. Donna was a scout  
5 leader and a soccer mom. She was proud of her kids,  
6 but she never really bragged about them, so I'm going  
7 to do it for her. All three of her children graduated  
8 from UW-Madison. Brian is now an engineer in Seattle,  
9 Washington. Kelly works at Target headquarters in  
10 Minneapolis, Minnesota. Megan works for a non-profit  
11 in Washington DC.

12 My friend faced her illness with a stiff  
13 upper lip and continued to work all throughout  
14 treatment. For several years, she served Kenosha as  
15 volunteer small claims mediator. Both of us were able  
16 to grow our hair back out before Donna learned that  
17 her cancer had returned for a third time, this time as  
18 bone cancer.

19 Donna's life was lived serving her God, her  
20 family, and the poor and disadvantaged. I've often  
21 heard it said that one can judge a civilization by how  
22 it treats its poor and its powerless. If the same is  
23 true for lawyers, Donna Gilligan Arendt has to be  
24 counted as one of the best.

25 I ask that these remarks be submitted for the



1 the record.

2 THE COURT: Thank you, Miss Lingle. They are  
3 received.

4 MR. LEFFLER: Thank you. Next we have the  
5 Honorable Eugene Gasiorkiewicz, and he will be paying  
6 tribute to Arthur Hansmann.

7 JUDGE GASIORKIEWICZ: The Hansmanns are not  
8 able to be here today, but a close personal friend and  
9 a neighbor, Marty Misner, are here representing him.  
10 I don't know where Marty is, but thank for being  
11 here.

12 It is my great honor to share with you the  
13 remarkable life of Arthur Hansmann. He was not only a  
14 neighbor when I grew up in Wind Point, but also an  
15 inspiration by example of the importance that he felt  
16 our profession was in a civil, peaceful, and  
17 productive society.

18 Art was born on May 8th, 1923 in Stevens  
19 Point, Wisconsin. He was the third child of a loving  
20 family. He was a young man, he worked at a local  
21 grocery store and as a pin boy at a local bowling  
22 alley, receiving a penny a pin in compensation. His  
23 sister, Marcille, remembers him as hard-working,  
24 fun-loving, generous, compassionate, and one who never  
25 spoke ill of anyone. He retained those attributes

1 throughout his entire life.

2 Art loved sports. He was quite an athlete in  
3 his own right. He excelled in basketball and baseball  
4 in high school, and by the time I met him as a young  
5 boy, he already had received some skills in playing  
6 tennis. Art built a tennis court next to his home,  
7 and he, his son, my father, and I spent many enjoyable  
8 hours competing to the wee hours of the evening  
9 against one another on his tennis court.

10 Art graduated from the University of  
11 Wisconsin Madison with a BS in mechanical engineering  
12 and a JD in law. He served in the First Guided  
13 Missile Battalion of the United States Army from 1944  
14 to 1946. Following his service, he returned to  
15 Madison, where he met his future wife, Dorothy, at a  
16 dance at the great hall of the UW Memorial Union.

17 Shortly after their initial meeting, Dorothy  
18 left to teach at Vassar College, but the spark had  
19 been ignited, and a two correspondence culminated in  
20 their engagement. They were married on April 17th,  
21 1948.

22 Over the next four years, Art completed his  
23 JD in Madison and started to work for a Chicago law  
24 firm. While working in Chicago, he attended John  
25 Marshall Law School and obtained a masters in patent

1 law.

2 Art and Dorothy's three children were born  
3 during this period. Suzanne, Alice, and Doug. In  
4 1963, Art moved his family to Racine. He opened the  
5 first private patent law practice in southeastern  
6 Wisconsin. His clients included Western Publishing,  
7 Jacobsen Manufacturing, and JI Case Company.

8 Art is also responsible for securing well  
9 known trademarks, and several of you will all  
10 recognize by their terms. He secured kringles for  
11 Racine bakeries, and cheesehead as a name synonymous  
12 not only with Wisconsin, but any known Green Bay  
13 Packer fan.

