

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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2 JUDGE McCULLOUGH: In November of every year, the
3 Bar Association provides for the Memorial Service for
4 members who have passed from the Bar in the preceding year.
5 Today we will pay tribute to, and speaking on behalf of
6 Robert E. Ammons, Mr. Basil. Hubert K. Arnold, George
7 Wilkinson. W. Carroll Beatty, Paul M. Nussbaum. Joseph A.
8 Finlayson, Jr., Hassan A. El-Amin. Jessie Lee Hall, John
9 W. Mitchell. Lorraine O'Sullivan, Judge Vincent Femia.

10 It's my pleasure now to introduce you to the
11 President of the Prince George's County Bar Association,
12 Patrice E. Lewis for some opening remarks.

13 JUDGE LEWIS: Judge McCullough and members of
14 the Circuit Court, my colleagues, my friends, we're here
15 today and I am here before you today in my capacity as
16 President of the Bar Association. We are here to file a
17 report of the Memorial Committee. We are a voluntary Bar
18 Association with some 1100 members.

21 MR. DePAUL: Judge McCullough, certainly it is
22 good to see you back, Your Honors, Judge Lewis, members of
23 the bar and families and friends. It is a sad occasion yet
24 it is one we do with honor, because we are here to honor
25 those members or colleagues who have passed on. We ask

1 that each one be recognized, and we picked a speaker who is
2 approved by the family and the Bar to tell us a little bit
3 about the lawyer who was no longer with us.

4 We first call upon Richard Basil to tell us about
5 Robert Ammons. Mr. Basil will you approach please.

6 MR. BASIL: Good afternoon, Members of the
7 Circuit Court and Members of the District Court, Members of
8 the Bar and ladies and gentlemen. I am here to speak about
9 Robert Ammons, and I was associated with Bob since 1983 up
10 until the time of his death, which was December the 9th of
11 1991.

12 By way of biographical background, Bob was born
13 in 1933 in Aura, Illinois. He dropped out of high school,
14 and when he dropped out of high school he entered the armed
15 services. He fought in Korea, and while a member of the
16 armed forces, a member of the Army, he attained his GED.
17 After obtaining his GED he entered the University of
18 Baltimore in 1957, and obtained an AA Degree. Two years
19 later or three years after that, he was awarded a Bachelor
20 of Law Degree at Southern University of Baltimore.

21 During that period of time he worked his way
22 through law school, and became a Chief Claims Adjustor for
23 State Farm Insurance in Baltimore and obtained a lot of
24 insurance background, which he later used as a personal
25 injury attorney. And with that background, the first job

1 that he had out of law school was with a law firm by the
2 name of Miller, Couch and Blackwell where he was an
3 associate for a number of years.

4 After several years at Miller, Couch and
5 Blackwell he went on to join a firm known as Fisher,
6 Walcheck and Ammons. Fisher, Walcheck and Ammons is where
7 he stayed for several more years. In the early '70's, he
8 entered private practice as a sole practitioner, broke away
9 and started his own practice, and as many now know he was a
10 specialist in landlord tenant law, and also in personal
11 injury law.

12 But having said that, I think most people are
13 aware of what his background was, and what he did as a
14 lawyer. My recollections of him are that he was just a lot
15 of fun and a lot of laughs, and that's what we did for the
16 seven or eight years that we were associated.

17 I'll tell you that I am sure that Bob, after he
18 went out into private practice and became a practitioner,
19 and after he attained all of the various distinguishes he
20 attained, it was in 1978 that he obtained what he
21 considered to be the high point of his professional and
22 personal life, and that is that he bought a brand new 1979
23 Rolls Royce, for which he became renowned. I remember at
24 the time he had settled a large personal injury case, and
25 obtained a large fee as a result of that settlement, and

1 that afternoon he went down and bought the Rolls Royce
2 unbeknownst to his wife.

3 That afternoon the story has it that he was
4 driving the Rolls Royce through the neighborhood and his
5 wife didn't see him in the car, but saw the car and admired
6 it and was wondering who's car that was, and you can
7 imagine her shock when she came home that evening and saw
8 it parked in her driveway.

