

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

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

LOWELL H. EWING

MICHAEL J. MILLER

JOSEPH T. CROWN, JR.

HENRY F. LEONNIG

FRED R. JOSEPH

ALBERT GINSBURG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1998

4:00 P. M.

COURTROOM 300M

COURTHOUSE

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Anne Keder  
Official Court Reporter

## MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

	P A G E
Lowell H. Ewing (By Harry Durity)	3
Michael J. Miller (By Mark Maier)	6
Joseph T. Crown, Jr. (By Charles J. Sullivan, Jr.)	10
Henry F. Leonnig (By Robert Clagett)	15
Fred R. Joseph (By Burt Kahn)	20
Albert Ginsburg (By Judge Levin)	27

## P R O C E E D I N G S

... The Court convened en banc at four o'clock p.m., there being present Honorable ROBERT J. WOODS, Chief Judge, GLENN T. HARRELL, Court of Special Appeals, JAMES P. SALMON, Court of Special Appeals, WILLIAM D. MISSOURI, Associate Judge, STEVEN I. PLATT, Associate Judge, JOSEPH S. CASULA, Associate Judge, ROBERT H. MASON, Associate Judge, WILLIAM B. SPELLBRING, Associate Judge, and THOMAS P. SMITH, Associate Judge.

JUDGE WOODS: Ladies and gentlemen welcome. On behalf of the bench, today we have gathered, as we have for many years, to honor our colleagues, our associates, our friends who have passed on.

We are paying tribute today to Lowell H. Ewing, Michael J. Miller, Joseph T. Crown, Junior, Henry F. Leonnig, Fred R. Joseph and Albert Ginsburg.

The Court is honored to have and to welcome the family, the friends, and the guests of those that we are here to remember.

The Court at this point in time recognizes the Honorable Michele Hotten, Secretary of the Prince George's County Bar Association.

Judge Hotten.

JUDGE HOTTEN: Good afternoon. Dear friends, colleagues, and families of those that we have lost this

1 year, I currently serve as the secretary of the Prince  
2 George's County Bar Association. I have been asked by  
3 Judge Clarke, who is our president, to express her deep  
4 regret at being absent today. Judge Clarke is at a  
5 mandatory judicial conference. She extends her  
6 condolences on behalf of herself as well as the Bar  
7 Association.

8 This solemn annual occasion provides us an  
9 opportunity to reflect on the measure of the lives of our  
10 departed members, and also to celebrate the essence of  
11 their contributions to our legal profession. Our  
12 condolences are extended to the family and to the friends  
13 of those who have passed away.

14 At this particular time, it is my privilege to  
15 introduce the Honorable Jacob S. Levin, who is the  
16 chairperson for this ceremony.

17 JUDGE LEVIN: The first colleague to be  
18 recognized will be Lowell Ewing, and he will be  
19 remembered by Harry Durity.

20 MR. DURITY: If the Court please, I am Harry  
21 Durity here speaking in memory of Lowell Ewing. Lowell  
22 was a resident of the area around Ritchie Road when I  
23 first became acquainted with him. He and I were  
24 municipal attorneys because he represented the Town of  
25 District Heights, and I represented Upper Marlboro during

1 those years.

2 Obviously, when you speak about Lowell Ewing,  
3 one of the first things you have to think about is his  
4 wife Lil. Lil was a helper, and a person that he truly  
5 idolized. She was a very nice lady and, incidental to a  
6 letter that I got from a relative of Lowell, they sent me  
7 a picture of Lowell and his wife, and it is a typical  
8 recognition of their age and their deference.

9 Lowell apparently came from Utah and, of  
10 course, I had a lot of conversations with him. One of  
11 the stories he liked to tell was his accompaniment of the  
12 people who participated in the Smith presidential  
13 campaign back in the twenties.

14 He was active on the railroad trains that took  
15 the people from out in the west to somewhere here in the  
16 east. He played the accordion so they could sing. What  
17 was Al Smith's song?

18 JUDGE DEVLIN: "Sidewalks of New York."

19 MR. DURITY: "Sidewalks of New York." Thank  
20 you very much, Judge.

21 JUDGE DEVLIN: I provide all kinds of services.

22 MR. DURITY: Anyhow, when he played the  
23 accordion, he got a big kick out of it. One of the  
24 events that happened during the time that I visited when  
25 he lived down in Orange City, Florida, he played the

1 organ for us, and we had a grand time.