14 After his children were off to college in the  
15 1970's, Art and Dorothy again turned their attention  
16 to the subject of their initial meeting, dance. In  
17 1986, they earned international teaching certification  
18 by the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance in  
19 London. Art reached fellow status, the highest degree  
20 awarded. He and Dorothy shared their enthusiasm for  
21 ballroom and Latin dance in teaching others in  
22 Milwaukee and Racine area for over forty years. He  
23 was even able to teach this speaker's two left feet to  
24 dance with a modicum of grace.

25 In 2007, Art wrote and published a book

1       titled Ballroom and Latin dancing for Today.

2       Reluctantly, Art discontinued dance a few years ago,  
3       but he maintained his law practice until his last  
4       days.

5               Art passed away on April 16th, 2011, leaving  
6       his devoted wife, Dorothy, his three children,  
7       in-laws, and six grandchildren.

8               Art will always be remembered for his  
9       generosity and gentleness, his acceptance and  
10      encouragement of others, and his unwavering devotion  
11      to his wife and family.

12              I ask that these comments be made part of the  
13      record in these proceedings.

14              THE COURT: Thank you, Judge Gasiorkiewicz.  
15      They're received.

16              MR. LEFFLER: Next we have John Bjelajac, and  
17      he's going to say a few words in tribute to Judy  
18      Hartig-Osanka.

19              MR. BJELAJAC: Good afternoon, one and all.  
20      A side note. Over my legal career, I always made the  
21      rash assumption it would be Judy standing up here  
22      talking about me. Well, wherever she is, she's  
23      probably smiling watching me try to go through this  
24      event. Here we are.

25              Judy Hartig-Osanka was born on March 17,

1 1938, and she passed away on January 28 of this year  
2 at the age of seventy-two. She was married to Doctor  
3 Frank Osanka, who is present in the audience, who she  
4 loved dearly. I know that for a fact.

5 She raised two children, Steve and Tracy, and  
6 she was very proud of her kids. We heard a lot about  
7 you as you were growing up, and also surviving are  
8 grandchildren. Natasha is in the audience, and  
9 Natasha was really special to Judy.

10 With respect to the practice of law, Judy  
11 went to law school later in life. She graduated from  
12 Marquette Law School in 1979 at the age of forty-one.  
13 Think about that. Changing your career mid-stream in  
14 life like that. I give her a lot of credit.

15 I first met Judy when she was a law clerk in  
16 the Racine County Corporation Counsel's Office. I was  
17 fortunate to be there as the deputy corporation  
18 counsel and got to know her then. That encounter  
19 ultimately led to a very loyal partnership between the  
20 two of us here in the city of Racine, and that  
21 partnership lasted for over twenty-five years, until  
22 Judy finally retired, in part, I think, due to  
23 health.

24 Judy's focus of life, as most of you know,  
25 was family law. And as far as I can tell, she was

1       exceptionally good at it. By my reckoning, she was  
2       probably one of the best family law practitioners in  
3       this part of the state, if not the entire state of  
4       Wisconsin. I don't say that lightly. I think that's  
5       probably an accurate assessment, quite frankly.

6               Throughout Judy's life, she was a fearless  
7       advocate and a true activist. In her earlier years,  
8       she was active in Republican politics, serving as a  
9       delegate to the Republican National Conventions in  
10      1968 and 1976. She was the first woman president of  
11      the Racine County Bar Association, serving as  
12      president in 1984. She was a founding member of the  
13      Wisconsin Women Entrepreneurs and served as its  
14      president in 1985. That organization, as a side note,  
15      was affectionately known as Wee Wee, and it was  
16      basically women that owned businesses, operated  
17      businesses. Judy was very instrumental in making sure  
18      that organization thrived.

19             Judy served as chairman of the board of  
20      directors for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin from  
21      2008 to 2010, until her health once again finally  
22      failed her. Throughout Judy's life, she was a  
23      passionate advocate for women's rights and the right  
24      of choice for women. And those of you who ever  
25      discussed this topic with Judy would know full well

1        what of I speak.