9 And shortly thereafter, as I was talking to his
10 son this afternoon, I learned that he gave the Rolls Royce
11 to his son to use to take his driver's examination, and his
12 son after passing it, and being as nervous as he was, was
13 especially nervous when his father gave him the keys and
14 said goodbye, you have to drive the car home.

15 I recall a few years later in 1983 when I joined
16 his firm, normally most of your friends when you leave -- I
17 was in the State's Attorney's office at the time, and when
18 you leave government service and you are joining a firm or
19 change firms they ask you what are you going to do, what
20 are you going to practice, what is your job, and the only
21 thing I was ever asked was, would I get a Rolls Royce or
22 when was my turn to drive the car or things associated with
23 that car. So, I can never outlive the car or overshadow
24 that car's importance.

25 But, I would say in addition to that, Bob was

1 known as being an expert golfer, and he was almost on a
2 professional level. I think he had won several Bar
3 tournaments and also played in several Master's Pro-Am
4 tournaments, and had golfed with people in Augusta,
5 Georgia. He was quite a fine golfer for those here who had
6 ever played with him or seen him play.

7 I suppose, having said all of these things, I
8 guess what strikes me the most about Bob were two things.
9 And that is one, he cared more about his clients than
10 anybody I have ever known, and I have never seen a client
11 which cared more about Bob Ammons. The loyalty I saw his
12 clients express for him was something I have never seen
13 with any other attorney. He loved them, and they loved
14 him, and in these days when we have formalized pro bono
15 programs, I know that back in that time, Bob did a great
16 deal of work where he represented people that he knew could
17 never, ever afford to pay him, but for whom he had sympathy
18 or felt sorry, and who needed an attorney.

19 And I'm sure that if you were to total the number
20 of hours that he put in working for these types of people,
21 it would be very substantial.

22 The second quality that I would like to mention
23 about Bob that I will always remember, is what he did for
24 other members of the Bar, which probably nobody else here
25 knows about, and in closing I would just like to recount

1 two incidents to illustrate the type of person that he was.
2 because to my knowledge I think only myself, and one or two
3 other people know about these incidents, but there was one
4 incident where a large, very large client came to Bob. It
5 was not Bob's client. It was another attorney's client,
6 and this was a client that came to Bob and said, we're
7 dissatisfied with our attorney, we want to fire him and we
8 want to hire you, and having taken this client in would
9 have meant a very substantial fee on a monthly basis.
10 Every move. This was one of the biggest types of clients
11 in this area of law that you could have.

12 And Bob's reaction to this client's overtures to
13 him was because he knew that -- he knew the attorney that
14 that client had retained at that time, and he knew that
15 these clients leaving that attorney would render that
16 attorney for lack of a better term, financially hurting, he
17 told that client and convinced that client that there was
18 nothing wrong with that attorney, that that attorney was
19 the best attorney that client could have, and that that
20 attorney ought to go -- that client ought to go back to
21 that attorney and try to iron out the problems that that
22 client was having with the attorney.

23 And then when the client left the office, Bob got
24 on the phone to the attorney, and told that attorney that
25 he was having some problems with the client, and if he

1 wanted to retain that client he ought to try to iron those
2 problems out. That attorney was very, very grateful to
3 Bob, and those problems were ironed out. To this day that
4 attorney still represents that large client.

5 And the second incident I would relate is that
6 one day six or seven years ago, Bob and I were sitting in
7 the chambers of a member of the bench, and we were talking
8 about just things in general, and this particular member of
9 the bench mentioned that an attorney member of the Bar who
10 was well-known, who had been suspended under such
11 circumstances that he probably would never practice law
12 again, that this particular attorney had fallen on very,
13 very hard times. And that this particular attorney was in
14 fact going to be evicted within the next day or two,
15 because he didn't even have the money to pay his rent.

16 Bob, upon hearing that, as the rest of us, he knew
17 this attorney, but didn't know him that well, but he knew
18 him as a member or former member of the Bar. He felt very
19 sorry for him, and Bob took his check back out of his
20 pocket, and wrote a very substantial check for that
21 attorney's rent and passed it on, and at least for that
22 time saved that attorney from being evicted from his
23 apartment, and when I think about Bob Ammons, these are
24 things that I think about with respect to him.