2 He had a place up in Mathias, West Virginia,  
3 that he recently improved, but I don't think he spent  
4 very much time there because age was coming up on him and  
5 he passed away. His wife passed away earlier than he  
6 did, just by several weeks, and he called me to let me  
7 know that Lil had passed away, and it was quite a shock  
8 to him. I am sure that the shock precipitated his death.

9 I would like to read just a few words from a  
10 letter that was sent to me recently by his nephew, Thomas  
11 L. Ewing. He wrote it to a friend about Lil and Lowell  
12 Ewing. He called our attention to their death. July the  
13 20th was the date that Lil passed away and August the  
14 16th was the date that Lowell passed away.

15 The letter goes on to say that Aunt Lil was  
16 physically healthy up until the age of 90. Lowell was  
17 physically frail, but mentally very acute and together up  
18 to the end of age 87. He fell last Thanksgiving and  
19 cracked a few vertebrae in his back. This nephew had  
20 been helping Lowell and Lil for years and was put in  
21 charge of most of their matters.

22 The concluding paragraph of this letter is a  
23 sentimental expression. He says, "In my belief system  
24 they are reunited now holding hands and smiling down on  
25 the trials and tribulations that we mortals are going

1 through. Also in my belief system prayers count."

2 So if you are disposed instead of sending  
3 flowers or sympathy notes for the Ewings that are months  
4 past, I would ask you to say a few prayers telling the  
5 Almighty what fine people they were, and that they  
6 deserve to be together for eternity.

7 I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf  
8 of Lowell Ewing, and it is a great pleasure as a senior  
9 member of the bar to participate in this Memorial  
10 Service.

11 Thank you very much for your attention.

12 JUDGE LEVIN: Michael J. Miller will be  
13 remembered by Mark Maier.

14 MR. MAIER: Your Honors, distinguished guests.  
15 I appreciate the opportunity to tell you a little bit  
16 about a good friend of mine by the name of Michael J.  
17 Miller, and, unfortunately, it is under these  
18 circumstances. I want to recognize his parents, sister,  
19 other friends who are present today. It is something  
20 that I never expected myself to have to do.

21 Let me tell you a little bit about Michael J.  
22 Miller. First of all, the "J" is for J-a-y. That is his  
23 middle name. Michael was a good friend. We first met in  
24 law school, Nova University, Fort Lauderdale. I was  
25 moving in, and the first day of class he happened to be

1 right next to me in our section. You know how they  
2 divide up all the law students alphabetically. I was  
3 looking for somebody to talk to. I didn't know anybody.  
4 Michael kind of introduced himself, found out we had a  
5 lot in common. He was from Bowie, went to high school  
6 there, grew up there, and decided that he was going to go  
7 to law school.

8 He was a very gentle person, very people  
9 oriented, always concerned much more with other people  
10 than himself. He became a member of a study group that I  
11 formed along with some other friends who, unfortunately,  
12 are not here today. They are in Florida.

13 Linda Nelson was a friend of his who is now one  
14 of the top people working for the State of Florida as an  
15 attorney. Another friend of ours who is, if not a judge,  
16 will be shortly an appellate judge in Florida. We all  
17 worked hard together, and suffered through law school  
18 together, and got to be friends.

19 Michael went out and took the bar, and decided  
20 to work, hung out a shingle, worked in Orlando practicing  
21 law. He enjoyed family law. Some attorneys can't  
22 understand why some lawyers would like family law -- too  
23 many emotions involved, too many difficult problems --  
24 but Michael took to it.

25 I can recall sometimes that the time we spent



1 together with my wife and with other friends, Michael was  
2 really just a big kid in many ways.

3 In the first year of law school when we were  
4 all intent on trying to pass our exams and learn all this  
5 new stuff that was being thrown at us, I'll never forget  
6 when he came running into my apartment and said, "I have  
7 a pet."