2                Judy spent her legal career in Racine, but in  
3        reality she lived life on a higher plane than what the  
4        rest of us are used to in Racine.    Example.    When  
5        growing up, her parents in Michigan were personal  
6        friends of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford.    She spoke  
7        of that very casually.    How many of us have friends  
8        who are presidents?    Think about that.    Her brother-  
9        in-law was Ted Sorensen, of Kennedy fame.    She could  
10       speak the living history whenever she wanted to.    Ted  
11       Sorensen was married to Judy's sister, Gillian.    And  
12       throughout Governor Thompson's career as the governor  
13       of our state, quite frankly, Judy was one of his inner  
14       circle confidants.    On a regular basis, it would not  
15       be unusual for the governor to call Judy or vice  
16       versa.    This happened on a weekly basis.    On one  
17       occasion, for instance, Governor Thompson asked Judy  
18       to become the secretary of the state of Wisconsin  
19       Department of Revenue.    Think about that.    I think,  
20       maybe fortunately for the taxpayers, she declined to  
21       take that job.    And on at least two occasions Governor  
22       Thompson personally asked her to take an appointment  
23       to the Racine County bench.    Now, I worked hard to  
24       dissuade her from doing that, because I didn't want to  
25       lose her as a partner, but you attorneys in the

1 audience and the members of the bar or the bench here,  
2 you can thank me privately for dissuading her,  
3 although, quite frankly, I think she would have done a  
4 hell of a good job.

5 But anyway, Judy declined all of these offers  
6 and opportunities, and she stayed as a loyal partner  
7 during that time that I'm talking about, and basically  
8 her heart and soul, her entire being, was to be a  
9 strong advocate for the clients she represented and a  
10 strong advocate for those social policies that she  
11 believed in, and that's the legacy that Judy has left  
12 to those of us who knew her or worked with her.  
13 Everything she did, she did with a zeal, a fervor, and  
14 an intensity that's rarely seen. Those of us who  
15 still wake up in the morning and breathe fresh air, we  
16 would do well to take heed and lead our lives in a  
17 very similar manner.

18 God speed, Judy Hartig-Osanka, and I am most  
19 thankful that she's been a part of my life.

20 I ask that these minutes or comments be made  
21 part of the record.

22 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Bjelajac. They  
23 are received as part of the record.

24 MR. LEFFLER: As a senior in college, I came  
25 to the Racine County Courthouse and interned for Judge



1 Vuvunas and Judge Flynn, and I don't think they  
2 remembered that I was going to be showing up that day,  
3 because they said we're going to have you go stay with  
4 Judge Skow for three weeks and then come back and see  
5 us and we'll decide what to do. So I had the pleasure  
6 of being in Judge Skow's courtroom as a young college  
7 student. I found him to be very warm and friendly and  
8 yet very intimidating.

9 Next we're going to have James Fetek come up  
10 and pay a tribute to Judge Skow. The floor is yours.

11 MR. FETEK: May it please the Court, the  
12 Honorable Jon B. Skow was born in Racine, Wisconsin on  
13 January 14th, 1943, and was a lifetime resident of the  
14 Racine community until his death on October 28th, 2009  
15 at just sixty-six years of age.

16 Judge Skow was a son of the late Doctor  
17 George D. Skow, a prominent Racine area physician, and  
18 his wife, Henriette Skow. Jon Skow attended the  
19 prestigious Culver Military Academy at Culver,  
20 Indiana, graduating in 1961. During his residency at  
21 the school, he not only excelled academically, but  
22 amazingly participated in eight varsity sports.  
23 Namely track, tennis, soccer, basketball, boxing,  
24 wrestling, where he was a conference champion for his  
25 weight class, baseball, and, of all things, polo.

1           Upon graduating from the military academy in  
2       1961, Judge Skow served in the Army 82nd Airborne  
3       Division and the Army Intelligence Service for four  
4       years from 1962 until 1965. After his discharge from  
5       military service, he earned a BS degree from the  
6       University of Wisconsin Madison and a JD degree from  
7       the Kent College of Law in 1973.