25 And I think that the caring that he showed and

1 the generosity he showed for the fellow members of the Bar
2 and for his clients is something that is very exemplary and
3 I hope in my lifetime that I could come half as close to
4 that as he did, and I would hope that other members could
5 exhibit the same sort of conduct and caring and sympathy.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. DePAUL: Next, Your Honor, we next ask George
8 L. Wilkinson to tell about Hubert K. Arnold.

9 MR. WILKINSON: Judge McCullough, and Members of
10 the Bench, fellow attorneys, family of the deceased
11 members of the Bar, I have been asked to talk about Hubert
12 Arnold.

13 Hubert Kernal Arnold was born on May 9th, 1914
14 in Baltimore, Maryland. Hubert was named Hubert after his
15 Dad who was a lineman type operator, and was named Kenard
16 simply because his mother liked that name and a result his
17 family and friends all called him Ken. He was about a year
18 old when Hubert moved to North Carolina with his dad, who
19 took a job at the time in Raleigh, North Carolina, and
20 stayed there until his teenage years when he returned to
21 this area with his family, and attended McKinley Tech High
22 School.

23 From there, he went to the University of Maryland
24 where he got his Bachelor of Art's Degree in Business
25 Administration. He then entered into the Second World War.

1 and was stationed for three out of the four years in the
2 Pacific, where he served with the 15th Bomb Wing. His
3 experience in the Pacific was the beginning of his concern
4 with things that dealt with the orient, in particular with
5 Japanese. He just became fascinated with the Japanese and
6 their culture.

7 Hubert began his law studies at Georgetown
8 University after spending two years there, and transferred
9 to Duke University where he completed his law studies. He
10 then passed both the Maryland and the New York Bar, and
11 began his practice on Wall Street with a large New York
12 firm.

13 After a year in New York he decided that was not
14 for him, returned to this area, and began a law practice in
15 Hyattsville under the name of Lawyers Title Company of
16 Prince George's County, because of nature of his title
17 work, Hubert Kenard Arnold became very active in Prince
18 George's County Board of Realtors and was honored by that
19 organization as Vice President Emeritus.

20 Those of you who know Hubert know that he had
21 very few bad words about anybody, but it's rather
22 interesting how his vocabulary became colored by his
23 experiences. He had a Bull Dog that had been given to him
24 and he named his boat the Bull Dog, and, being in title
25 work, his favorite expression for an attorney that he just

1 had absolutely no -- represented the epitome of frustration
2 with, was my gosh, he doesn't know the difference between a
3 deed and a Bull Dog, and that was the worst thing that
4 Hubert could ever say about somebody that didn't know the
5 difference between a deed and a Bull Dog.

6 I first came to know Hubert in '67 when I went out
7 on my own, and rented two rooms from Hubert in the building
8 next door to him, and as a result of our close proximity,
9 both since his office was next door as well as our landlord
10 tenant relationship, I came to know him quite well, and
11 came to know him in ways that were different than just
12 being an attorney, and those are the things that I would
13 like you to know about today, because I think many of you
14 don't know these aspects of Humbert Arnold.

15 Hubert was a very devoted son. He never
16 married, took care of his mother until she died in 1981.
17 He never got over his love of flying, and that was a result
18 of his years in the World War II, and he had both his
19 commercial and private pilots license, and frequently took
20 his mother with him on a small one engine plane, and just
21 took her around over the Chesapeake flying out of Easton.
22 In addition to that he was a licensed glider pilot. He not
23 only flew the skies.

24 But as I mentioned earlier, he really enjoyed the
25 water. He had two boats, and he had a boat on the western

1 shore that was called the Bull Dog. It was a motor boat
2 and he had a boat on the eastern shore that was a very
3 large sail boat called the Dudley after his dad. When I
4 said large, I'm talking about a heavy wooden boat built in
5 South America, almost 40 feet long.

6 Those of you who are sailors know, but it had
7 both a main mast and mizzen mast, and he sailed that rascal
8 alone many times on the Chesapeake when he had no one else
9 to crew for him. He was a motorcyclist, riding long
10 distances, throughout the country side. He was a 50 year
11 member of the Chillum Masonic Temple, and he was, above all
12 things, a continuous scholar.