8 I said, "What?"

9 He said, "Yeah, this poor animal, he just kind  
10 of threw himself at me."

11 He was exhausted. Michael had been washing his  
12 car. Evidently there had been some dog that was a  
13 mongrel. Many dogs and cats down in south Florida run  
14 away from their owners when they are on vacation. The  
15 dog had just kind of thrown himself at Michael. He had a  
16 broken leg, but Michael took the dog down to the pound,  
17 got the pound to give the dog back to him, got the dog  
18 fixed up, adopted Buddy.

19 He was his lifelong companion till Buddy died  
20 of cancer. Michael used to really nurse that dog, and  
21 that was his closest friend really, I think.

22 I can also remember once surprising Michael.  
23 We had another friend who had a child. They were  
24 honoring this child at Chuckie Cheese. And so they would  
25 announce all the birthdays. So they talked about

1 Jennifer who had a birthday, who is six, and Frankie who  
2 had a birthday, who is eight, and Michael had a birthday,  
3 who is 32. He loved it. That was Michael; he loved it.

4           So we lost touch for a little bit, then he came  
5 back up to Maryland. I was looking for an associate, and  
6 Michael was looking for a job. I guess it was a match  
7 made in heaven. Although a lot of my clients speak  
8 Spanish and couldn't communicate exactly with him, he  
9 always treated them with respect and concern. Perhaps  
10 that was a bit of his undoing, because he was so  
11 concerned about the clients and his work, he didn't take  
12 care of himself to the extent he should have, so Michael  
13 died in his mid-thirties.

14           But knowing Michael, he wouldn't like me to  
15 stand up here and talk to you about him, particularly not  
16 in a sad way, because Michael was a very self-effacing  
17 type of person so I always want to think of him in a good  
18 way.

19           One other thing. He also took great pleasure  
20 in calling the clerk's office, letting them know it was  
21 Michael Miller calling. They would become very nervous,  
22 they wouldn't know which Michael Miller was calling. We  
23 had to explain to them which one. He always enjoyed  
24 that.

25           I'll share with you that Michael rests in a

1 place where I can see him practically every day. My  
2 house happens to be across the street now from where  
3 Michael is buried. I know he will be missed. I know I  
4 will remember him. He will always have a place in my  
5 life.

6 I appreciate your coming here today to hear  
7 about Michael. Thank you.

8 JUDGE LEVIN: Joseph Crown will be remembered  
9 by Charles J. Sullivan, Junior.

10 MR. SULLIVAN: Judge Woods, members of the  
11 judges, family and friends. I am here today to pay  
12 tribute to Joseph Theodore Crown or Joe Crown as we all  
13 knew him. It is rather difficult to attempt to  
14 characterize or define the life of Joe Crown without a  
15 road map. Joe Crown was not only a colleague, a fellow  
16 member of the bar, but more and most important, he was a  
17 true friend.

18 Joe was born in 1934, and he grew up with his  
19 brother Ron, who is deceased, and his sister in Seat  
20 Pleasant.

21 I had the first opportunity to meet Joe back in  
22 the early fifties when he was like a cub reporter,  
23 coaching local basketball and baseball contests in the  
24 Washington metropolitan area.

25 After Joe graduated from high school, he

1 attended the University of Maryland in College Park,  
2 where he earned a B.A. degree in journalism. While  
3 attending Maryland University, Joe also joined the ROTC.

4           Upon graduation, he entered the United States  
5 Air Force as a second lieutenant and served on active  
6 duty as a public affairs officer or information officer.

7           After being released from active duty, he  
8 joined the United States Marshal Service. He was a  
9 Deputy U.S. Marshal assigned to the Washington, D. C.  
10 area. In this capacity he was assigned to the Washington  
11 metropolitan area. Back in those days, in the early  
12 sixties, middle sixties, on many occasions he was  
13 assigned to other cities and locations because of various  
14 problems that required the services of a Deputy U.S.  
15 Marshal.

16           On several occasions he was assigned down to  
17 the southern states including Mississippi during the most  
18 turbulent days of the Civil Rights movements to safeguard  
19 the children who were integrating the public schools.

20           While a member of the U.S. Marshal's Office,  
21 Joe also enrolled in law school at American University  
22 where he graduated with an L.L.B. degree in 1965. He was  
23 admitted to practice in the State of Maryland in 1966.

