

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

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

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MICHAEL L. GALLAVAN

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HAROLD A. SIEGEL

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WILLIAM H. BERGMAN

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J. EDWIN HUTCHINSON

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

2 ... The Court convened en banc at 3:00 o'clock
3 p.m., there being present Honorable Robert J. Woods, Chief
4 Judge, Honorable Graydon S. McKee, III, Associate Judge,
5 Honorable William D. Missouri, Administrative Judge,
6 Honorable Steven I. Platt, Associate Judge, Honorable
7 Richard H. Sothoron, Jr., Associate Judge, Honorable William
8 B. Spellbring, Jr., Associate Judge, and Honorable Toni E.
9 Clarke, Associate Judge ...

10 JUDGE WOODS: Welcome. Today we gather, as we
11 have for many years, to honor our colleagues, associates and
12 friends who have passed on. The Court is honored to welcome
13 the family, friends and guests of those that we are here to
14 remember today.

15 Today we are paying our respects and tribute to
16 Michael L. Gallavan, Harold A. Siegel, William H. Bergman
17 and J. Edwin Hutchinson.

18 At this time, the Court recognizes Susan L. Bayly,
19 President of the Prince George's County Bar Association.

20 MS. BAYLY: May it please the Court, Chief Judge
21 Woods, Associate Judges of the Circuit Court and of the
22 District Court, family and friends of Michael L. Gallavan,
23 Harold A. Siegel, William H. Bergman and J. Edwin
24 Hutchinson, good afternoon and welcome.

25 On behalf of the Prince George's County Bar

1 Association, I would like to express our deepest sympathy
2 and condolences to the family and friends of our bar members
3 that we honor here today.

4 This ceremony, Chief Judge Woods, has actually
5 taken place in this courthouse in Prince George's County for
6 well over a hundred years, and actually, according to some
7 records I have recently read, since 1858.

8 As at all of the ceremonies through all those many
9 years, we join together here for personal remembrances of
10 these good men not only as your husbands, your fathers, your
11 brothers, friends, but also as officers of this honorable
12 court. We are here to pay tribute to their memories, to
13 celebrate their lives and their many accomplishments and, so
14 that they will not be forgotten, to make these memorials a
15 permanent part of the record of this court.

16 At this time, I am honored to call on Judge Levin,
17 who is the Chair of the Prince George's County Bar
18 Association Memorial Committee, who will preside over the
19 presentation of these tributes.

20 Thank you.

21 JUDGE LEVIN: I would like to call on L. David
22 Ritter, who will speak in tribute of Michael L. Gallavan.

23 MR. RITTER: Judge Woods, Judge Levin,
24 distinguished members of the bench. I asked Judge Levin
25 whether there would be a time limit, and he said talk for as

1 long as you like. I do have a lot to say about Mike, and to
2 curtail that to the extent possible, I will try not to
3 allocute. I will try to read from my notes, and I have
4 quite a few.

5 Michael was born in 1947 in California and, at
6 great expense to his family, was sent to college at Notre
7 Dame in South Bend, Indiana, where he graduated with a BA
8 degree and a life-long love of the Fighting Irish ball
9 teams.

10 He returned to California and, having a love for
11 writing, taught high school English in Haywood, California,
12 where he met and married his real love Judy, who taught at
13 the same school. Judy currently teaches at Elizabeth Seton
14 High School in Bladensburg.

15 Mike worked in California on the McGovern
16 presidential campaign in 1972, and that inspired him to seek
17 a career in the law, and at the seat of our national
18 government, which brought him to American University that he
19 selected to be his law school.

20 Mike and Judy moved to Oxon Hill from which he
21 commuted to American University. En route one day in that
22 time frame, he had a fender bender and was summoned to the
23 District Court for Prince George's County in the Lucente
24 Building in Oxon Hill. He was charged with failing to yield
25 the right-of-way or to control the car so as to avoid a

1 collision.

2 Judge Femia was in residence at the District Court
3 that day, and he learned that Mike was a law student, and he
4 told Mike rather forcefully that neither the police officer
5 nor the complaining witness was present. Mike, not having
6 taken any law course on dismissals, pleaded guilty because
7 his Catholic upbringing in California taught him that that
8 would be the right thing to do.

9 Vince's Philadelphia Catholic upbringing kept him
10 from calling Mike stupid. After muttering something about
11 confession being good for the soul, he entered a PBJ and
12 sent Michael back to the AU Law Library to figure out what
13 that was.

