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MEMORIAL SERVICE

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DAVID H. GWYNN

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 ...The Court convened en banc at four o'clock
3 p.m., there being present Honorable SHEILA R.
4 TILLERSON ADAMS, Administrative Judge, Seventh
5 Judicial Circuit and other associate judges.

6 JUDGE ADAMS: Good afternoon. We welcome you
7 to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County to the
8 Prince George's County Bar Association's annual
9 memorial service. And at this time I'm going to turn
10 the program over to the president of the Prince
11 George's County Bar Association.

12 DENISE BOWMAN: Administrative Judge Adams and
13 judges from all branches of our judiciary here today,
14 guests, colleagues, friends and family, may it please
15 the Court. Good afternoon. I'm Denise Bowman and I'm
16 currently honored to serve as the president of the
17 Prince George's County Bar Association. I am honored
18 to welcome all here today to the special session of
19 the Prince George's County Bar Association in
20 conjunction with the Prince George's County Circuit
21 Court, to give thanks, remember and celebrate the
22 lives and professional careers of the Honorable Wayne
23 Curry, David Gwynn, Paul Klein, Eugene Mattison,
24 Robert "Bob" McGowan, Roger Milstead, Leo "David"
25 Ritter, Jr., and Thomas Yewell. Those whose lives we

1 celebrate today, we thank you for the gift which they
2 have left each and every one of us in this room and to
3 those who may deal with the legal profession.

4 They each in their own unique way served the
5 members of the profession and the community by
6 promoting justice, professional excellence,
7 collegiality and respect for the law. We could ask
8 for no more. For this dedication, service and
9 commitment all of us in the profession and the
10 association will be forever grateful.

11 I only hope today we will honor our colleagues
12 and be a true gift to the family members that they
13 left behind. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the
14 association will present to each family of the
15 colleagues we recognize an orchid. While we
16 understand a symbol or a word or a flower cannot truly
17 honor our colleagues adequately, we believe its
18 meaning is reflective of the reason why we celebrate
19 their lives today. The orchid is considered the most
20 magnificent flower. It sends a true universal message
21 of the meaning of wisdom, thoughtfulness, strength and
22 love.

23 JUDGE ADAMS: I have introductions by retired
24 Judge William D. Missouri who is also the chair of the
25 memorial committee. Judge Missouri.

1 JUDGE MISSOURI: Thank you, Your Honor, good
2 afternoon everyone.

3 GUESTS: Good afternoon.

4 JUDGE MISSOURI: Come on folks.

5 GUESTS: Good Afternoon.

6 JUDGE MISSOURI: Thank you. We are here to
7 honor these wonderful members of our profession. So
8 to Judge Adams, Administrative Judge for the Seventh
9 Circuit of Prince George's County, to the guru
10 [laughing] Judge Glenn Harrell, Court of Appeals,
11 Judge Michele Hotten, Court of Special Appeals, to all
12 of the judges of the Circuit or District Court and to
13 my retired colleagues I bid you a good afternoon.

14 I received a call from a Mr. Ed Joiner who is
15 a retired police officer, he clerked with Roger
16 Milstead in Montgomery County and it was his intention
17 to be here today, but he had a surgical procedure and
18 the doctor told him he could not travel. So he had to
19 say regrettably that he could not be here. But he
20 wanted the Milstead family to know how much he really
21 thought of Roger that he is someone that he would
22 travel a lot of bounds just to honor, but he didn't
23 get that opportunity because of his surgical
24 procedure. So he wanted me to pass the word onto the
25 Milstead family that he - I see his wife coming in

1 now. Sit up here, please.

2 I believe the Milstead family traveled from
3 Tennessee to be here with us today in honor of their
4 loved one. So we thank you very much for making that
5 journey.

6 We know that this program today is not
7 something that is going to cure you of any aching that
8 may be in your heart, but please understand that the
9 aching that is in your heart will always be there, but
10 I'm sure the love that you felt for your loved ones
11 will surpass any aching that has come as result of
12 their departure.

13 So in honor of those wonderful members of our
14 profession, a profession that we all love, we ask you
15 to pay attention to what the speakers may say and keep
16 in mind that we are here to honor them. So there will
17 be some humor along the way, I hope, because I know
18 some of these members of our profession enjoy humor.
19 And at this time, I'm going to yield the microphone to
20 my good friend Elizabeth M. (Betty) Hewlett.

21 MS. HEWLETT: Thank you, Judge Missouri,
22 Administrative Judge Adams, members of the judiciary,
23 colleagues, guests, Curry family and friends. May it
24 please the Court and good afternoon everyone.

25 GUESTS: Good afternoon.

1 MS. HEWLETT: Thank you.

2 I am indeed thankful for the privilege to
3 speak in tribute to my colleague, my dear friend and
4 yours, the Honorable Wayne K. Curry. How to capture
5 the Honorable Wayne K. Curry? Well, there is a
6 plethora of written material, news articles, videos,
7 even Wikipedia all highlighting his amazing trajectory
8 from childhood to age 63. There is particular
9 emphasis on his 1994 historic election as the Prince
10 George's County's first African American County
11 Executive, and his myriad successes that transformed
12 this County. I will not focus on those at this time.
13 I may touch upon them because, after all, though he
14 was a successful entrepreneur, the call to public
15 service was a dominant force in his life.

16 However, this is a Prince George's County Bar
17 Association event held in this magnificent courtroom
18 in the presence of our judiciary and members of the
19 bar and our esteemed Administrative Judge Shelia R.
20 Tillerson Adams presiding. We are honoring members of
21 our bar who have passed on. So I thought I would
22 start with Wayne, the lawyer. And, yes, there was
23 such a person.

24 First, I must note that working full-time by
25 day, Wayne graduated from the University of Maryland

1 School of Law with honors. Most of us just graduated.
2 Additionally, he received an award upon graduation for
3 excelling in the area of the Uniform Commercial Code.
4 They lost me at holder in due course.

5 Wayne's command of the legal system actually
6 commenced prior to law school, when along with several
7 other young 20-something educators with the Prince
8 George's County Child Daycare Association, he filed
9 suit against Prince George's County Government. The
10 suit challenged the County for cutting funds to the
11 daycare programs that primarily affected inner-Beltway
12 communities and families most in need.

13 Upon graduation, I remember Wayne feverishly
14 studying for the bar exam amidst some personal
15 upheaval, so nevertheless, he was determined to pass
16 that bar exam and, thankfully, he did.

17 Once Wayne started his own law firm with
18 partner Russell Shipley and later Meyers, Billingsley,
19 Shipley, Curry, Rodbell, Rosenbaum, et cetera, Wayne
20 immediately opened doors for several of us. The
21 Honorable Larnzell Martin, Jr., the Honorable Dwight
22 Jackson, Steve Smith, and myself had the privilege of
23 practicing law with him, and so many others. And he
24 fought to create opportunities for public sector
25 attorneys, and elected officials as well. Alexander

1 Williams the first African American State's Attorney.
2 So many of us stand on his shoulders - our current
3 County Executive, Honorable Angela Alsobrooks, Mandy
4 Juwanda, who is present with us, who was appointed to
5 WSSC, and many, many members of this judiciary, even
6 some folks here who don't realize it.