24           Going back to when Joe was a marshal, he always  
25 used to tell many stories, but there are several I

1 recall. He was assigned to protect an individual  
2 witness, key witness, for the U.S. government on an  
3 important trial beginning in the week. This happened to  
4 be on a particular Sunday. The individual while he's in  
5 Washington said we love crabs, oysters, and all these  
6 things from the Chesapeake Bay that he would like to  
7 partake of. Joe being good hearted went to his  
8 superiors, got permission to take this individual to a  
9 place so he could feast on our seafood.

10 Joe went down to North Beach, I believe it was  
11 Uncle Billy's. He was sitting there in the corner eating  
12 the crabs and having conversation. The story goes he had  
13 a waitress happen to notice that the individual sitting  
14 here had a revolver. She is very young, and having not  
15 worked for a long period of time, she immediately advised  
16 her superiors. Within ten minutes, six deputy sheriffs  
17 from Calvert County came in, guns drawn thinking they had  
18 a criminal or criminals.

19 But Joe being as wise as astute was able to  
20 show the proper identification, and the thing ended, they  
21 completed their dinner, returned to Washington where the  
22 individual testified.

23 I think it is probably an incident like this  
24 that Joe decided being a lawyer might be the best thing  
25 in life.

1 Joe was married twice which resulted in the  
2 birth of his daughter Karen, who is here today with her  
3 mother, Gail, and also Mrs. Katherine Crown.

4 Karen is married to Judge Nolan's son, who is  
5 seated immediately to her left. I know firsthand just  
6 how much Joe loved his daughter, how proud he was of her,  
7 and I am sure today is no different.

8 Upon graduating from law school, Joe decided at  
9 that time that he should reenlist or rejoin the reserves.  
10 He joined the District of Columbia Air National Guard as  
11 an information officer where he served until he retired,  
12 I believe in 1985, 1986 with the rank of major.

13 Also, he opened up his private practice on  
14 Central Avenue. Joe's practice was diverse and quite  
15 active. He was an excellent lawyer whose life  
16 experiences gave him a tremendous insight into people and  
17 how to resolve their problems. Joe handled just about  
18 every type of case imaginable.

19 He always used to tell another story. At one  
20 time he had won the largest verdicts in Prince George's  
21 County, four point some million dollars. He kept talking  
22 about that. On one occasion some young lawyer said,  
23 "Well, gee, that must be a tremendous fee."

24 He said, "Well, the fellow is serving two life  
25 terms in jail, so I am not too sure about the rewards."

1           This tribute to Joe's life would not be  
2 complete if I did not comment on his problems as well.  
3 Life was not all roses for Joe Crown. He battled alcohol  
4 problems each and every day. Some days he won. Some  
5 days the alcohol won. However, Joe did his best. He  
6 never allowed his personal turmoil to interfere with his  
7 personal responsibilities.

8           Joe later became a valuable asset at the Jude  
9 House in Charles County as a volunteer where he set up  
10 and operated a hotline and counseled peers and practiced  
11 law for those who needed legal services the most.

12           This was a client base that Joe knew well, only  
13 too well from his own life experiences. He performed  
14 countless hours of pro bono work for persons who were  
15 battling alcohol addictions and desperately needed a  
16 lawyer to assist them on this road to recovery.

17           It was indeed a long and well traveled road for  
18 Joseph Theodore Crown, Junior, who passed away on  
19 November 2, 1997.

20           I am sure, as he is sitting around the round  
21 table now with some of the gentlemen we are speaking of  
22 today, the greatest questions always come up: Why does  
23 someone make a mark in his profession and some not? Why  
24 do some clients pay the bills and others don't? Why is  
25 it that we survive and others do not?

1           This consideration of why things turn out as  
2 they did brings on the biggest question of just what life  
3 is all about. It is a question that torments even the  
4 thoughtful person.

5           So in closing, there is an old Irish saying  
6 which to me, having known Joe for over 40 years,  
7 epitomizes his personal and professional life: May you  
8 be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make  
9 enemies, quick to make friends, but rich or poor, quick  
10 or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day  
11 forward.