8           Judge Skow was appointed to the bench in  
9       1977, only four years after graduating from law  
10      school, and was re-elected for two subsequent terms.  
11      I doubt whether any parent was more proud of a child  
12      than was Doctor George Skow, his father, upon the  
13      judgeship of his son. Doctor Skow, after his  
14      retirement years, became virtually a daily fixture in  
15      the courthouse and, in particular, in the courtroom of  
16      his son.

17          The military experience and background of  
18      Judge Skow was evident from the outset of his judicial  
19      career. Those of us who appeared before him will  
20      recall that he was a methodical and, frankly, somewhat  
21      rigid judge, yet he was an exceedingly fair person who  
22      very carefully analyzed the position of all involved  
23      parties.

24          Unfortunately, Judge Skow, near the end of  
25      his second term on the bench, sustained a severe

1 tragic personal loss, the sudden and unexpected death  
2 of his namesake son, Jon B. Skow Junior, at an early  
3 age. It was an event that he was unable, frankly, to  
4 cope with and resulted in his stipulated retirement  
5 from the bench in 1992 as the result of permanent  
6 stress and depression. Prior to this incident in his  
7 life, Judge Skow in all aspects ably served the Racine  
8 community with honor and with distinction.

9 During his lifetime, Judge Skow was involved  
10 in numerous organizations, the 82nd Airborne Division  
11 Organization, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Racine, the  
12 Racine County Opportunity Center, the Mayor's  
13 Commission on Human Rights, the Racine County  
14 Community Concerts Organization, the Wisconsin and  
15 Racine Bar Associations, and the Southeast Wisconsin  
16 Boy Scouts Council, of which he was a long time  
17 director.

18 Judge Skow was survived by his son, Carl  
19 Skow, and was preceded in death by his brother,  
20 George, and, as indicated, his son, Jon Junior.

21 I would respectfully request that these  
22 memorial comments be made part of the permanent  
23 records of the Racine County Circuit Court.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Fetek. They will  
25 be received for the record.

1           MR. LEFFLER: Next we have Brian Wanasek to  
2 pay tribute to Robert Wanasek.

3           MR. WANASEK: May it please the Court,  
4 members of the bench, members of the public. I am  
5 Bob's son and a member of this bar, and I respectfully  
6 request that these also be made a permanent record of  
7 the Court.

8           Robert Wanasek was born on June 17th, 1920 in  
9 Burlington, Wisconsin. His father was a blacksmith,  
10 and he was the only member of his immediate family to  
11 attend college. His father actually served on the  
12 Racine County Board during the years that this  
13 courthouse was built.

14          Bob entered the Coast Guard at the start of  
15 World War II. He served in the Pacific, mainly the  
16 Aleutians, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant JG  
17 radioman. He told me many stories about those  
18 encounters he had in the service. One I can remember  
19 when he didn't have the current security code and a  
20 fellow warship was training its guns on their ship,  
21 and he was anxiously trying to get the security code  
22 from the other radioman so they didn't get hit with  
23 friendly fire. He stayed in the active reserves and  
24 held there until the rank of commander when he was  
25 finally discharged.

1           He married Joanne Wishau, my mom, who is in  
2     the audience today, in August of 1949 while attending  
3     law school. He attended University of Wisconsin Law  
4     School, where he and Einer were very close friends.  
5     Einer and my dad and Dick Carpenter from Racine hung  
6     out together. In fact, my mom told me on the way here  
7     that after one of their classes, Herbie Page, the  
8     professor who taught wills, they went on the corner  
9     of University Avenue and drafted holographic wills and  
10    witnessed them for each other. You may find that  
11    somewhere maybe in your family records.

12           Bob graduated in January of 1954, because he  
13    was called back to active duty during the Korean War,  
14    and opened his practice in Burlington shortly  
15    thereafter. He practiced in Burlington for the next  
16    forty-five years, usually as a sole practitioner. He  
17    was a general practitioner. His areas of practice  
18    included the usual small town mainstays, divorce,  
19    probate, real estate planning, tax work. He had  
20    several partners off and on during the years, but  
21    generally practiced as a sole practitioner. In fact,  
22    I remember him telling me one time that there were two  
23    golden thrones in heaven waiting for the first two  
24    partners who died friends. Something I repeated many  
25    times to my clients who are attempting to get into

1 partnerships.