7 Wayne also as an attorney argued many jury
8 trials. He was a talented writer, outstanding and
9 persuasive advocate for his clients. He took on the
10 State Highway Administration in condemnation cases.
11 He took on Andrews Air Force Base in the defense of
12 the Classics Night Club, was general counsel to
13 Dimensions Healthcare Systems, and represented the Len
14 Bias family after the sudden death of Len Bias.

15 As a County Executive candidate, he took on
16 Prince George's County in Federal Court regarding the
17 restrictions on campaign signs, alleging a violation
18 of first amendment freedom of speech rights. And that
19 was argued, in fact, by our very own Gregory K. Wells.

20 Bold, charismatic, enigmatic, shrewd, witty,
21 eloquent, visionary, analytical, passionate, loyal,
22 you take these ingredients and add a quart of raw
23 political acumen, a heaping helping of passion, a cup
24 of tenacity, a dose of mischief, and a pinch of impish
25 charm and like a delectable well-seasoned gumbo, you

1 swirl them all together and simmer in a
2 larger-than-life cauldron, and you've got yourself
3 Wayne K. Curry.

4 Using his amazing talents, thankfully this
5 product of the Prince George's County public school
6 stepped outside his somewhat introverted comfort zone,
7 and yes, he was introverted by nature. I actually saw
8 the Myers-Briggs results when we practiced law
9 together. But he summoned all the courage and bravado
10 when he received a worthy cause or a voice because he
11 so believed in his beloved Prince George's County and
12 her unlimited potential.

13 A former hippy, who first hitchhiked, then
14 drove his Volkswagon Beetle across the country to see
15 America, Wayne ultimately evolved into the
16 personification of a transformational leader and
17 became a symbol of hope, opportunity, and possibility
18 and the ubiquitous champion of all things Prince
19 George's.

20 Each of us has a destiny. I have to conclude
21 that Wayne's was to step outside his comfort zone,
22 boldly step up to the plate, and go to bat in every
23 conceivable way to elevate and transform the County
24 that he loved with all of his heart. And when he
25 stepped up, he played hardball.

1 Throughout his decades of public and private
2 service, he engaged in many battles. First, he ran
3 against the ticket for County Executive. He went
4 toe-to-toe with Jack Kent Cooke. He challenged the
5 Wall Street rating agencies, challenged the media for
6 unfavorable, unfair, unbalanced reporting of Prince
7 George's County and casting her in a negative light.

8 He went to court to end court ordered busing
9 in Prince George's County when no longer necessary.
10 And as county executive, he demanded and achieved a
11 business friendly environment where private enterprise
12 opportunity abounded, but you better bring something
13 to the table, not take.

14 But he was used to these kinds of battles. I
15 think back to when -- the stories of when he was in
16 the fourth grade and he was small. He was small for
17 his size, and he played the violin and he was kind of
18 shy. And he integrated the public school system for
19 Prince George's County, Cheverly Tuxedo Elementary
20 School, but thank God he had big brother Darrell in
21 the fifth grade to look out for him.

22 Some people don't belong to just one person.
23 Wayne was one such individual. He had his family, his
24 friends, his colleagues, his company, his law firms,
25 his peeps. But in reality he belonged to the people

1 of Prince George's County and the generations to come.
2 He championed and raised the bar for all of us. He
3 was the coach. He was the quarterback. He was the
4 linebacker and he was the cheerleader all in one.

5 His wife Shelia and brother Darrell and
6 younger brother Kevin are here with us today. And I
7 thank Sheila, Julian, Taylor, and Wayne's family for
8 so graciously sharing this man with nearly 900,000
9 others.

10 He was an amazing friend, even -- well, I was
11 trying to be anonymous -- poker player friends said he
12 was a really crappy poker player until after he had a
13 few little drinks and then he became a better poker
14 player and was willing to give up some of his money.
15 But that was the Capricorn in him.

16 He was an amazing friend, and I miss him so
17 much, as do many of us, I close with his often used
18 expression, I love you, man. Thank you.

19 JUDGE MISSOURI: Thank you, Elizabeth,
20 excellent as usual.

21 We now have statements about Mr. David Gwynn
22 from Robert Y. Clagett, Esquire.

23 MR. CLAGETT: Thank you, Judge Missouri.

24 Judge Adams, members of the judiciary, Judge
25 Missouri, Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Court

1 of Special Appeals, honored guests, family and friends
2 of the deceased, members of the bar.

3 It gives me privilege to speak about David
4 Harold Gwynn. I shared office space with Dave here in
5 Upper Marlboro for over 40 years right here on Main
6 Street, at the Maryland Home Title Company building.

7 Dave was, what I considered to be, a home
8 grown Prince George's County attorney. He was born in
9 Clinton, Maryland. That's where he lived his younger
10 years in Clinton, Maryland. He went to Charlotte Hall
11 Military Academy. He graduated from Western Maryland
12 College and got his law degree at Georgetown
13 University.

14 He went in the U.S. Army, and when he came out
15 of the Army, he was looking for a place to hang his
16 shingle and he came to Upper Marlboro. And as a side
17 light, he went in with my father who had the office
18 where the Maryland Home Title Company is. Dave
19 started in the early '60s, and my first year of law
20 school was 1963.

21 My father was in the office with Dave and he
22 passed away that year. And my family and myself were
23 forever grateful for Dave taking over the business,
24 carrying it on for the next 40 years, and leaving a
25 space for me to come back and hang my shingle in the

1 office. Even though we weren't partners or anything,
2 we shared many a time talking about legal matters.

3 Dave was primarily a real estate attorney. He
4 did a lot of settlement work. He issued title
5 opinions which were well respected. He did real
6 estate litigation. Some of his cases went to the
7 Court of Appeals.

8 There is a court case that is still cited
9 today by the Court of Appeals on how you distribute
10 surpluses from mortgage sales, something that's rare
11 today but back in the early '60s and '70s we had
12 surplus. We had such a thing.

13 But Dave fought hard. He practiced law for
14 over 50 years. He practiced up until his untimely
15 death in May of this year. He was a director of
16 Prince George's Building Association which later
17 became known as Prince George's Federal Savings Bank
18 and that's also located here in town. He was their
19 general counsel for over 30 years.

20 Dave was the director up until he died and
21 recently they merged with Southern National Bank of
22 Virginia, and Dave fought hard. He was the director.
23 He was counsel. To make sure that the stockholders of
24 Prince George's would get a fair deal, Dave was first
25 opposed to the merger. When Dave finally gave his

1 blessing on it, everybody gave a sigh of relief
2 because we knew we were home if you could convince
3 Dave Gwynn that this was a good deal. And it turned
4 out to be a great deal. I'm only sorry that Dave did
5 not live to see the final merger which took place a
6 couple of months after his death. But he had a large
7 part in seeing that the merger went through and that
8 the stockholders received the best deal possible.

9 On his personal life, at the church funeral in
10 the bulletin, there were three words which best
11 described Dave Gwynn's personal life. Those were:
12 Faith, family, and farm, not necessarily in that
13 order.

14 But Dave was a devout member of the Catholic
15 church here in Upper Marlboro. He and his wife and
16 family would be there every Sunday. A lot of times
17 for many years Dave would start his day out by going
18 to the 8:00 mass at Saint Mary's here in Upper
19 Marlboro. You could see Judge Woods and Dave walking
20 to church together start their day at mass. He was
21 very religious.