12           Thank you.

13           JUDGE LEVIN: Henry Leonnig will be remembered  
14 by Bobby Clagett.

15           MR. CLAGETT: Thank you, Judge Levin,  
16 distinguished members of the bench, family, guests of the  
17 deceased members. I consider it a real honor to be asked  
18 to speak today about Henry F. Leonnig, who died on  
19 February 20th of this year. Harry, as a lot of us called  
20 him, was 60 years old at the time of his death. His  
21 death was very sudden and unexpected. In my opinion, it  
22 has left a real void in the legal profession and in the  
23 town of Upper Marlboro.

24           A little bit about his background. He was born  
25 on a farm in Largo, Maryland. The farm is still in the



1 Leonnig family today and still being actively farmed by  
2 members of the Leonnig family. He was participating in  
3 that farming operation at the time of his death.

4 He graduated from the University of Maryland  
5 Law School in 1962. He clerked at that time for Judge  
6 Harrison Winter, who was a judge on the United States  
7 Court of Appeals in Baltimore.

8 After his stint of clerking for Judge Winters,  
9 he went with the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard  
10 in Baltimore, one of the well-known law firms. I think a  
11 tribute to him even in his later years, he stayed  
12 friends. If you ever saw Harry at a social gathering or  
13 something, he had friends by. He was friends with a lot  
14 of the members of that firm and the Baltimore legal  
15 community. He stayed friends with a lot of the big names  
16 that you recognize in Baltimore all during the years even  
17 though he moved his practice to Upper Marlboro in 1966.  
18 He opened his own practice here in Town in 1966, and he  
19 practiced here until his death.

20 Harry is kind of a unique guy. He loved the  
21 practice of law. He liked the mental stimulus that law  
22 provided: Solving a problem and advancing a client's  
23 cause. He really enjoyed sparring with other people in  
24 the courtroom.

25 His specialty was land condemnation cases. He

1 was an Associate Attorney General for the State of  
2 Maryland in Prince George's County and handled the  
3 majority of the condemnation cases in this county. He  
4 did other litigation. Several times he was asked to  
5 participate in difficult condemnation cases in other  
6 counties. Again, a tribute to his legal ability.

7 Besides practicing law, he made other  
8 contributions to the legal profession. He served many  
9 years on the Ethics and Character Committee of the State  
10 Bar Association.

11 I was asked to join a couple years ago, and Ron  
12 Willoner who is chairman, our local chairman, came up to  
13 me and said, "Yes, Harry Leonnig is on there. He's  
14 tough."

15 I got to thinking what does he mean by tough.  
16 Then I saw Harry in action sometimes. To Harry,  
17 character meant a great deal to the legal profession, and  
18 the applicants that came before him were thoroughly  
19 scrutinized by him to make sure they had what he felt it  
20 took in character to be a lawyer. That is what Ron meant  
21 by tough.

22 He also taught moot court at Largo High School.  
23 He was a member of the Maryland Bar Foundation, and he  
24 served as a director on the University of Maryland Alumni  
25 Association.

1 I had the pleasure of litigating cases against  
2 Harry and litigating cases as co-counsel with him. No  
3 matter which side you were on with Harry, he treated you  
4 as a gentleman. It was a real pleasure to either be  
5 against him or for him no matter what the outcome. To me  
6 he was a true lawyer in that respect.

7 My office is on Main Street here in Marlboro.  
8 His office is also on Main Street. One of the things I  
9 will miss is walking up and down the street poking my  
10 head in his office and saying, "Hey, Harry, what do you  
11 think about this situation?" Seems like every time I did  
12 that I came out of his office scratching my head.

13 He always had a different perspective on  
14 tackling a legal problem. He always gave you an insight,  
15 a different insight. He loved to use that gray matter up  
16 here trying to solve a solution. He was very  
17 stimulating.

18 Tommy Wells once said to me he liked to borrow  
19 a page out of Harry's book.

20 I said, "Tommy, what do you mean?"

21 Not only was he a lawyer but he did other  
22 things. Harry took full advantage in life. He loved the  
23 outdoors.

24 Well, I could rattle on and on the various  
25 activities he participated in.

1           He was an avid tennis player. He loved  
2 canoeing. He was very interested in birding. At times  
3 he loved hunting. He loved fishing. I even had him  
4 taking up golf in his later years. All this was just to  
5 be outdoors.