2 Bob enjoyed the practice of law, I think  
3 because he liked people, and he liked helping them.  
4 He said he wanted to help the man on the street. He  
5 had a successful practice, but my partner, Dave  
6 Kaiser, told me that when he came to Burlington after  
7 law school and met my dad, my dad told him that the  
8 practice of law in a small town is poverty with  
9 dignity.

10 I regret that I never got the chance to  
11 practice with my dad. He was one of the old guard in  
12 Burlington. There are a generation of lawyers who  
13 have passed now, many retired, some passed away. They  
14 were both professional and congenial to their  
15 colleagues and adversaries. Something we should all  
16 strive to continue.

17 Bob loved to hunt and fish, and he was a  
18 devout Democrat. Something that bothered him was  
19 because he forced me into accounting in pre-law, which  
20 changed my politics, so we tended not to talk politics  
21 too much later on in the years at the kitchen table.

22 He was a member of the Burlington Kiwanis  
23 Club, the VFW, and the Lions Club, but he really loved  
24 his membership in the Racine Dairy Statesmen, the  
25 barbershop singing group here in Racine. He loved to

1 sing, but that was something that emphysema would  
2 eventually take from him. Emphysema ultimately took  
3 his life as well.

4 He is survived by his wife, Joanne, who is  
5 here, his daughter, Jennifer Wanasek, me, and several  
6 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His daughter,  
7 Kathryn passed away earlier.

8 Again I respectfully ask that these records  
9 be made part of the record.

10 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Wanasek. They are  
11 received for the record.

12 MR. LEFFLER: I'd like to the thank all of  
13 you for those kind and moving words. At this time,  
14 your Honor, we'd like to proceed with the formal  
15 introduction and swearing of new members. As I call  
16 your name, would you please stand, and if any of you  
17 new members are still in the gallery, I'd ask that you  
18 stand and move forward, and I would also ask that  
19 everybody hold their applause until we announce  
20 everybody's names. Sara Anderson. Ilana Avital.  
21 Ryan Blay. Joshua Czuta. Brenda Dahl. Toni  
22 Davidson. Alexei Gasiorkiewicz. David Gottardo.  
23 Theodore Kafkas. Peter Kaise. Jeffrey Krause. David  
24 Leibowitz. Meredith Lewis. Matthew Luening. Michael  
25 Masnica. Mary Poletti. Courtney Schultz. Travis

1 Schwantes. Jennifer Severino. Kate Simonds. Jon  
2 Spansail. Kelly Stengert. Lee Todd. Philip Trampe.  
3 I now see we have some other members. Please rise and  
4 state your names for us.

5 VOICE: Ray Gamez.

6 VOICE: Rebecca Mason.

7 MR. LEFFLER: Rebecca Mason. If there is  
8 anybody else, again, please step forward. Otherwise  
9 at this time we're going to ask his Honor to  
10 administer the oath.

11 THE COURT: If there is any of you in the  
12 audience that would like to renew your vows, you can  
13 step forward. As indicated, these -- this oath is one  
14 that is required by statute. You've got a copy of  
15 it. It's a significant oath, little different than  
16 the oath you're used to hearing or seeing when you're  
17 sworn in. I think it's particularly appropriate.  
18 It's a little longer than normal, but it certainly  
19 covers everything that attorneys that have practiced  
20 for a while can attest you run into, and it covers all  
21 of the duties that I think an attorney should be  
22 mindful of.

23 Please raise your right hands. I do solemnly  
24 swear --

25 (Attorneys respond.)