22 His family. He met his wife Lucille Wyvill
23 here at the courthouse. She worked in the courthouse.
24 They were married for over 53 years. Together they
25 produced four wonderful children: Charles, Harold,

1 Avis and Ann and seven grandchildren. The remarkable
2 thing is that three of these kids live on the farm
3 where Dave and his wife lived and the other daughter
4 lives within five miles. So it shows you how close
5 that family is.

6 He was a member of the Upper Marlboro Lions
7 Club and was King Lion for many years. A lot of you
8 knew him as the guy to go to to get your oranges and
9 grapefruits this time of year. He was big in the
10 Lion's Club.

11 And, finally, his farm. Dave was not a farmer
12 at first. He was born in Clinton, Maryland, but when
13 he married Lucille Wyvill who had a farm outside of
14 town, they built their house on the farm. Dave became
15 a farmer. He came to love farm life.

16 And I can attest to this because sometimes he
17 would leave the office when tobacco was big in Prince
18 George's County to go help his father-in-law and his
19 sons cut tobacco. And if any of you ever knew what
20 cutting tobacco is like, you have to love farming to
21 go do that, and he did it. When tobacco went out, he
22 raised black Angus cattle, and it's amazing his farm
23 is only within two miles of this courthouse.

24 I had the pleasure of sitting on the back
25 porch with his wife back in the spring and to look out

1 over this field, those green pastures, and see this
2 herd of black Angus cattle. It was just like a Norman
3 Rockwell picture. So you can understand why he loved
4 that farm life.

5 Dave knew that his time was probably limited,
6 but he fought hard. He lived longer than I think the
7 doctors expected him to live. He was the hard
8 fighter, and I think his family, his faith, and that
9 farm kept him going much longer.

10 And Dave was a good man. He was a smart man.
11 One of his favorite things was playing poker. He had
12 a place. He and his wife have a place in Broome's
13 Island. It's kind of a little compound of the Clinton
14 people - the Elsworths, Masons, Gwynns, and Judge
15 Loveless. They all had places there. Dave would
16 spend most of his weekends there, weather permitting.
17 He loved crabbing and fishing.

18 He would come back to the office sometimes on
19 Monday with a cooler full of spot or hard head, and
20 give them away to anybody that wanted them. You knew
21 he had a good weekend when he came back with those
22 fish.

23 But all in all, Dave will be missed. He lived
24 to be 83 years of age. He was a good man. He left
25 his imprint on the community and his family, and he

1 contributed a lot. He will be missed.

2 Thank you, Your Honors.

3 [Applause]

4 JUDGE MISSOURI: Thank you very much,
5 Mr. Clagett, for those eloquent words about David
6 Gwynn.

7 By the way, did he ever play poker with Judge
8 Smith? Those who did, never forget Judge Smith, I can
9 tell you that much.

10 Anyway, I'm here today about to read for Paul
11 B. Klein, and I want at this time to thank all of the
12 presenters here today for your presenting on behalf of
13 our colleagues. It is not easy when a member of the
14 bar passes away to find family and friends. It's a
15 task that I never thought I would be doing, but thanks
16 to my good friend Judge Rattal, I have this duty. And
17 I say that, I really thank Nick because it has given
18 me some insight about some things that I didn't have
19 insight before about. And I want to thank all of the
20 families for being here today and for answering the
21 letters and the telephone calls that were made to you.

22 Since I retired, Judge Adams won't let me have
23 a secretary. So my secretary is my wife. So, Honey,
24 will you please stand up so they can see who you are.
25 Go ahead. Don't look at me like that.

1 (Applause)

2 Anyway, there is not a photo available for
3 Mr. Klein. We tried all we could to find one. And
4 Alan Lander, who was in the office with him at the
5 time that he passed away, they were partners, I guess,
6 could not be here today because his wife is undergoing
7 a surgical procedure I understand.

8 So, let me read what he submitted,
9 Mr. Lander's submission. Paul B. Klein was born on
10 January 14, 1958, and passed away on Saturday,
11 January 4, 2014. Paul was a resident of Lanham,
12 Maryland. In 1995 Paul formed Paul Klein and
13 Associates with Alan Lander.

14 In the 19 years he practiced law, he helped
15 tens of thousands of individuals injured by the
16 negligence of automobile drivers, premises owners,
17 medical professionals and attorneys.

18 Located in Washington, D.C. until 2010, the
19 office moved to Landover, Maryland. On January 4,
20 2014, Paul passed away. Paul's death was a shock, and
21 he will be missed.

22 His clients and the legacy of his firm
23 continues. His staff, all with experience, continues
24 as a group in the new Law Office of Alan Lander. His
25 clients continue with the new firm. And it is with

1 great pride that Mr. Lander continues to provide the
2 same high level of services, service I should say,
3 they had come to expect. And that is all they have of
4 Paul Klein.

5 For those of you who knew him, I know you can
6 add your own stories that can embellish a little bit
7 what Mr. Lander wrote at this time.

8 I'm sorry that we could not locate a member of
9 his family who would be here today, although we made
10 every effort to do so.

11 Next you will hear from Mr. George Andrews,
12 and then Ms. Janet Callis after that. Follow the
13 program down. After that will be the Honorable Joe
14 Dugan if he arrives at that time. If he doesn't --
15 he's here?

16 Tell him to sit where he is supposed to then.
17 Come down to the table next to Ms. Callis.

18 Now that my colleague and former State's
19 Attorney brother is here, we'll move on, Ms. Janet
20 Callis, Judge Joseph Dugan, and then Jennifer Dill, and
21 Richard R. Page Wyrrough. You will not hear from me
22 again until they have concluded.

23 So you have seen enough of me. And I will sit
24 down. By the way, can someone get programs up here for
25 the Milstead family. Are there any programs left?

1 Thank you very much.

2 Mr. Andrews, come up and speak, sir.

3 MR. ANDREWS: Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams,
4 Honorable Judge Missouri and other distinguished
5 members of the judiciary, may it please the Court.

6 When Judge Sothoron extended me this
7 invitation to speak on behalf of my friend Eugene
8 Mattison at this memorial service, I accepted with
9 enthusiasm because I wanted the body of work of this
10 fine lawyer to be recognized and remembered.

11 My first thought was this is going to be a
12 breeze. I don't have to pussy foot or beat around the
13 bush. All I have to do is to tell Gene's story as I
14 saw it.

15 It was a Sunday afternoon, at his request, I
16 dropped by Gene's office in Upper Marlboro. He was
17 working on a trial and he wanted me to look at a couple
18 of things he was doing.

19 He did not consider himself a trial lawyer.
20 It was a transactional matter he was working on,
21 evolving into litigation he would follow through to its
22 conclusion. It was on the eve of the trial on which he
23 had labored for several years. I observed fatigue in
24 both his physical appearance and his demeanor. His
25 complexion was ashen. He had lost a substantial amount

1 of weight from his former 180-pound athletic frame.