6           He was a sailor. He had his sailboat.  
7 Wednesday evenings in the summertime you would find Harry  
8 sailing off of Galesville in the Wednesday evening  
9 sailboat races. He was a good poker player. Two nights  
10 a week he had a poker game somewhere he attended.

11           He loved blue grass music, and although I won't  
12 say he was accomplished, he did know how to strum a few  
13 tunes on the guitar. All these things. He just took  
14 full advantage of everything that life had to offer.

15           He was also fortunate to have a wonderful  
16 family. He leaves his wife Dorothea, who we all know as  
17 Dolly. He has three great kids: Carol, who is here  
18 today, Brooke who couldn't be here, and son, Henry,  
19 Junior, is seated with his mother here.

20           He really enjoyed doing things with his kids.  
21 That is one of the reasons he took up golf in later years  
22 because Henry liked it and wanted to sail with the kids.  
23 He loved all of that stuff.

24           I kind of look back and say I was very  
25 privileged to have Henry as a friend of mine for the past

1 40 years, not only in legal matters, but social matters.  
2 We spent many an hour walking behind his bird dog in the  
3 fields around Southern Maryland looking for quail that  
4 seemed to all but disappear. We took several trips to  
5 Mexico quail hunting. We just had fabulous times  
6 together.

7 He even let me crew on his sailboat once in a  
8 while. We seemed to always come in last when I was a  
9 crew on there. It was more the fun of being together and  
10 socializing afterwards that I will remember.

11 As I have stated, and I think I wrote in the  
12 Bar article, he's really going to be missed. I think the  
13 legal profession has lost an outstanding representative.  
14 We have all lost a good friend, what I consider a true  
15 gentleman.

16 Thank you.

17 JUDGE LEVIN: Fred Joseph will be remembered by  
18 Burt Kahn.

19 MR. KAHN: Members of the Court, distinguished  
20 guests, I am very honored to be here today to participate  
21 in this Memorial and to talk about a very good friend of  
22 mine, Fred Joseph. As you know, in the midst of a  
23 magnificent career, Fred was struck down last October at  
24 the age of 54 by cancer.

25 And while his life was cut short far too soon,

1 it is indeed a great tribute to him that he nevertheless  
2 made such a tremendous impression on the legal community  
3 and the world in which he lived.

4 I knew Fred for more than 25 years. My  
5 association with him was first as his law clerk when he  
6 was still a young associate right down the hall from  
7 Judge Smith, who was also a young associate in those  
8 days.

9 Later I had the privilege to become Fred's law  
10 partner. Throughout that time, I counted on Fred as one  
11 of my closest friends. When I married 20 years ago, Fred  
12 was at my side as my best man.

13 Simply put, Fred Joseph was the best lawyer  
14 that I have ever known and, although his physical stature  
15 belies it, everybody in this room knows that Fred Joseph  
16 was truly a giant in his profession. He was a complete  
17 attorney. He had copious quantities of common sense. He  
18 had superior legal knowledge, and he had an uncanny  
19 instinctive command of courtroom skills.

20 Fred was quite literally at the top of his  
21 form. He was at the pinnacle of a magnificent career  
22 when he was struck down last October. He was truly a  
23 winner in every sense of the word.

24 I always admired personally Fred's courage, his  
25 ideals, his enthusiasm, and his love of the law.

1 I admired his boundless energy for every new  
2 case he took on. Mostly I admired Fred's uncanny ability  
3 to read people and to understand instinctively the people  
4 that he needed to deal with in any case.

5 Fred instinctively knew what to say or what to  
6 do in order to evoke just the exact response that he was  
7 looking for.

8 He above all else was a people person. He knew  
9 exactly what made everyone tick. He knew how to make  
10 them laugh when he wanted to get a laugh, and he knew how  
11 to make them cry.

12 The really unique thing about Fred was it was  
13 not a contrivance for him, it was not an effort. He knew  
14 instinctively how to deal with people that came to him as  
15 naturally as breathing.

16 I consider myself very fortunate to have known  
17 Fred because it was from him that I learned whatever it  
18 is that I know about being a lawyer, being a litigator.  
19 I was like one of a very large number of people who Fred  
20 touched in his life and who Fred mentored throughout his  
21 career.