14 Before finishing law school, Mike got a job at the
15 Lucente Building with the State's Attorney in the little
16 office they had there in the building. He worked at that
17 for a year or so. He also met at that time Autry Noblitt of
18 the Public Defender's Office who influenced Mike that
19 criminal lawyering and criminal defense work can be an
20 honorable life's work.

21 After finishing law school and passing the bar in
22 1976, he moved his family to Marlton and worked under Bud
23 Marshall as an Assistant State's Attorney until 1981.

24 I was a distant neighbor of Mike and Judy in
25 Marlton, but a real close neighbor was Judge Levin's

1 secretary Madge. When Mike finished his tour of duty in
2 Bud's office, Judge Levin wrote a letter to some of his
3 landsmen in Montgomery County to inform them how valuable
4 Mike might be to their private practice. It was the firm of
5 Fred Goldman, Walker, Greenfeig and Howard Metro.

6 Once when they were particularly pleased with the
7 work that Mike was bringing into the firm or having some
8 kind of success, he was treated to a seven-course Irish
9 dinner. As they told him, that was one potato and a
10 six-pack of beer.

11 This was in the early '80s, and the Public
12 Defenders could be engaged in other private practice. So
13 Mike signed on and used his State's Attorney experience and
14 brought quite a bit of substance to the firm.

15 Just about that time it was legislated that the
16 death penalty would come back into use. There was a cop
17 killer case that grew out of a robbery at Iverson Mall. The
18 officer was off duty and encountered the gang as they were
19 exiting the mall, and a gun fight ensued. There was a
20 fellow by the name of Brian Sales, his brother and others.
21 They were all tried separately.

22 Brian Sales became Mike's client. At the time of
23 the shooting, he had seen his brother take a bullet, and
24 then he killed the police officer. It was the first case
25 that the State's Attorney's office had where they could

1 invoke the death penalty, and Bud Marshall himself tried the
2 case. He had other assistance from his staff, but he tried
3 the separate case against Brian Sales. Mike was given the
4 case as the lead defender for the Public Defender's Office.
5 He had Ed Varrone as his second chair. Judge Chasanow was
6 on the bench for the jury case, and Bud was going for the
7 death penalty.

8 Although Mike strongly advised against it, Sales
9 insisted on testifying and tried to put himself somewhere
10 else at the time of the crime, and he was just blatantly
11 falsifying his testimony, quite obvious to everybody.

12 The State got a quick recess and scurried about
13 for earlier contradictory statements in their files, and
14 they won the conviction. Mike was not able to rehabilitate
15 any credibility for Sales.

16 But at the sentencing hearing, everybody was
17 pretty well loaded for the argument with Bud going for the
18 death penalty. They pulled out all the stops. At the
19 sentencing hearing, they had the forensic psychiatrist who
20 was paid for by the P. D. Office. I think maybe Ned Camus
21 was in charge at that time. But the psychiatrist's name was
22 Neil Blumberg, and he described a set of circumstances akin
23 to the robbery scenario that could trigger a violent
24 response in Brian Sales.

25 For the State Bud brought in Dr. Spodak from

1 Perkins State Hospital where Dr. Blumberg had worked
2 earlier. Dr. Spodak portrayed Sales as evil incarnate that
3 society would be better off executing. The outcome: Sales
4 is today in Hagerstown doing life without parole, and the
5 fact that Sales still has his life is due in large part to
6 Michael Gallavan.

7 Michael returned to Marlboro in 1983 opening an
8 office next door to where I practice. It is just past the
9 Old Towne Inn. That's over this way. He was sought by his
10 peers in the national and state criminal defense lawyers
11 associations for help when they did have a capital offense
12 case, a death penalty case.

13 Later on he moved his office to Marlboro Pike next
14 to the Bar Association. I think Richard Sothoron was there
15 at the time and Steven Orenstein and Ed O'Connor. They all
16 practiced in an office-sharing type of arrangement.

17 He was very active in the Prince George's County
18 Bar. He chaired the Judicial Selections Committee from 1985
19 until his death. He coached the Elizabeth Seton High School
20 mock trial team. He did that for three years, and the team
21 won the State championship under his guidance in 1994.

22 He served as the President of the Citizens
23 Association of Marlton. It is a very large neighborhood
24 five miles south of here. He was a local stalwart of the
25 Notre Dame Alumni Association.