2 Gene had lived with chronic heart disease for
3 decades, and the illness had taken its toll. Instead
4 of facing the trial, Gene should have taken a couple of
5 weeks off to regain his strength. This was not Gene
6 Mattison's M-O. In this particular case his attitude
7 reminded me of a pit bull who had grabbed the leg of a
8 pair of Levi's and refused to let go.

9 His client had traveled a long distance and at
10 great expense, and he was going to see to it that she
11 had her day in court. As a matter of fact, while the
12 trial went well, the decision did not go in his
13 client's favor. An experienced attorney will admit
14 that some of his or her best work was done on losing
15 causes.

16 The loss in no way diminished my admiration
17 for his display of courage and self-sacrifice. He had
18 put the interest of his client ahead of his own
19 well-being. As a footnote, I was not the only one to
20 recognize the exemplary work that he had done on this
21 case. Sometime later the opposing counsel in the case
22 stopped by his office to commend him on a battle well
23 fought.

24 His grateful client, in spite of losing the
25 case, thankfully continued to send him periodic

1 payments until Gene's fee was paid in full. Gene came
2 into our profession obliquely. After Gene graduated
3 from John Carroll High School, Gene earned a degree in
4 accounting from the University of Maryland.

5 He became a CPA and commenced practicing in
6 the tax field. It soon became clear to him that a law
7 degree would become helpful to him in the tax practice,
8 so he attended the University of Maryland School of Law
9 at night. I witnessed the transformation of Gene from
10 an accountant to a lawyer.

11 In the early years of his practice, it
12 bothered me that Gene had a sign in front of his office
13 that read CPA. When words became more important to him
14 than figures and numbers, Gene replaced the sign with a
15 sign that read, "Attorney at Law."

16 Subsequently, his daughter, Alexandra, joined
17 him in the practice as a paralegal and right hand.
18 Both Alexandra and Gene had strong personalities. And
19 I enjoyed the banter and debate that took place between
20 them on a day-to-day basis in the office.

21 As Gene's practice evolved, he became an
22 authority in estate planning and probate law and soon
23 became known regionally as an expert in those fields.

24 During his career his office handled some of
25 the largest and most complex estates in southern

1 Maryland. Gene was very approachable and known to
2 generously share his time and knowledge with fellow
3 members of the bar, but especially the young ones.

4 His ability to solve complex tax questions and
5 to explain the issues and solutions to his clients in
6 an understandable fashion was perhaps his greatest
7 skill. Gene's zest for the law was so strong I often
8 kidded him that he would die at his desk. He did so
9 figuratively if not literally as he was working from
10 home on his computer and barking orders through the
11 phone to Alexandra before he died.

12 As much as Gene enjoyed practicing law, he
13 maintained healthy interests outside the office. He
14 was an avid fan of the Washington Capitals hockey team,
15 an avocation which he shared with his son, Douglas.
16 Obsession may be too strong a word, but certainly he
17 had a love affair with a game that was played with a
18 dimpled white ball. With a handicap of one, he played
19 golf well enough to represent the University of
20 Maryland on its golf team.

21 In later years he enjoyed the game with his
22 wife Sandy. He found time to be treasurer of the
23 Prince George's Country Club and later served as
24 president and was one of the facilitators in the club,
25 what has become the County Club at Woodmore.

1 To the established members of the bar, I ask
2 you to remember Gene as an attorney who enhanced the
3 reputation of your local bar and the Prince George's
4 County Bar Association.

5 To the younger members of the bar who may be
6 looking for someone to emulate, you would find no
7 better role model than Gene Mattison. The term, bottom
8 line, is frequently mentioned these days in discussing
9 the management of law practices. If your bottom line
10 contains the name of your client, as it did in Gene's
11 practice, nothing but good will flow from your practice
12 of law.

13 JUDGE MISSOURI: We're doing some adjustments
14 to the microphone. While they are doing that, I want
15 the record to reflect that Mr. Andrews mentioned
16 Richard Sothoron, Judge Sothoron. You have to give
17 him some credit because he was of immense assistance
18 in locating some folks. So let the record reflect
19 Richard should be given some credit.

20 Come on up, Ms. Callis.

21 MS. CALLIS: McGowan family, our public
22 defender family, members of the bar and the honorable
23 Court. Bob McGowan was born, raised and mostly lived
24 in Prince George's County.

25 He died October 1st of this year. The years

1 in-between 1950 and this year are a story of a really
2 special man. Bob attended schools here in Prince
3 George's County and was a child of the '60s. He
4 wasn't real sure what he wanted to do. And at the age
5 of 17 he decided to enlist in the Army. This was the
6 Vietnam era.

7 Bob finished basic training. He had to spend
8 some time controlling crowds with antiwar
9 demonstrations going on. He then went off to Vietnam.
10 While he was in Vietnam he was a member of the 173rd
11 Airborne Brigade. So he jumped out of planes in
12 Vietnam. He completed his office as a sergeant E-5 in
13 1970.

14 After the service, Bob went to California for
15 a couple of years, and then he came back to Maryland.
16 He attended the University of Maryland, graduating
17 with a degree from the School of Business and
18 Management in 1979.

19 He worked for Singer and Westinghouse Electric
20 Corporation up through 1982. Bob enrolled in law
21 school, went to the University of Baltimore, he
22 graduated with his JD in 1983. After he was sworn
23 into the bar in June of 1984, he started his solo
24 practice in Bowie.

25 Bob married Pat in 1984. After a chance

1 meeting after many years they renewed an old
2 friendship, and were married for 30 some years.
3 Together they parented four children: Tara, married
4 to Kevin Hinkle, Kelley, married to Bill Teets, Meghan
5 and Bobby. Bob loved spending time with his family
6 and supported their many endeavors.

7 He was proud of them. Pat has been a teacher
8 in the county for many years, where she has taught PE,
9 and headed dance teams. All of the children were
10 involved in a lot of activities and Bob was very proud
11 of everything they did - their education, their
12 travel, starting their own family and careers.

13 He was thrilled when he became a grandfather.
14 And I remember when the last grandchild was born, it
15 was a girl, and he was thrilled to finally have a girl
16 after the three boys. Though he loved all four of
17 those grandkids immensely.

18 He told me when he started chemotherapy one of
19 the worst things about the whole ordeal was not being
20 able to play with those kids and hold them while he
21 was sick.

22 Bob is also survived by his sisters Mary King
23 and Jean Voso and his brothers Richard, Raymond, and
24 Michael. Bob loved his annual trips to the beach with
25 the family.

1 I can assure you that those leave dates went
2 on the annual leave calendar very early because he
3 really relished those trips. He loved them. He liked
4 to go down and play golf, barbecue, fool around and
5 relax.

6 Bob was an avid golfer and he played in a lot
7 of tournaments. Every year the Public Defender's
8 Office has a tournament and he played for many, many
9 years. He also loved playing basketball and
10 racquetball.

11 Bob was a really great attorney. He started
12 as a solo practitioner in June of 1984 in Bowie where
13 he did criminal defense work and civil work for
14 incarcerated persons.

15 In 1990 he also started as a panel attorney
16 for the Public Defender's Office, and fortunately for
17 our public defender family and for our clients, he
18 joined the staff in 2000 and remained a public
19 defender until he died this year.

20 Bob handled really serious cases. He did
21 major felonies, but he would certainly pitch in and
22 did district court cases when he was asked to do so.