13 Following his retirement in the '70's, Hubert
14 returned to the University of Maryland where he took and
15 excelled in such diverse subjects as the Japanese language
16 and anthropology. His study of the Japanese internment
17 during World War II by the United States Government, which
18 resulted in a very lengthy paper being submitted. One of
19 Bert's papers I'm told were submitted for an undergraduate
20 subject matter.

21 I remember spending hours with him, talking about
22 the implications of that constitutional law involvement of
23 the internment of these Japanese citizens in the United
24 States. In 1982, Hubert's instructors from the Eastern
25 Shore, Bill Newmann asked Hubert if he would fly and

1 airplane that Bill Newmann had just sold to someone out in
2 Witchita, Kansas. Hubert flew it out there, and during the
3 intervening time between the Second World War and the time
4 of this flight, Hubert had maintained contact with several
5 members of his organization, his bomber wing and while he
6 was in Wichita he contacted them, and one of those
7 individuals was a fellow by the name of Ross Patrick who
8 lost his life as a test pilot for Boeing.

9 Ross Patrick had a widow and a couple of children
10 that Hubert knew, and the widow called Hubert, and things
11 being what they were, Hubert at age 69 married or got
12 married to Marjorie Rose. The following year, Hubert sold
13 his home here in Maryland, transferred his University of
14 Maryland credits to Wichita State University where he got
15 his Master's Degree in Anthropology and his Master's thesis
16 was on Japanese government and civilian procedures in
17 caring for the aging citizen.

18 During the last three years of his life, Hubert
19 Arnold was quite ill. He never let that illness stop him
20 in his intellectual curiosity or dissuade him from
21 undertaking any type of new activity. He and Marjorie
22 traveled overseas. They spent a considerable time in Egypt
23 and elsewhere. He became very interested in Sedgewick
24 County which is located in Wichita and expended a great
25 deal of his time in upgrading and updating there. In fact

1 there's a memorial to him, which pays tribute to him and
2 his dedication and vitality that he brought to that
3 institution.

4 This year, on June the 8th of 1992, Hubert Arnold
5 succumbed to Cancer. I think the Prince George's County
6 Bar Association is poor for having lost him, but his
7 friends both in and out of the law profession are very much
8 richer for having known Hubert Arnold and having shared
9 some of our life with him.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. DePAUL: We would next ask Mr. Nussbaum if he
12 would speak for W. Carroll Beatty.

13 MR. NUSSBAUM: It is somewhat ironic that the
14 person I am eulogizing had his offices right next door to
15 the offices of who Mr. Wilkinson eulogized.

16 Your Honors, Mrs. Beatty, Carroll Beatty was my
17 mentor, my role model and my friend. He died on October 2,
18 1992 at the age of 84. He was the devoted and loving
19 husband of Thelma Beatty, who is with us this afternoon.
20 His distinguished and prolific career touched upon almost
21 every aspect and hallmark of Prince George's County. His
22 vitae is so lengthy, I would undoubtedly consume all
23 afternoon if I were to read off his many activities or the
24 many honors that were bestowed upon him during a career
25 that started in the 20's, when he graduated from National

1 University Law School, and that before he went to Strayer
2 College in Washington D. C., and came to Hyattsville,
3 Maryland practicing law in 1931.

4 I will, however, share with you some of the
5 highlights of Carroll's life and dedication and devotion to
6 the practice of the law in general, and to the citizenry of
7 Prince George's County in particular.

8 He was President of the Prince George's County Bar
9 Association, 1953-54. He was a Vice President of the
10 Maryland State bar Association, 1954-1955. He was City
11 Clerk for the City of Hyattsville for 18 years, and then
12 for almost 20 years, the City of Hyattsville Town Attorney.
13 He was the president of the Prince George's County Chamber
14 of Commerce. He was a Director of the Prince George's
15 County General Hospital for many years, and he was a
16 Director and Member of the Executive Committee of what was
17 at one time called Suburban Trust, and before that Prince
18 George's Bank. He was a member of the Lion's Club for 50
19 years, and went from international governor to
20 international counselor.

21 He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over
22 five years in Hyattsville, and undoubtedly his most urgent
23 calling and his greatest dedication next to his wife, were
24 in the many, many positions that he held in the Methodist
25 Church throughout his distinguished career. He was a

1 trustee. He was on the Board of Governors of Westly
2 Theological Seminary. He was the chairman of the
3 Methodist Union for many, many years.