1 Sean, the oldest child who hasn't quite arrived
2 here today, and Erin, the next oldest who is here, have
3 graduated from Notre Dame. Megan, who is here, is now in
4 her senior year at Elizabeth Seton where, as I said, her mom
5 teaches.

6 Mike was not interested in money but provided well
7 for Judy and the kids. He was extremely interested in his
8 clients' needs. He did all of the office work himself, word
9 processing, filing.

10 He had a unique filing system. We are all
11 familiar with the kind of a pull-out drawer where you have
12 the files facing you, and a lot of us are familiar with the
13 lateral file systems where just the side of the file folder
14 sticks out at you as you grab it, but he used not the
15 lateral system but the horizontal system. That's with all
16 of the files in separate piles on the floor. You had to
17 step gingerly around all of these piles in order to get to
18 the chair that he had in his office, but he did know where
19 all of the files were. He had that memorialized.

20 Mike had been in practice about 14 years before he
21 came to me to collect some past due bills. Although he
22 didn't dun people for his past due bills, all of them had
23 signed retainers with a seal and a reference to that seal in
24 the body of the agreement. So the 12-year statute of
25 limitations applied, and I was able to recover some fees for

1 him.

2 Mike was a competent, compassionate and dedicated
3 attorney. He died at age 51 after hitting his head in a
4 fall at the bottom of the staircase in his home. We all
5 loved Mike and are sorry that he is no longer with us.

6 We wanted to thank Judge Devlin for his comments
7 at the funeral service and Terry McGann. Judge Devlin was
8 on behalf of the Daniel O'Connor Law Society, his Irish
9 group, and Terry McGann was on behalf of the Notre Dame
10 Alumni Association.

11 I would like Judy and the girls to stand, if they
12 would, and I would appreciate it if the rest of us would
13 express our appreciation for a job well done by a dearly
14 departed brother at the bar by a good round of applause.

15 JUDGE LEVIN: I have been a lawyer over 50 years
16 now, and I learn something new every day. I have been
17 chairman of this committee for the past number of years, and
18 this is the first time I have seen applause, and I think it
19 is a wonderful gesture today.

20 The next speaker will be Valerie Siegel, who will
21 speak on behalf of her husband.

22 MS. SIEGEL: Thank you, Judge Levin. Judge Levin
23 did not tell me to talk as long as I wanted to. We have
24 known each other a long time.

25 During these past weeks, I have asked a number of

1 people, whose judgment I trust, whether it would be
2 appropriate for me to speak with you today about Harold
3 Aryai Siegel. He was my beloved husband. I am not prepared
4 to speak publicly about my husband and about the father of
5 eight children who adored him, but he was also my mentor and
6 my adviser in the law, and those whose counsel I sought
7 agreed that I should tell you about our brother of the bar,
8 Hal Siegel.

9 Throughout his life, Hal Siegel always rose to the
10 occasion. At 16 he graduated high school and declined his
11 parents' wishes to attend a small engineering school in
12 upstate New York in favor of pursuing his undergraduate
13 degree at MIT where he had also been accepted. In August of
14 1947, he pulled his steamer trunk off the bus and maneuvered
15 it end-over-end through the streets of Cambridge to his dorm
16 where most of his classmates had just completed a tour in
17 the Second World War.

18 On that first Thanksgiving trip home to New York,
19 his father said, "So what have you learned at the big
20 engineering school in Boston?" Whereupon, Hal removed a
21 length of rope from his back pocket and proudly showed his
22 father the sailing knots he learned how to tie in only two
23 months at sailing school.

24 That was the beginning of a 50-year love affair
25 with sailing. As recently as this past August, he and his

1 small crew of mostly novice sailors set out from Herring Bay
2 in his antique Rogue class sloop, Flying Cloud. Most of his
3 children and several of his grandchildren have enjoyed
4 Saturday and Sunday afternoons scrubbing, waxing, fixing,
5 fueling, hoisting sails, and, yes, sailing the beautiful
6 Chesapeake Bay. He was a benevolent captain, rewarding his
7 crew with all of the crabs they could eat at the end of the
8 day.

9 Hal worked as an engineer for almost ten years
10 before attending law school. Again, rising to the occasion,
11 his work at ACF Industries evolved into contract management.
12 He felt he could do a better job with a law degree.