23 Bob is a member of the Prince George's and the
24 Maryland bars since 1984. He was admitted to the U.S.
25 District Court in August of 1986 and the U.S. Fourth

1 District Court of Appeals in October of 1989.

2 For years Bob and I had offices across the
3 hallway from each other. And we were in the same work
4 group, so we talked quite a bit. We talked about
5 cases. We talked about family.

6 He was always willing to give input to other
7 attorneys and to mentor young attorneys. He worked
8 hard. He examined every detail of every case. When
9 preparing for trial he really liked to work at home
10 where he could work without being disturbed.

11 Bob was so meticulous he followed up on
12 absolutely every detail more than once. He wanted to
13 make sure that he understood every aspect of technical
14 issues and he would contact people to try to get
15 advice from them and to learn about technologies like
16 DNA.

17 I think Bob probably went to the Prince
18 George's police department more than any other
19 attorney I know because he would frequently go in and
20 talk with detectives and look at everything they had,
21 and go through everything. He wanted to make sure
22 nothing was left unturned.

23 He always went to crime scenes. He would look
24 out trying to find out witnesses. And he would go and
25 he would rethink, rewrite, and go over and over

1 everything. He was an excellent attorney. After
2 Bob's funeral I went to the McGowan family home and I
3 talked with a lot of family and friends.

4 I was sort of surprised when I found out that
5 none of them really knew much about what Bob did as a
6 lawyer. He wasn't an attorney to them. He was dad,
7 husband, brother, friend.

8 I heard a lot of stories about what a
9 wonderfully loyal person he was to friends that he had
10 back to his high school days. And it was really
11 interesting talking with all of those people, and as I
12 said, I was surprised to find out that they really
13 didn't know much about what Bob did as a lawyer.

14 At Bob's funeral his son Bobby told a
15 wonderful story. Bobby idolized his dad, he always
16 tried to imitate him, and he would follow him around.
17 He said when he started kindergarten he got up that
18 morning and he put on a suit and tie. He was going to
19 go off to school looking just like his dad. At home,
20 I know Bob likes to wear jeans and T-shirts, I'm sure
21 Bobby does, too.

22 Despite the fact that Bob had been a defense
23 attorney for such a long time, and worked on such
24 serious cases, his kids said, you know, the only time
25 we knew that it was a really serious case was there

1 would be a lot more legal pads and a lot more paper
2 sitting around the house, but he didn't talk about it.

3 But I will tell you for those of us who worked
4 with him we know that he handled a lot of child sex
5 abuse cases, which he hated having to do, robberies,
6 rapes, and murder cases, and death penalty cases.

7 There were a couple of times when Bob was out on
8 longer medical leaves when he had heart problems and
9 some other things. As soon as he felt better, he
10 would call me, because I would be monitoring his cases
11 for him, and wanted to know what new discovery had
12 come in, if there was anything new coming up, and then
13 he would say, okay. We would talk about it.

14 A few days later he would call back, "I'm
15 bored."

16 "Okay, Bob, what cases do you want?"

17 I would load up literally boxes and take cases
18 up to Bowie to him. I know he called State's
19 Attorneys on those times when he was out supposedly on
20 medical leave also. He would always call me then the
21 next week and say, "okay, now I need this case."

22 By the time he was coming back to work, there
23 would be five or six big paper boxes of stuff back at
24 the house. So it was an ordeal getting them back to
25 the office with all of his stuff. But he really

1 worried about and wanted to make sure that everything
2 was going to be ready for his cases.

3 Bob was a really special guy. You can see
4 from the picture in the program the smile on his face.
5 Bob is the only attorney I have ever known who I can
6 honestly say was well liked by courthouse staff,
7 sheriff's deputies, jail staff, judges, state's
8 attorneys, public defenders, the private bar.

9 I never ever in all of the years I have known
10 Bob heard anybody say anything negative about Bob.
11 And I must say he's the only attorney I can say that
12 about.

13 Yesterday I was at a symposium at the Library
14 of Congress that was an anniversary of the 25th
15 Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution to honor Václav
16 Havel, who as you may know, was a poet, a playwright,
17 a dissident, politician, was the last president of
18 Czechoslovakia and the first president of the Czech
19 Republic.

20 As I was listening to Madeline Albright and
21 other speakers, I realized that when I was thinking
22 about talking about Bob I'd forgotten something
23 extremely important and it was all of the discussion
24 about Havel and what a great man he was and how well
25 he related to other people, and really what a great

1 amount of good that he had managed in his lifetime. I
2 thought I really need to mention that Bob really had
3 the public defender soul.

4 When Bob was in private practice and doing
5 criminal defense work, and when he was a public
6 defender, he was striving to give voice to those who
7 needed a spokesman, needed someone to ensure fairness,
8 and someone to protect their interests.

9 He, like most public defenders, took his part
10 very seriously in trying to level the playing field in
11 the court system and helping to keep it honest. Bob
12 did that with dignity, respect, and total
13 professionalism. He will be missed. For Bob, let me
14 say, may the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be
15 always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your
16 face, and rains fall soft upon your fields and until
17 we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his
18 hand.

19 JUDGE MISSOURI: As Judge Dugan makes his way
20 forward, I just wanted to announce the presence of
21 Larnzell Martin who is the Chief Judge of the Circuit
22 Court.

23 JUDGE DUGAN: I think it's traditional to
24 start off this kind of thing by saying, "may it please
25 the Court." But I look at the Court, and I'm going to

1 say, may it please all my old friends. I really miss
2 you guys and girls. I really do.

3 And I do see a few of my old friends out there
4 in the gallery, and I appreciate you being here today.
5 The last time I saw Roger, Sharon, was his retirement,
6 which was a much happier time, his retirement from the
7 State's Attorney's Office that he loved so much.

8 So I have been advised by Judge Missouri that
9 I have to limit my comments on Roger to ten minutes.
10 And even though he's retired I know he could have me
11 cuffed and taken out of here in a heartbeat, so I will
12 do the best that I can.

13 I'm not going to go into what's already in the
14 program because Judge Missouri made me write something
15 out which I don't like to do beforehand. So that's
16 already there for you to see about the highlights of
17 Roger's career.

18 I'd like to probably bring out a few more
19 personal notes about Roger and before I start off on
20 that I'd like to thank Mary Alice Ruslander. Can you
21 stand up, please? It may be the wrong last name, but
22 I can't help that.

23 She is a card carrying member of the Prince
24 George's County State's Attorney's Alumni Association
25 if in fact her card has not disintegrated. Now some

1 of you younger folks must say to yourselves, what do
2 you mean the Prince George's County State's Attorney's
3 Alumni Association? I never heard of that group.

4 Well, it was a thriving group at one time, and
5 it had a substantial treasury composed of dues of the
6 members. Unfortunately, we blew all of the dues on a
7 party shortly before Bud Marshall died. So that's
8 what happened to that organization.

9 But I want to thank Mary Alice Ruslander, and
10 that's probably not her right name any more. At least
11 I didn't go back one more name before that. I want to
12 thank her because I wanted to get some information,
13 some personal information, about Roger's history with
14 the Montgomery County Police Department where he spent
15 over 20 years. I didn't think anybody knew much about
16 that. So I had a contact, Mary Alice, because she is
17 the administrative assistant to the chief of police in
18 Montgomery County.