4 I first got to know Carroll back in the very,
5 very early 50's, when I was doing title work right near
6 this courthouse, old courthouse, and Mr. Beatty would come
7 into the record room frequently to drop off mortgages or
8 releases that needed to be recorded. Over the years I got
9 to admire him. He was someone who always would give a
10 young law student and later on a young lawyer all of the
11 time that one would needs to get some interest, some
12 insight into what was necessary to know about the law.
13 When Carroll became -- when Carroll became a member of the
14 Board of Education of Prince George's in May 1959, that day
15 I was appointed an attorney to the Boared of Education, and
16 I worked with Carroll for the 11 years he was a member of
17 the Board of education, ten years of which he was the
18 Board's chairman.

19 No question but that during that period of time I
20 got to know him even better. I can tell you countless
21 Beattyisms (sic) that are personal and private, but I'm
22 sure he would have no objection whatsoever if I were to
23 share them with you.

24 One that is really not a major event but I
25 noticed that no one around seems to have ever mentioned it,

1 and I will let the secret out of the bag right now, Mr.
2 Beatty was proficient at shorthand, and I can tell you that
3 when at board meetings, when at other occasions, lawyers
4 would for the citizenry, would make comments to the board
5 or comments in the courtroom, and Mr. Beatty would be there
6 scribbling in shorthand, and a day later at a meeting, in
7 an Executive Session of the Board, a board member will say
8 didn't so and so say such and such, and Carroll went to his
9 shorthand and said, no, this is what he said.

10 So that was a talent for which he was to be
11 honored. My favorite Beatty story, however, is probably
12 either the first or second year of my term as a Board
13 attorney, and Carroll lived six blocks from where we lived.
14 The phone rang one evening. Mr. Beatty wanted to know if
15 he could come over my house and visit with me. Needless to
16 say I was scared to death. I thought this was the message
17 of you are threw. I said please come over. He says, are
18 you sure you had dinner. I said yes, sir. He said are you
19 sure I won't be bothering you. Absolutely. Are you sure,
20 I won't be intruding upon you. I said, please come, and I
21 couldn't wait for him to come.

22 Well, within maybe another five or six minutes
23 the doorbell rang. Obviously I stood right at the door and
24 opened up the door, and there was Mr. Beatty with a law
25 book in his hand. He said, can I come in. I said sure.

1 After he apologized once again for disturbing my evening
2 and my wife's evening, I said to him, please come in the
3 living room and sit down. He said no, I'll just talk to
4 you right there in hallway, and it won't take that long. I
5 said, please, Mr. Beatty come in my living room and sit
6 down.

7 He then came into the living room, and proceeded
8 to tell me that earlier that morning I was asked a question
9 at a board meeting, and the irony is that the issue then is
10 still very much an issue today, that related to the same
11 identical piece of property, but in any event, Mr. Beatty
12 reminded me, that that morning I was asked a question that
13 related to the duty of lateral support, and admittedly I
14 gave a quick answer, which I based upon what I thought was
15 common sense. Carroll who always referred to me as Mr.
16 Lawyer when he was chairman, said thank you Mr. Lawyer.
17 Nothing was said until that evening. He then opened up the
18 Maryland reports to a case, which clearly held that what I
19 said was totally opposite of what the holdings were of that
20 Court of Appeals.

21 He did it in such a kind manner that it taught me
22 two lessons I guess that have gone with me for the rest of
23 my life. First, for heaven sake don't ever give legal
24 advice by shooting from the hip, admit you don't know it,
25 if you don't know it. Number two, there can be no rebuke

1 more gentle than the one I received from Carroll Beatty
2 that day.

3 For those of you who were privileged to know
4 Carroll, all I can say is we were indeed privileged.

5 I thank you.

6 MR. DePAUL: Your Honor we would next ask Hassan
7 El-Amin to tell us about the late Joseph A. Finlayson, Jr.,

8 MR. EL-AMIN: Distinguished members of the
9 bench, members of the Bar, the family, friends of Joseph
10 Finlayson, Jr., it will be only a couple of weeks from now,
11 December 2nd, when a year shall have passed since Joseph
12 Finlayson, Jr., was snatched from our midst at a relatively
13 young age of 53. Joe came to us from upstate New York and
14 one of the unique things about Joe was that he had a
15 professional career before his second professional career
16 as an attorney.