13 Many years later, when I was applying to law
14 schools, I was reviewing the application from Georgetown.
15 "So what did you put for your answer to this question? It
16 says, 'There are 6,000 qualified applicants seeking
17 admission to the 600 available seats here at Georgetown.
18 Explain why should we give you one.'" Without missing a
19 beat, he answered, "I told them they were the only law
20 school on the R-12 bus line."

21 Hal finished Georgetown in two-and-a-half years at
22 night. They required him to remain another semester to meet
23 the three-year residency requirement, and he was admitted to
24 practice in 1963.

25 Hal found the law to be a great adventure. He

1 always enjoyed representing the underdog, whether it was his
2 small lakeside community in Greenbelt against the powerful
3 land developer, or conscientious objectors during the
4 Vietnam era, or self-proclaimed heirs to that area of
5 Baltimore known as Curtis Bay.

6 ACF Industries did not want to pay a lawyer's
7 wages, but by then Hal had become a skilled contract
8 negotiator, so he moved on. One of his early triumphs was
9 the negotiation of the exclusive patent license for a
10 highly-specialized machine that molded metal with amazing
11 precision into curved sections. These sections, when laid
12 side by side in a frame, formed very accurate and powerful
13 antennas. If you saw the movie Contact, the huge dish at
14 Arecibo in Puerto Rico was made on that machine by Hal's
15 clients.

16 Once in the early 1980's I accompanied Hal and the
17 President of what was then Radiation Systems to Israel to
18 complete negotiations for the installation of the Israeli
19 communications system. The communications compound was
20 secured behind a wall and an iron gate somewhere in the
21 valley where tradition holds David slew Goliath. A
22 television camera loomed overhead peering down at us.
23 Someone pressed the button for admittance, and a small box
24 advised us to step back into the range of the camera. The
25 camera panned our faces, stopped at Hal's and zoomed in on

1 him. It backed up again and then went like that. Once we
2 got inside, local counsel explained, as he extended his
3 hand, "Mr. Siegel, your reputation precedes you."

4 In 1986 we were involved in a huge personal injury
5 case. It was huge in 1986, six plaintiffs and nine
6 defendants. Everybody was there. Semmes, Bowen and Semmes;
7 Digges, Wharton and Levin; O'Malley, Miles; Judge Sothoron
8 on the more persuasive side of the dump truck dispute. Hal
9 had full charge of most pretrial discovery, but he had just
10 lost a leg and was getting around on crutches, so I attended
11 the depositions.

12 One day a defense expert was scheduled to testify
13 as to the structural integrity of the vehicle in which all
14 of these plaintiffs had been killed or injured. I insisted
15 that Hal's engineering expertise was required for this one,
16 and, as always, he rose to the occasion. On his way out the
17 door, hands full of crutches, he grabbed a handful of
18 multi-color index cards out of his secretary's desk and
19 stuck them in his pocket so he'd have something to write
20 notes on at the deposition. Well, he must have had some fun
21 with it because later that year at the MSBA annual meeting
22 in Ocean City three lawyers asked him to explain his
23 color-coding system of deposition notes.

24 For you lawyers whose curiosity I have piqued,
25 Judge Ahalt was heard to say in 1987 that that was the

1 longest trial over which he presided in his career on the
2 bench. The master negotiator had remained the wart on the
3 road to progress for some five days, and so the case did
4 settle after two-and-a-half weeks of trial, and all the
5 plaintiffs were quite pleased with the result.

6 Hal's amputation barely slowed him. In 1987 we
7 went on a photo safari to Kenya. He was disappointed we had
8 not been told to bring T-shirts and ballpoint pens to
9 negotiate with the locals for their crafts.

10 Near the end of the tour -- this is our second
11 week there -- we stopped with our box lunches at some picnic
12 tables by the side of the road near Tsavo at the foothills
13 of Mount Kilimanjaro. By the time lunch was over, Hal was
14 deep into negotiations involving two cows and one artificial
15 leg.

16 He always enjoyed breaking up the winter doldrums
17 with a trip to the Caribbean. Part of this enjoyment
18 involved writing travel notes about places that we visited,
19 and he shared them with other friends who loved to travel in
20 the islands as well. These mini travel guides ran ten or
21 twelve pages, single spaced, and contained the usual
22 commentary on car rental techniques, accommodations,
23 restaurants, and local sights, but Hal always added
24 something special to each one.

25 In Antigua he says, "As you leave Nelson's

1 Dockyard, follow the main street until you reach the pier
2 that juts out to the bay. Across from Falmouth Marina, next
3 to the Harbor Master, find Tucker's Snackett for ice cream
4 cones."