19 So although she was recovering from cancer
20 surgery on her bed at home, as soon as she got my
21 e-mail and realized it had something to do with Roger
22 and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's
23 Office, she was on it.

24 Next thing I know Captain Anderson is calling
25 me and he's going down into the bowels of God knows

1 where, to get Roger's police file so that I could tell
2 you some facts about Roger that many of you may not
3 know.

4 So back in 1956 - that is right, Perry Becker,
5 I said 1956 - Roger started with the Montgomery County
6 Police Department for the whopping sum of \$4,100,
7 which I guarantee you if Bud Marshall had known that
8 he would have cut his salary at the State's Attorney's
9 Office below that. That was 1956.

10 In 1959 Captain Anderson gave me a quote from
11 the letter that Roger used. He had been at the
12 department about three years. And he said in this
13 letter, it may be a fool's folly to think that I'm
14 ready to be a detective, but I would like to be
15 considered for the examination. Seven years later in
16 1966 the police department agreed that he was ready.
17 Prior to that it had been a fool's folly because, I
18 guess, he hadn't gotten that bump in salary when he
19 became a detective, Roger had to moonlight as a police
20 officer. Now you might think security guard, right?
21 No. Roger went to the post office and I guess he wore
22 the uniform there for about five years until he
23 decided he could get a big boost in pay if he went to
24 Blackistone Florist and delivered flowers.

25 I don't know if any of you remember that

1 operation. But that's what he did. And that tells
2 you a lot about Roger because that's the kind of guy
3 he was. His family was growing. He had to take a
4 second job to make ends meet. It didn't make any
5 difference to him. He wasn't too proud to take it.
6 As long as it paid what he needed that is what Roger
7 would do to get the job done.

8 And that's the kind of humility that Roger
9 had, and I think that's probably where he learned it.
10 He wasn't too proud to take anything else.

11 Now in 1975 when he was promoted to the rank
12 of second Lieutenant, and remember that date it will
13 be relevant later on. He retired in 1976 from the
14 police department, with a salary of \$22,000.

15 Now that may not seem like much money to you,
16 but if you're Roger and you're going to Bud to apply
17 for a job, that meant you instantly took a cut to
18 \$13,000 because that's what the assistants got in
19 those days.

20 Now Roger, they found in his file with the
21 police department a pretty interesting -- something I
22 did not know about Roger. It turns out that back in
23 1974 there are three individuals that go into the
24 World of Music. They go into the World of Music not
25 to sign up for music lessons, no. They went in to

1 steal whatever merchandise they could lay their hands
2 on. They stole about \$595 and change worth of
3 equipment, plus \$37 in U.S. currency. Well,
4 unfortunately for them, the lookout went out. Guess
5 who just happened to be on patrol off duty in his
6 take-home vehicle? Sergeant Roger Milstead.

7 And, lo and behold, when he saw that culprit
8 running down the street with a drum set, Roger sprang
9 from his vehicle, tackled him, placed him under arrest
10 and apprehended one of the three thieves. The other
11 two were apprehended later on.

12 Had Bud Marshall known that Roger was that
13 fast on his feet, I guarantee you Roger would have
14 been forced to play softball pinch runner for the
15 State's Attorney's Office.

16 But I think probably the most famous story
17 about Roger - there are so many - I know I'm limited
18 in time. I'm trying to do this quickly. But probably
19 the most famous is the indictments that he used to
20 return.

21 Some of you defense attorneys may remember
22 seeing these, but back when I was in the criminal
23 trials division, Roger Milstead and Norm Kiger were in
24 charge of the screening division, right? And so you
25 knew it was only those two, but you would get an

1 indictment in criminal trials and you knew if it was
2 Roger's indictment. And the way that you would know
3 is because it would read count one, armed robbery;
4 count two, robbery; count three, carrying a dangerous
5 and deadly weapon; assault with a deadly weapon, count
6 four; count five, carrying a handgun and using it in a
7 crime of violence, right? Now those are pretty meaty
8 counts, right? Five counts you can go to jail for a
9 long, long time. And so you'd be a little nervous if
10 you were a defendant charged with those counts. It
11 was Roger's indictment if, in fact, after those five
12 counts it said fleeing and eluding, reckless driving,
13 driving without a license.

14 You would start laughing and say Roger, come
15 on. Why did you bother with this for? The guy is
16 going to go to prison for 20 years, 25 years, and he's
17 worried about his driver's license? Roger would say,
18 "for plea negotiation purposes."

19 Now I can honestly tell you that I thought
20 that was kind of silly until one day - where's Lou
21 Martucci? Did he leave? Well, he may not remember
22 this. But you all remind him of this story.

23 I had one of Roger's indictments in my office,
24 similar to what I just told you about. And Lou came
25 in and Lou says to me, he says, "okay, I just want to

1 tell you one thing. There is no deal unless you agree
2 to nolle pros the fleeing and eluding, the reckless
3 driving and driving without a license. Because my
4 guy's got to have his commercial driver's license when
5 he comes back."

6 So Roger was right at least one time with
7 respect to this. Make sure you remind him about that.
8 He may be a little foggy on that story.

9 I think the story that I learned, and I
10 learned it recently, and I learned it in more detail
11 recently, that probably tells you the most about the
12 kind of guy Roger is, or I should say was. You will
13 see in the program I mention that he mentored a lot of
14 young attorneys and police officers.

15 Well, in 1975, Roger was in charge of training
16 at the Montgomery County Police Academy. I forgot to
17 tell you that he was one of 21 cadets in 1956, and he
18 got a perfect score of 300. That was another thing
19 Captain Anderson found in his file. But back in 1975
20 he was in charge of training at the police academy.
21 He had a young police officer under him, who was also
22 teaching a block on search and seizure and stops and
23 that kind of thing. He was tieing case law and legal
24 principles into his lectures in this area.

25 And so Roger said to him one day, "you know,

1 he said, you really seem to like this legal stuff. I
2 think you would benefit, and I understand it would be
3 a good idea if you thought about going to law school."

4 And that young man said, "well, you know, I
5 have thought about that."

6 And Roger said, "well, why don't you do it?"

7 He said, "well, I'm thinking about it."

8 This exchange went on for several months. All
9 a sudden Roger comes in one day and he's got an
10 application from American University Law School. He
11 slaps the application down on the young officer's desk
12 and he says, "I want you to fill this out."

13 And he says, "oh, yeah, I'll do that, but I
14 will get to it later on."

15 Roger slides it back in front of him and says,
16 "no. I didn't say later on. You do it right now, and
17 that's an order."

18 So the young man sat there, and he filled it
19 out. And Roger said, "give it to me." He took it
20 back. He said, "now tomorrow, I want you to bring me
21 a check for \$35 payable to American University."

22 The young officer came in the next day, gave
23 him the check. Roger takes the application, the
24 check, mails them off to American University Law
25 School.

1 Well, don't you know the young officer got
2 into American University Law School, became a lawyer,
3 and I guess about three days shy of his 70th birthday
4 this particular young officer retired from the Circuit
5 Court for Montgomery County. That young officer is
6 Judge Eric Johnson. And he's the one that told me
7 that story.