17 Joe Finlayson was a very smart, brilliant
18 individual. He was a patent attorney for Western Electric
19 in the early 60's. He attended the University of Baltimore
20 Law School and graduated and he became affiliated with the
21 patent law section of Western Electric. As an attorney Joe
22 was confident. He was a accomplished, and he was
23 inventive. The confidence perhaps came from knowing and
24 having a firm grasp of the fundamental principles of the
25 law, such that even if he didn't know the case side on a

1 given time, he understood the principles which would govern
2 whatever the holding would be in a specific case.

3 He was accomplished because he had such a wide
4 variety of clients and expertise in such a wide variety of
5 fields. I first met him in about 1976. He lived in the
6 community where I lived, a place called Old Town Village,
7 and he was at the time the staff attorney for the
8 development next door, Pickwick, and shortly after meeting
9 him I began to have an interest in law school and Joe sort
10 of took me on as a clerk or a research fellow, and he had
11 me doing some research for him on a number of occasions.

12 I used to look at the variety of people that used
13 to come to Joe; fat people, corporate types, black people,
14 white people, country people, city people, and his waiting
15 room then, and his waiting room in 1991 when he passed away
16 used to look like a veritable United Nations. He would
17 come in from Court tired at 5:30 in the afternoon and there
18 would be five, six, seven people sometimes with babies and
19 kids waiting to see Mr. Finlayson, and he would handle
20 them in a manner that I never learned to handle a client,
21 efficiently and effectively and they go out smiling, but
22 they never took more than 15, 20 minutes.

23 Now, when I say Joe was inventive, it wasn't just
24 because he dealt with patent law, and he was around
25 inventors all of the time. He ran an add in these local

1 telephone books, and got a lot of business through
2 advertising as a patent attorney, and many people came to
3 him with dreams, with their schemes, outlying what they
4 wanted to do, and he was one of the few members of the Bar,
5 local Bar who ran both a general practice, and was
6 registered with the U.Patent and Trade office as a patent
7 attorney.

8 He once assigned me to a case and it was a
9 difficult case. This was a criminal case in which the
10 defendant had allegedly or at least the trial Court had
11 found -- and this was an appellate case, had used moneys
12 fraudulently to get the Department of HEW money for
13 educational grants that was for some phantom students, and
14 his client had been found guilty at trial, and he wanted me
15 to research the key issues which would have lead to
16 overturning that verdict, and I went to the library.

17 I mean I went to GW. I went up here to Upper
18 Marlboro, I went up Shepardizing or whatever, and I
19 couldn't find three paragraphs of law to support our case,
20 our case, the client's case. It just kept going against
21 me. And, Joe would consult with me every week or about
22 three or four weeks he said, what have you got. I said,
23 Joe I just don't have anything.

24 He said, you have got to find something. I know
25 it's there. You have got to find something. You can do

1 better. He was a hard task master sometime. So, I did
2 what I could. I put together a couple of pages, and Joe
3 said, well, you can do a brief for me. I said, well, I
4 don't know. I just don't think I have enough to brief. So
5 he said, well what -- what is the problem.

6 I said well, I just don't have enough support in
7 the case to write a brief on. He says, well, you write
8 what you think should happen, and then you use what you
9 found in the cases to support what you think. Don't go on
10 trying to put something together from existing law. You
11 make the law, and then you make the law fit your argument.

12 Well, after a couple of stabs at it, I gave the
13 brief to Joe or the draft brief. He said this will never
14 work. In about two weeks the deadline came, and you know
15 you had to go to the printers and get the brief all printed
16 up, and Joe handed me the brief that he had finished. It
17 was brilliant. I said, how did you get that out of what I
18 gave you. He said, well, that's the difference between a
19 lawyer and a law clerk. Well, I thought Joe had done a
20 tremendous job, and I told him that, and about a month
21 later, I said, well, how are things going on the brief. I
22 said you did such a tremendous job on that brief.