22 Many of the people in this room I think can  
23 also consider themselves fortunate to have known Fred and  
24 to have learned from him about being an attorney.

25 He took a genuine interest in his associates

1 and his law clerks. He wanted to know exactly what was  
2 happening in their lives, and he took the time to listen.

3 The most important lesson that Fred taught was  
4 by his own example. His life and his career was an  
5 object lesson in how to be enormously successful and a  
6 popular advocate while at the same time using his  
7 position in a leadership role in order to champion the  
8 causes he was interested in. In Fred's case that was  
9 civil liberties and criminal justice.

10 He was an extremely successful attorney. He  
11 was, of course, a principal founder in the law firm which  
12 continues to bear his name.

13 He worked tirelessly to ensure that that law  
14 firm maintained a tradition of excellence. He had an  
15 uncanny knack for being able to take on the causes of  
16 those who could not afford him while at the same time  
17 making sure that there were plenty who could.

18 The amount of legal work that Fred generated  
19 and continues to generate through the legacy which he has  
20 left is truly incredible. Business people of all sorts  
21 sought Fred's advice and his help in complex issues for  
22 commercial litigation.

23 Lawyers all over the state and region referred  
24 him all manner of cases including medical negligence  
25 cases, complex personal injury cases, and civil rights



1 causes.

2 Of course, there was the never ending parade of  
3 complaints involved with the criminal justice system.  
4 Quite literally Fred became the man to see in Prince  
5 George's County. Throughout his career Fred eagerly,  
6 skillfully, and selflessly used his position to espouse  
7 the cause of civil liberties and criminal justice. And  
8 to his credit, Fred would do so regardless of the  
9 popularity of the client, or the popularity of the cause,  
10 or how it might impact upon him personally.

11 Many of Fred's cases came to his attention  
12 through his capacity as the legal director for the  
13 American Civil Liberties Union in the Prince George's  
14 County chapter in which he served for more than 20 years.

15 During that time, Fred gave of himself  
16 tirelessly and courageously. The ACLU was a part of  
17 Fred's essence. Championing the cause of civil liberties  
18 for Fred was both a personal and a professional passion,  
19 and he let you know about it.

20 But most of all, Fred had a charming and  
21 totally unique style. I think everybody in this room who  
22 knew him can attest to that personally. I believe what  
23 really what made him so unique was that he was blessed  
24 with a self-effacing, totally disarming sense of humor.  
25 It was this, I think more than anything else, which made

1 it so difficult for anybody to ever refuse Fred anything  
2 that he really wanted. He also had the knack of getting  
3 what he needed for his client without leaving behind a  
4 trail of bitterness and resentment.

5 Indeed, his adversaries were often made to feel  
6 as though giving Fred's client the break was their very  
7 own idea. For this reason, most of his adversaries  
8 considered him a friend as well. Many of them became  
9 future referral sources for Fred.

10 In the past few years, Fred began to attend  
11 Baseball Fantasy Camp with the Baltimore Orioles down in  
12 Florida. While he was there he received a baseball card  
13 that had a photograph of him in an Oriole's uniform posed  
14 as if to snag an infield grounder. He loved handing out  
15 that card to any child who came anywhere near him. The  
16 inscription which Fred chose for his baseball card, I  
17 think, speaks volumes about Fred and about his humor.

18 You have to picture this is on the reverse of  
19 Fred literally grabbing the grounder. It said, "A trial  
20 lawyer who plays hardball, renowned for his off and on  
21 the field wizardry, a second baseman who makes easy plays  
22 look difficult, and difficult plays impossible. Heroes:  
23 Clarence Darrow, Jimmy Pearsall, William O. Douglas and  
24 Jackie Robinson. Height: Six foot five; weight: 175.  
25 Favorite hobby: Fudging height and weight."

1 Fred had a knack for getting his name in print.  
2 We all know that. There has been much that has been  
3 written about Fred. Some of it is pretty accurate. I  
4 even find myself going back from time to time and reading  
5 some of the articles about Fred to help me remember.