8 That's the kind of guy that Roger Milstead
9 was.

10 Now, those of us who know him, and I meant to
11 show you this picture that I put in the program,
12 because it's a pretty cool picture. Back in the old
13 days when we were with Bud Marshall's office - and I
14 see one of the culprits in the picture here, Mr. Perry
15 Becker - we used to take these retreats with Judge
16 Charles Moylan, or Judge Chasanow, or Debbie Handel
17 then, now Judge Chasanow as well, they'd come in and
18 give us some legal tips and then we would relax.

19 Well, you see old Minnesota Slim here behind
20 Perry Becker? I see up there, and I think that's the
21 back of Gary's head. That is Charlie Strong and
22 that's Michael Vernon Whalen who is also a judge now,
23 not Michael Patrick Whalen.

24 But if you notice, they're all in pretty
25 informal attire. Everybody except Roger. Roger has

1 got on one of those classic plaid suits that he had.
2 And he's still got it on, and he's got on a tie. And
3 that's the way he always was.

4 And I showed this to Bob Bonsib and we started
5 laughing, and he said, "you know what I think? I
6 think he got those suits in bulk sale when he got
7 promoted to a Second Lieutenant in 1975, and he had
8 those suits since then."

9 He continued to wear them in the State's
10 Attorney's Office and had them for his entire career.
11 And I think Bonsib's right about that.

12 But Roger's the kind of guy, folks - and those
13 of you who knew him well, I think will agree, you
14 can't think about Roger without smiling. That's the
15 kind of guy he was. All I can say is this. I think
16 that's a result of the love that he brought to the
17 jobs that he did, the love that he brought and the joy
18 that he brought to the people that he knew that he
19 worked with.

20 I hope that some day maybe when I leave this
21 world, if they think of me, it will be like Roger, and
22 a big grin will spread over their face. Because Roger
23 brought a lot of joy to all of us. He brought a lot
24 of joy to this world. I think it's a much better
25 place because Roger was here.

1 So we're sorry to lose him, but he's not ever
2 going to be forgotten by those who knew him.

3 Thank you very much for having me today.

4 MS. DILL: Good afternoon. May it please the
5 Court. I am in no way going to follow the people that
6 went before me and I apologize for that. My name is
7 Jennifer Dill, and I have been honored with the
8 request to remember my good friend and long time
9 mentor, David Ritter.

10 Thank you to the Prince George's County Bar,
11 Your Honors, and especially to Judge Missouri for this
12 opportunity.

13 I believe David's oldest son Lee Ritter is
14 here with us, and I know he has six children, and
15 they're all here along with his family in spirit as
16 well. I, too, would ask you to refer to the program
17 for the details of David's life, his education, his
18 many children and family members.

19 My remarks will be more along the lines of my
20 personal relationship with David, but I think that my
21 relationship with him reflected his relationship with
22 this world.

23 I met David over 20 years ago when he
24 interviewed me to be his paralegal. It was to be only
25 my second job in the legal field. I had no prior

1 experience with his area of the law. He did mostly
2 debt collection, estate, probate work, but he took a
3 chance on me and I will be forever grateful for that.

4 My first impression of David came when I went
5 into his law office on Main Street. I don't know how
6 many of you might have visited him there, but I would
7 often wonder how he could stand not to see the
8 daylight. For over 30 years his office was in the
9 lower level of an office building right next door to
10 the courthouse. He shared the parking lot in the back
11 of the courthouse.

12 He did not often do so, but when he would
13 close his door I couldn't understand how he didn't
14 become claustrophobic. Not only was it a small place
15 with little to no natural light, but David was a bit
16 of a hoarder. He loved to read. And on every space
17 available he had every imaginable reading material:
18 client files, Daily Records, newspapers, law journals,
19 history books, you name it, it was there.

20 David was also a bit of a procrastinator, but
21 this wasn't necessarily a bad thing, because that
22 procrastination led to deep thoughts and answers to
23 questions. So, he didn't accept "I don't know" as an
24 answer. He and I spent many hours devoted to the hunt
25 of solving the tricky legal questions, which often led

1 us to become sidetracked on new discoveries. And in
2 that time with him I learned about his other quirk -
3 David likes routines and rituals, and these were built
4 upon his faith.

5 David's faith was a constant for him. He had
6 faith in his family and friends, his church, and then
7 the law. And I think his life was devoted to living
8 it in that order, but incorporating each faith into
9 the other. Whether he was arguing a motion in court,
10 attending one of his children's swim meets, helping
11 his favorite school, Gonzaga High School, building the
12 Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County
13 and even attending the Redskins games.

14 And throughout all of that was a sense of
15 humor. David loved to laugh and did so often. I
16 mentioned that David was my mentor, but David mentored
17 many. Everything was possible with him. You just had
18 to try and work hard. He was one of my biggest
19 supporters when I decided to attend law school. He
20 never doubted me. And it was one of my proudest
21 moments when he came to my graduation and then visited
22 my own law firm. The pride on his face was only
23 matched by that on my father's. I know he did that
24 for many others like me.

25 One of my other most proudest but also most

1 challenging times in my life is when I helped him
2 retire. My goal was that he do so as he had conducted
3 his career, with dignity. Always the honorable
4 gentleman, he hated the thought of not being able to
5 help his clients, of not being there for them.

6 But he loved that he would be able to be free
7 to travel to visit the world, really, to see all of
8 his family. He and his wife Jane loved to travel.
9 That is how I like to think of him now - traveling
10 around, watching over all of those he loved with that
11 gleeful smile on his face. I'm grateful to have had
12 this opportunity to remember him today. For it
13 reminds me to live this life like he did, with faith
14 in the constant. Thank you.

15 JUDGE MISSOURI: Mr. Wyrrough.

16 MR. WYROUGH: May it please the Court.

17 Judge Tillerson Adams, members of the bench,
18 guests. I'm very pleased to speak today about my
19 uncle, Thomas Ballard Yewell.

20 Tom was born in 1928 in Owensboro, Kentucky.
21 He eventually made his way east. He graduated from
22 Culver Military Academy in Indiana; thereafter, he
23 attended Georgetown University where he received both
24 his undergraduate degree and his law degree.

25 He married his wife of 64 years, Madge, who is

1 from Upper Marlboro in 1950. He practiced law in
2 Prince George's County for 41 years before he retired
3 and moved with his family to Frederick, Maryland in
4 1991.

5 During his 41-year legal career, Tom at
6 various times was president of the Young Democrats of
7 Prince George's County, treasurer of the Prince
8 George's County Bar Association, and Securities
9 Commissioner for the State of Maryland. After service
10 in the Navy during the Korean war and after a foray in
11 the county politics, Tom settled into the private
12 practice of law.

13 His law partner for years was Lee Haislip &
14 their firm, surprise, surprise, was Haislip & Yewell.
15 Their office was in Marlow Heights, one of the few
16 commercial and shopping hubs in the county at the
17 time.

18 One of their first associates was the
19 Honorable Steny Hoyer who was with them for about
20 three years. The story goes that it got to the point
21 that Tom had to have a conversation with Steny about
22 the practice of law. It seems that Representative
23 Hoyer was spending more time politicking and not
24 enough time practicing law. Tom apparently counseled
25 that a clear and defined professional path needed to

1 be chosen, and we all know how that turned out.