5 Now, some of you here have found Barbados to be a
6 favorite destination. Hal writes, "Everything runs on
7 Caribbean time so learn to be patient. Like all
8 labor-intensive economies, you get one thing at a time. Of
9 course, your ice cream should come with a spoon."

10 In the food section of his writing about
11 St. Martin's, he reminds us that in Marigot Etna's ice cream
12 is delicious, especially the soursop flavor. His write-up
13 on Grand Cayman devotes a whole section to ice cream.

14 Hal left Maryland for London one month before his
15 death. In 36 years of practice, he had never been involved
16 in criminal law, never tried a criminal case, although he
17 once thought of creating a retirement position for himself
18 years ago in the Office of the State's Attorney answering
19 all of Alan Goldstein's notorious designer motions.
20 Criminal law fascinated him, and so it was that in London he
21 climbed the stairs of Old Bailey and spent an afternoon
22 observing a criminal trial.

23 Hal Siegel lived with diabetes for 30 years. It
24 cost him most of his left leg, necessitated a kidney
25 transplant five years ago, and made him susceptible to a

1 myriad of airborne infections for which he sometimes
2 administered his own IV antibiotics while driving or working
3 at his desk.

4 Life for Hal involved his family, his love of the
5 law. It involved sailing, travel, stamp collecting,
6 theater, community activism and art.

7 It is fitting that in the center of Greenbelt he
8 is remembered in a very special way. Hal was a creature of
9 habit. Every Saturday morning for many, many years he made
10 his rounds through the center of town. His first stop was
11 to purchase a bunch of fresh flowers from a blind vendor who
12 sat in front of the dry cleaners in the center of town.

13 He carried those flowers with him to High's for
14 coffee and to the post office and to the local variety store
15 to buy his Saturday morning Barrons. Along the way, he
16 would present them to the first woman who commented on their
17 beauty. "Here," he would say, "I bought them for you."

18 On October 24th that center, the Roosevelt Center
19 Mall it's called in Greenbelt, was rededicated, and a plaque
20 was unveiled on the bench opposite the dry cleaners. It
21 reads, "Harold Aryai Siegel. January 1, 1931 to September
22 13, 1999. You have the freedom to be yourself, your true
23 self, here and now, and nothing can stand in your way. It
24 is the Law of the Great Gull." It's by Richard Bach from
25 Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

1 Thank you.

2 JUDGE LEVIN: William Bergman will be remembered
3 by Edward Nylan.

4 MR. NYLEN: I'm coming. I don't move as fast as I
5 used to.

6 First I would like to say that I consider it an
7 honor and a privilege to be here before this distinguished
8 group of members of the bench and the bar and friends of
9 those who have passed on.

10 Bill Bergman was a native Washingtonian, one of
11 those rare persons who was actually born in Washington. He
12 was born on February the 7th, 1920. He was raised in the
13 Washington area and went to the local schools in the
14 Washington area and ultimately entered Benjamin Franklin
15 University. While he was attending Benjamin Franklin
16 University, the Second World War broke out. Bill, not
17 wanting to be one of those who waited around to be drafted,
18 went in town and joined what was then called the Army/Air
19 Force. It later became the Air Force as we now know it.

20 After serving his boot training, so to speak, he
21 was assigned to the supply section of the Air Force. In
22 that capacity he became quite a specialist, and he traveled
23 all over the world. Betty, his wife, told me he went around
24 the world several times during the process of supplying
25 supplies to the armed forces all over the world.

1 He did extensive service in the Pacific Theatre
2 and served in China, India, Egypt and Burma. During that
3 time, he rose to the rank of major. So he started out as a
4 private and ended up being a major, which I think is quite a
5 tribute to him.

6 The war was winding down, and in 1945 Bill came
7 home, and he enrolled in George Washington University where
8 he earned his bachelor's degree. At that time he also got
9 into one of the most important things in his life. He
10 married Betty in 1947, and they had three children; Judith,
11 William and Jeffrey. William is in Florida, Judy is with us
12 today, and Jeffrey is also in Maryland.

13 He went on and continued at George Washington
14 University and got his law degree in 1952, and after that he
15 got out, and he joined Columbia Title for a short while. He
16 got admitted to the bar at that time, and then he came to
17 work with what was then known as Conroy, Williams and Nylen.
18 He was in the Silver Spring office at that time.