6 He was especially proud of being selected as  
7 one of the area's top 50 attorneys in the Washingtonian  
8 Magazine, I think more than once.

9 But not all that was written about Fred was on  
10 the mark. He was once described in a magazine article as  
11 a champion of lost causes. In fact, he had that article  
12 framed and hung on the wall in his office. But the  
13 description of Fred as a champion of lost causes always  
14 struck me somehow as off the mark because when Fred took  
15 on a cause, it wasn't lost, it was won more often than  
16 not.

17 Fred had a wonderful family. His wife Holly  
18 and his daughter Stephanie are here today. David is in  
19 college and couldn't be here. I know they loved him very  
20 much. He loved them very much. Goes without saying  
21 Fred's partners, his associates, his staff adored Fred,  
22 and his clients loved him as well his opponents who  
23 admired him, and the Members of the Bench as a whole  
24 respected him.

25 It is as though a very bright light has gone

1 out in this community without Fred's beacon. I have  
2 found it sometimes difficult to find the way. I know I  
3 speak for all when I say, "Fred, we love you and we miss  
4 you."

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE LEVIN: If it please the Court, Albert  
7 Ginsburg was a native New Yorker who came to Washington  
8 to work after World War II. He was a veteran of World  
9 War II serving in the China, Burma, Indian Campaign, that  
10 war.

11 He was a graduate of George Washington  
12 University. He went to school at National Law School.  
13 George Washington as part of its growth took over the  
14 National Law School, and Catholic University took over  
15 Columbus University. These were universities where you  
16 could go at night and study law.

17 He was active in the GW Law School Alumni, and  
18 he received a Distinguished Service Award from its alumni  
19 association.

20 Al had a general practice in Washington, D. C.  
21 with two lawyers: Joseph Snyder and Herbie Horowitz.  
22 The firm is known as Snyder, Ginsburg and Horowitz. They  
23 later moved to Maryland and had an office in the  
24 Perpetual Building on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. A  
25 specialty in the practice was real estate law.

1 Al was the president for two years of Temple  
2 Israel Synagogue in Silver Spring and was active in other  
3 community affairs.

4 Unfortunately in later life, the past five  
5 years, he had Alzheimer's and he died this past year.

6 If it please the Court, this concludes the  
7 Memorial Service as commemorated by the Bar Association.

8 They say that life is a matter of inches, feet.  
9 Forty-one years ago I left the District of Columbia after  
10 eight years in the District with a law firm and came out  
11 to Prince George's County, which was one block from the  
12 Montgomery County border. That one block changed my  
13 whole life. I have had the pleasure to be in this county  
14 for the past 41 years, and have known all the gentlemen  
15 colleagues that we have eulogized today. They were all  
16 fine people, they were good lawyers, fine lawyers, and we  
17 shall all miss them.

18 Accordingly, if it please the Court, I move  
19 that we adjourn in memory of our departed colleagues and  
20 that the minutes of these proceedings be spread upon the  
21 records of this court, and that the same be sent to their  
22 families. Thank you very much.

23 JUDGE WOODS: Judge Levin, the Court grants  
24 that motion and directs that the memorials presented  
25 today be spread upon the permanent records of this Court,

1 and that the court reporter transcribe these eulogies and  
2 distribute copies to the families of those colleagues we  
3 have honored.

4 The judges of this court are grateful for the  
5 members of the Court of Special Appeals who are here, the  
6 members of the District Court as well as other colleagues  
7 of our court who are not sitting on the bench but are  
8 present today.

9 We are very grateful to the Prince George's  
10 County Bar Association, Members of the Committee of the  
11 Bar for the presentation of these memorials.

12 It is the tradition that we have in this county  
13 and have maintained it for many, many years that we pause  
14 once a year from the usual court matters to honor our  
15 departed brethren and pay tribute to their memories.

16 JUDGE LEVIN: If it please the Court, I forgot  
17 to tell the members of the immediate family that there is  
18 a plant up here for each of the representatives of the  
19 family in memory of our departed colleague.

20 JUDGE WOODS: Thank you, Judge Levin.

21 With that, Mr. Bailiff, we ask you in honor of  
22 our departed brethren that you announce recess of court.

23 (Proceedings in the above-entitled matter were  
24 concluded.)

25