1           THE COURT:  -- I will support the  
2   Constitution of the United States --  
3   (Attorneys respond.)

4           THE COURT:  -- and the Constitution of the  
5   state of Wisconsin.  
6   (Attorneys respond.)

7           THE COURT:  I will maintain the respect due  
8   to courts of justice --  
9   (Attorneys respond.)

10          THE COURT:  -- and judicial officers.  
11   (Attorneys respond.)

12          THE COURT:  I will not counsel or maintain  
13   any suit --  
14   (Attorneys respond.)

15          THE COURT:  -- or proceeding which shall  
16   appear to me --  
17   (Attorneys respond.)

18          THE COURT:  -- to be unjust --  
19   (Attorneys respond.)

20          THE COURT:  -- or any defense --  
21   (Attorneys respond.)

22          THE COURT:  -- except such as I believe to be  
23   honestly debatable --  
24   (Attorneys respond.)

25          THE COURT:  -- under the law of the land.

1 (Attorneys respond.)

2 THE COURT: I will employ --

3 (Attorneys respond.)

4 THE COURT: -- for the purpose of maintaining  
5 the causes confided to me --

6 (Attorneys respond.)

7 THE COURT: -- such means only as are  
8 consistent with truth and honor --

9 (Attorneys respond.)

10 THE COURT: -- and will never seek to mislead  
11 the judge --

12 (Attorneys respond.)

13 THE COURT: -- or jury by any artifice or  
14 false statement or fact or law.

15 (Attorneys respond.)

16 THE COURT: I will maintain the confidence --  
17 (Attorneys respond.)

18 THE COURT: -- and preserve inviolate the  
19 secrets of my client --

20 (Attorneys respond.)

21 THE COURT: -- and will accept no  
22 compensation --

23 (Attorneys respond.)

24 THE COURT: -- in connection with his  
25 business --

1 (Attorneys respond.)

2 THE COURT: -- except from him or with his  
3 knowledge and approval.

4 (Attorneys respond.)

5 THE COURT: I will abstain from all offensive  
6 personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the  
7 honor or reputation of a witness or party --

8 (Attorneys respond.)

9 THE COURT: -- unless required by the justice  
10 of the cause with which I am charged.

11 (Attorneys respond.)

12 THE COURT: I will never reject --

13 (Attorneys respond.)

14 THE COURT: -- from my consideration personal  
15 to myself --

16 (Attorneys respond.)

17 THE COURT: -- the cause of the defenseless  
18 or oppressed --

19 (Attorneys respond.)

20 THE COURT: Or delay any man's cause for  
21 lucre or malice.

22 (Attorneys respond.)

23 THE COURT: So help me God.

24 (Attorneys respond.)

25 THE COURT: Congratulations. Be seated.

1           MR. LEFFLER: Now you all know why we've  
2 shortened the oath, and this is the one that was given  
3 back in the 1800's, but we wanted to present it  
4 today. These attorneys have made a choice to practice  
5 law in Racine County, and with that, their choice  
6 comes with a commitment to practice with integrity,  
7 dignity, and honor, and to be strong advocates for  
8 people in our wonderful county. We welcome you as  
9 part of the bar association.

10           At this time we're going to unveil the  
11 portraits. I mentioned that's something we're new to  
12 when we're doing the call of the calendar. Our bar  
13 association through the years has produced and  
14 published pictures of the judiciary. This is a more  
15 recent phenomenon, and Judge Skow's picture is located  
16 on the wall over here, but today we're going to be  
17 introducing two new portraits to go on the wall.

18           Unfortunately, Judge Simanek is not able to  
19 be here with us. One of the portraits is his. He  
20 retired recently. He heard that there was going to be  
21 a lot of attorneys spending a lot of time talking  
22 today, so he decided he had a torn retina so he didn't  
23 have to be here. We have the portrait of Judge  
24 Simanek, which will hang on these great walls for the  
25 rest of these great jurists who have retired before

1 him or passed on.

2 And we also have Judge Barry's portrait, and  
3 again, that will hang on these great walls of this  
4 courtroom.

5 Your Honor, other than the president's  
6 message, we're ready to conclude, with your  
7 permission. Unless your Honor had anything you wanted  
8 to say?