2 Tom was a skilled advocate in the courtroom.
3 He was unflappable and a great story teller - a trade
4 and a skill that served him very well as a trial
5 attorney. His skills as an advocate were demonstrated
6 in a case involving the former president of the
7 Charles County Community College, Jay Carsey, who
8 one day with no notice left his job, left his wife,
9 and disappeared.

10 Carsey left his wife one note which was about
11 five lines long, and another note which referred his
12 wife to a tape about the family finances. The note
13 essentially said, "take all of the property, take all
14 of the debts. They are yours to keep."

15 Carsey reappeared later when his wife,
16 represented by Tom, tried to enforce that note in a
17 divorce proceeding. Carsey asserted that he didn't
18 know that he was going to give away all of his
19 property. Tom convinced Judge Bowen that the note was
20 a model of clarity and exactitude, and that little
21 bitty note, coupled with the information in the tape
22 left by Carsey was enforceable, even though one might
23 think, as only Judge Bowen could put it, that "the man
24 who got this kind of property ought to go to lawyer
25 Digges and have a 25 page contract, one loophole on

1 each page drawn up, and that way if he wants to get
2 out of it, there is no problem."

3 The story behind the case essentially turned
4 into the book, *Exit the Rain Maker*. Tom was a quiet
5 advocate for learning how to practice law by doing it.
6 For Tom, doing was always one of the best ways to
7 learn. There is a practice courtroom at the Columbus
8 School of Law Catholic University named after Haislip
9 & Yewell.

10 In a similar vein, when I was thinking about
11 going to law school Tom generously offered to take me
12 to court to watch, to help me decide if the practice
13 of law appealed to me. It was a custody hearing. Tom
14 was representing the father at a time when men
15 typically did not win custody hearings. When it came
16 time for Judge Johnson to render his decision, Tom and
17 his client rose up.

18 Judge Johnson awarded custody to Tom's client.
19 The client promptly fainted and crashed to the
20 courtroom floor. Both sides of the extended family in
21 the courtroom began to wail - some in joy some in
22 despair. The client's elder son, who was in the
23 audience, attempted to jump over and straddle the rail
24 and in the process injured himself and fell to the
25 courtroom floor writhing in pain? Which caused the

1 intensity of the wailing to increase even further.

2 After the drama subsided and on the way out of
3 the courtroom, Tom in his understated fashion
4 observed, "exciting, isn't it?"

5 More than the practice of law, the center of
6 Tom's life was his family. In addition to the love of
7 his life Madge, he is survived by his eight children,
8 their spouses, twelve grandchildren, four great
9 grandchildren, sisters and brothers-in-law, eighteen
10 nieces and nephews and twenty-six grand nieces and
11 nephews, all of whom will miss him.

12 Tom's memorial service ended with a rendition
13 of, "What a Wonderful World," by Louis Armstrong.
14 That is what Tom thought, it is indeed a wonderful
15 world. It is how he conducted himself and as a result
16 he always lifted those around him, what a wonderful
17 life he did have. Thank you.

18 JUDGE MISSOURI: We thank everyone for being
19 in attendance today. Of course, we do this yearly. I
20 thank Judge Adams for her support of the program. If
21 you got her letter directly or if you read it in the
22 bar bulletin, you know exactly what I mean. I'm very
23 pleased to see everyone here today.

24 On behalf of Ms. Bowman, who is the president
25 of the Bar Association, we're going to need a

1 representative from each family because we have a
2 token for you, so come forward.

3 But before I do that, I will say, Judge Adams,
4 on behalf of the Prince George's County Bar
5 Association, I ask that the remarks made by these
6 wonderful presenters be spread upon the permanent
7 records of the court, and that copies thereof be sent
8 to the families of the deceased.

9 That was my motion.

10 JUDGE ADAMS: It will be.

11 JUDGE MISSOURI: Okay. Thank you.

12 And at this time Ms. Bowman, would you come
13 forward to make any closing remarks that you care to
14 make.

15 MS. BOWMAN: No, there is nothing.

16 JUDGE MISSOURI: With that, then, Judge Adams
17 after you recess, we will give the tokens to the
18 family members.

19 With your pleasure, Ma'am.

20 Thank you.

21 JUDGE ADAMS: I have a few remarks. Thank
22 you. To the president of the Bar Association, Judge
23 Missouri, Judge Hotten, my colleagues of the Circuit
24 Court, Judges of the District Court, Orphan's Court
25 and my retired colleagues of all benches, the members

1 of the Prince George's County Bar Association that are
2 here in number today, I thank you for being here. To
3 the family and friends of our departed members, I
4 thank you for being here today.

5 Now someone very dear to me shared these words
6 with me and I thought it fitting that I paraphrase
7 them and share them with all of you assembled here
8 today.

9 It is said that a person seems to die three
10 times: First when the physical life leaves them.
11 Second, when they are buried or interred, and, third,
12 when time goes by and no one speaks their name - when
13 time goes by and no one speaks their name.

14 Well, it will not be this year that they die
15 again. That will not happen. For today we have
16 extended the lives and memories of our fellow members
17 of the Prince George's County Bar Association. We
18 have remembered them and shared their legacy with
19 friends and family and a generation of lawyers to
20 come.

21 So, I thank each and every one of the
22 presenters today for sharing the lives of these
23 treasured members of our Bar Association. Every time
24 I come to a Memorial Service I learn something about
25 the history of our profession.

1 Wayne Curry was a dear friend of mine, but I
2 learn something every time I hear you speak of him and
3 when I hear from each of you. And I was interested
4 about the -- I was always curious about that land swap
5 of Woodmore and the Prince George's Country Club and
6 today we heard about the attorney that was involved in
7 that. But each and every one's story is a legacy for
8 this Bar Association. So, I thank you.

9 The judges of the Circuit Court for Prince
10 George's County are grateful to the Prince George's
11 County Bar Association and the members of the
12 committee for the presentation of these memorials and
13 making the arrangements for the ceremony every year.
14 It is a very fine tradition that we have maintained in
15 Prince George's County for many, many years.

16 Today, as we do once every year, we pause from
17 the usual matters taking place in the courtrooms and
18 we honored our departed brethren and paid tribute to
19 their memories.

20 Now many of you have enjoyed a very pleasant
21 and warm personal relationship with those who we have
22 memorialized today. Some of you never met the members
23 that we memorialized today, but you learned something
24 about their lives and the legacy that they left on
25 this profession, and that is why we gathered here

1 today.

2 So, yes, Judge Missouri, I accept your motion.
3 And to the family and friends the record of this
4 service will be spread amongst the records of this
5 court. And since we are now a modern court, it will
6 also be placed on the website of the Prince George's
7 County Circuit Court so that all can forever read the
8 stories and lessons of our departed members of this
9 Bar Association.

10 And copies of this service will also be given
11 and sent to each of the respected families so you will
12 also have this service among your precious possessions
13 of your loved ones.

14 So with that, in conclusion, I ask the bailiff
15 to please announce the adjournment of this service.

16 Thank you.

17 THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: All rise. This special
18 session for Prince George's County Circuit Court is
19 now adjourned.

20 (The memorial was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.)
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