23 He said, yes, but have you seen the opposition to
24 the brief, and when I saw it, it had knocked all of our
25 arguments out, and then came in Joe's sense of humor

1 because I said, well, Joe this brief by the U.S. Attorney
2 is just knocking you out. He said, yes, I know it's pretty
3 good, and our's was pretty good. I thought it was nice
4 until I saw that one.

5 I said well, what have you told your client. He
6 said, I told my client he better put away those feminine
7 ways, because where he's going they will not stand for it
8 there, but we have done our best.

9 Joe would take a case -- if a person came to him
10 for an unemployment case, he would take that. If a person
11 came to him with a patent case, he would take that. If a
12 person came to him with a zoning case, he would take that.
13 Not only would he take it, but by the time the hearing came
14 around he would be up to speed and know the law and
15 oftentimes, more often than not, get his client good
16 results.

17 As a person, Joe was generous, generous in his
18 structures, his fee structure to clients. He would take
19 them for, you know, a hundred dollars down, and 50 dollars
20 a month, and oftentimes his account receivables -- one time
21 I looked at his accounts receivables, and there were two
22 huge stacks of papers, and they were so big, it was hard to
23 convert them to cash.

24 So he was generous with his time. He was
25 generous with his family. He had kids going to school and

1 many, many times I have seen envelopes there in the morning
2 for the various children, envelopes with checks in them
3 ostensibly, and at the end of the day they are gone. Joe
4 was a very gracious person. When I say gracious, I mean
5 fun to be with, polite, smiling, telling good jokes, just a
6 person who's manners were impeccable, who had a very high
7 expectation of himself, and very high expectation of
8 others, but lived up to those expectations.

9 He was also a very competitive person. He loved
10 to do battle in the courtroom, and he loved to do battle on
11 the golf course. If any of you went to Joe's wake, you
12 would have seen a driving wood, a driver in his casket,
13 and a picture of Joe on the golf course above his casket.
14 Joe was an insatiable golfer. He taught me the game or he
15 taught me the etiquette of the game, but my game is a lot
16 better than Joe's was, but he taught me. It was the
17 etiquette of the game that Joe loved. The marking of --the
18 standing at attention while the other person hits the ball,
19 the polite way you let people play who are faster.

20 He loved the aesthetic of the game, the
21 beautiful arc of the ball going towards the green or a putt
22 that was about to go in. The geometry of the game he
23 loved, and I golf almost every weekend in the foursome he
24 initiated.

25 He initiated a lot of things, and one of the last

1 things Joe said to me almost, but not quite a year ago, was
2 boy, I hope I didn't lose my spot in the foursome. Well,
3 he really hasn't, because each day we go out, maybe three
4 or four times during a given March, the players that I play
5 with, members of the country club, and on whose activities
6 board he served, and also on the golf committee and
7 contributing to the structure of the golf down there, as
8 well as the competition. Each day they remembered Joe
9 there over three or four times in three or four different
10 ways. So, there is a piece of Joe in all of us who knew
11 him, who worked with him, and those pieces are pieces of
12 class.

13 Joe Finlayson, Jr., was a classy person. He is
14 remembered. He's missed, sorely missed. He's loved, and
15 most importantly, he lives on in each of us.

16 MR. DePAUL: Your Honors, we now call upon John
17 Mitchell to tell us about the late Jessie Lee Hall.

18 MR. MITCHELL: May it please the Court, this
19 memorial is to Mr. Jessie Lee Hall who died just a few days
20 before October the 11th, 1992, and in fact that was just a
21 few days short of his 89th birthday, because he was born on
22 October the 11th, 1903 in Calvert County, Maryland. He was
23 a member of a large family that had been residents of
24 Southern Maryland for many years, and I think his family
25 consisted of 11 children.

1 Mr. Hall attended Charlotte Hall School, and he
2 graduated from that high school I think with honors, and he
3 one a scholarship to St. John's College at Annapolis. Now,
4 he attended St. John's, but had to leave because his father
5 died, and he went home to help to take care and to rear his
6 brothers and sisters.