9 THE COURT: I would like to introduce the  
10 judiciary that's present today. To my left, Honorable  
11 Reserve Judge Emmanuel J. Vuvunas. To my right,  
12 Honorable Faye Flancher. To my right, Honorable  
13 Charles Constantine, Honorable Richard Kreul,  
14 Honorable Wayne Marik, Honorable Emily Mueller. In  
15 the gallery, that was speaking earlier, the Honorable  
16 Eugene Gasiorkiewicz. The Honorable Wilbur Warren  
17 from Kenosha, Honorable Dennis Bastianelli from  
18 Kenosha --

19 VOICE: David.

20 THE COURT: David. Little dangerous. I've  
21 been assigned a case in Kenosha next week. I better  
22 watch out. Honorable Michael Wilk from Kenosha.  
23 Honorable Jack Jude, Honorable Gerald Ptacek, and  
24 Honorable Dennis Costello, reserve judge. I thank  
25 them all for participating in this proceeding today.

1           MR. LEFFLER: Looking at the list of the  
2 attorneys and judges that have passed on, one cannot  
3 come away without a feeling that we have lost giants  
4 in the legal profession, legendary giants. You heard  
5 of their accomplishments. How they were devoted to  
6 the law, devoted to family, and devoted to their  
7 community. They stood for ideals, were zealous  
8 advocates for their causes. They brought their  
9 intellect, compassion, and reason to the forefront of  
10 their work.

11           As members of the bar and new members, you  
12 have big shoes to fill. I call upon you to stand up  
13 for your convictions, as these attorneys and judges  
14 did before you. Fight for truth and justice. Commit  
15 yourselves to helping the public. Get to know other  
16 members of the bar.

17           I am reminded of what Abraham Lincoln once  
18 said, I don't like that man. I must get to know him  
19 better. You have that opportunity through the Racine  
20 County Bar Association. It's a robust bar  
21 association. The envy of many bar associations around  
22 the state. I was at the state convention in April,  
23 and they were putting on a program and talking about  
24 the different bar organizations throughout the state,  
25 and it's amazing how many people came up and said we

1 want to copy what you do. How do you get the  
2 participation. It was just wonderful to hear people  
3 around the state express a desire to have their bar  
4 associations more like the Racine County Bar  
5 Association.

6 And I mentioned through this association with  
7 the activities that we have, you have the opportunity  
8 to meet members and get to know everybody better.  
9 Bring forth your knowledge, creativity, passion,  
10 enthusiasm when practicing the law, as again, the  
11 jurists and attorneys before you did, but don't forget  
12 compassion. Compassion for the people who need your  
13 help.

14 We've had some great examples of what is to  
15 be, and I was looking through the archives, and I saw  
16 some reference to this. We have great examples of  
17 what to be a hell of a lawyer, and I encourage you  
18 guys to be hell of lawyers. Hell of a good lawyer.  
19 If you follow the examples of these great attorneys  
20 that were eulogized here today, one day you will be  
21 memorialized, maybe in this courtroom, and you, too,  
22 can become giants.

23 I'd like to thank Bill Binetti and Adrian  
24 Schoone, co-chairs of the memorial committee not only  
25 for organizing this event, but for telephoning me

1 constantly and providing me a history lesson about the  
2 bar. I learned -- I didn't know what the call the  
3 calendar was for all the years I've been practicing in  
4 Racine County. I didn't know how it was originated.  
5 It was actually attorneys that came in and met the  
6 judges, and that's where they set the calendar. I  
7 think most people didn't recognize that.

8 I'd also like to thank Adrian's son, Steve  
9 Schoone, for designing the program, Kristin Cafferty  
10 for really working hard and arranging for the  
11 portraits to be here today. She worked hard to make  
12 sure they were both here. I'd like to thank all of  
13 you for attending. And I'd like to thank God for  
14 giving us giants.

15 Please join us after this ceremony at the  
16 Ivanhoe. It's on Main Street. We're going to have a  
17 reception, and everybody is welcome. However, before  
18 the new members leave, please stop, because we want  
19 you to sign the roll and become part of history.  
20 Thank you all.

21 THE COURT: This Court stands adjourned.  
22 (Proceedings concluded.)  
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Court Reporter