7 In the early 1920's he joined the Metropolitan
8 Police Force for the District of Columbia, and while he was
9 working there he attended law school at Southeastern
10 University, and from there he obtained a law degree, while
11 after about 13 years on the police force he retired, and
12 then he devoted his entire time to the practice of law,
13 keeping an office in Northwest, Washington, from the early
14 -- this would be the 30's until the late '70's or early
15 '80's, when he finally retired.

16 He had an extensive practice, which was a civil
17 practice. I'm not sure he ever was involved in a criminal
18 case. At least to my knowledge he never was, and he did
19 have a large practice in Mitchelville which is about ten
20 miles north of here for those who are illiterate, and don't
21 know where Mitchelville is.

22 Mr. Hall was active in the -- one of founders of
23 the Prince George's Game and Fish Association, which he, I
24 think was involved with for over 50 years, and I would say
25 he traveled to various parts of the country on hunting

1 expeditions with his friends and so forth, and he was
2 active as a trustee of the Methodist Church in
3 Mitchelville.

4 He is survived by his wife, former Dorothy Hall,
5 who I think has moved to North Carolina with her daughter,
6 a daughter who's name was Diane Ward, and two sons, David
7 Hall and Dale Hall, none of whom live in the area at the
8 present time. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Hall
9 somewhat, because we both lived in Mitchelville for awhile,
10 and I can't think of anyone who enjoyed the affection of
11 his neighbors and people that he knew and came in contact
12 with more than he did. He was highly regarded, very well
13 liked, and that was manifested by an extensive practice
14 which he carried on for a number of years, even after he
15 retried.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. DePAUL: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Your
18 Honors, we would next call upon the Honorable Vincent J.
19 Femia to tell us about the late Lorraine O'Sullivan.

20 JUDGE FEMIA: Judge McCullough, Madam President,
21 Mr. Chairman, colleagues, and friends, a tragedy struck on
22 August the 11th, 1992, at 7:18 p.m. Lorraine Nancy
23 O'Sullivan, our colleague and my most recent past law
24 clerk, was killed in an automobile accident on the Beltway
25 at Route 29 in Montgomery County.

1 Lorraine was a 1986 graduate of Rutgers
2 University and a 1991 graduate of the Dayton School of Law.
3 She was admitted to practice in 1991, and had been
4 appointed by our State's Attorney Mr. Alexander Williams on
5 July 20th, 1992, to be an Assistant State's Attorney for
6 this County. She had spent the preceding year as my law
7 clerk.

8 For those of you who were fortunate enough to
9 know Lorraine, there are no words necessary. For those of
10 you who did not know her, words and my limited ability are
11 not sufficient to describe her to you. Suffice it to say,
12 that not only has our profession been deprived of a
13 potentially great trial advocate, all of your lives are now
14 diminished by the loss of this truly good woman. We hurt
15 for her absence, but we are grateful for having known her,
16 if only for and all too brief period.

17 Present here today to join the Members of our Bar
18 Association and Memorial listing Lorraine, are her father
19 and stepmother, Joseph Vallario, Jr., and his wife Lisa who
20 were the surrogate parents of Lorraine here in Prince
21 George's County, and of course myself, and most everyone in
22 this room knows their son, Joseph F. Vallario, III.
23 Lorraine's intended at her passing, also my administrative
24 aide, Nancy Bell and Marge Burliss, who along with myself,
25 considered Lorraine family.

1 Judge McCullough, I ask that and I move that
2 these words and the words of all of the preceding
3 memorializations be spread upon the minutes of this Court.

4 JUDGE McCULLOUGH: President Lewis, Chairman of
5 the Memorial Committee and Mr. DePaul, the Judges of this
6 bench are very grateful to you and the Bar Association and
7 to the other Members of the Committee of the Memorial for
8 presentation of these memorials today. It is a very fine
9 tradition that the Court has maintained in Prince George's
10 County, and that we pause from the usual adversary matters
11 taking place in the courtroom to honor our departed
12 brothers and sisters, and to pay tribute to their memories.

13 So the Court and many of whose members have
14 enjoyed a very pleasant and warm relationship with those
15 who have been memorialized today, will direct that the
16 memorials presented will be spread upon the permanent
17 records of the Court, and that a copy will be sent to the
18 families of those colleagues we are honoring today.

19 Mr. Bailiff, in honor of our departed brothers
20 and sisters, you may now announce adjournment of this
21 Court.

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