19 Later on we opened our first office in Prince
20 George's County on Hamilton Street in West Hyattsville, and
21 Bill and I moved over there, and ultimately we decided,
22 along with several other members of the firm, to strike out
23 on our own.

24 We then formed what became Nylen and Gilmore. We
25 had a little trouble finding office space so we finally

1 located in what formerly had been the Office of National
2 Payments and Loans. We were squeezed in there pretty
3 tightly, but that was our first office together in Prince
4 George's County.

5 We had some interesting things happen over there
6 too, several of which I will tell you about. One comes to
7 my mind. Bill Dunn was with us at that time, who many of
8 you know, and one day there was a carnival across the
9 street, and they had a small elephant in that carnival, and
10 there was Weile's Ice Cream place, and Weile's had been
11 making ice cream, and the elephant came over there and
12 slurped up the excess, and Bill Dunn got the idea he'd bring
13 him into the office.

14 Here we have this small office, only had one door,
15 and here comes Bill Dunn and the elephant with his keeper
16 and just seeing who was in that office. My secretary at
17 that time she was looking over her desk, and here comes this
18 elephant trunk up on her desk, and she let out a big scream,
19 and he got excited. We finally survived that, but it was
20 interesting. I didn't mean to get too sidetracked here.

21 But shortly after that, we built a building
22 actually and moved over to Hamilton Street. I'm getting my
23 stories backward. Then we moved over to Langley Park, and
24 from there we built a building on Riggs Road, and that's
25 when Bill and I moved over there. Bill had specialized in

1 real property and title settlements, title insurance, and
2 business organizations and related activities of the law.
3 He became recognized as quite a specialist in the real
4 property and title work and had a long and distinguished
5 career.

6 I must say that every file you ever picked up of
7 Bill Bergman's -- contrary to some of the remarks I heard
8 earlier here, he had a clean desk, what we used to call a
9 Ralph Powers' desk. Some of you old-timers remember Ralph
10 Powers. He never had anything other than the case he was
11 dealing with. Bill was that way, always well organized and
12 took care of every detail. To this day if I pick up a file,
13 I know it was a Bill Bergman file.

14 He had a long and distinguished career. He was
15 the finest, was honest, and had the highest integrity, and I
16 think he has been an honor to his profession all of his
17 life.

18 I don't know what more I can say other than to say
19 I am very proud to have known him and to have worked with
20 him and been associated with him. To show you many of
21 Bill's friends, Betty told me she had received over 400
22 acknowledgments of sympathy and letters of condolence after
23 he passed away. I just want to say we lost a great guy when
24 Bill passed on.

25 With the Court's indulgence, I would like to also

1 say one of our other partners died just a few weeks before
2 Bill died, John Gilmore, who at one time was a member of
3 this association, and I would just like to have that
4 included in the record here so that we do recognize John
5 Gilmore also. I hope Betty will forgive me for bringing
6 that in at this time.

7 I thank you again, and there is nothing more I can
8 say other than he was a wonderful man and a wonderful family
9 man, and just a real honor to his profession.

10 Thank you.

11 JUDGE LEVIN: I met J. Edwin Hutchinson 42 years
12 ago when I came from Washington, D. C., from a law firm and
13 opened up an office in beautiful downtown Langley Park. At
14 that time in 1957 and in the '50s and in the '40s in order
15 to get an uncontested divorce in our county, you had to go
16 to what we called in those days an examiner. There were two
17 examiners in our county at that time. In the northern part
18 of the county, there was J. Edwin Hutchinson, who had an
19 office on Hamilton Street, and in the southern part of the
20 county down here, the examiner was Judge Bill Bowie.

21 Everybody went to Eddie Hutchinson because he was
22 a gentleman. He would take care of the hearings, all of
23 which had to be under oath, and then he would forward them
24 to you, and you would have to go from beautiful downtown
25 Langley Park down here to find out which of these four

1 pictures on the wall was in chambers to sign your divorce
2 decree.

3 You never came down when Judge Parker was sitting,
4 and really you never came down when Judge Bowie was sitting.
5 It was a choice between Judge Powers and Judge Loveless.
6 They were more rational than the other two that I mentioned.

7 But Eddie Hutchinson practiced law for 19 years.
8 He is a real product of our county. He was born in
9 Hyattsville. He went to school in Washington. He is an
10 alumnus of a school that was just recently closed in
11 Washington where I attended. That was Tech High School in
12 Northeast Washington. For Ed Nylen's benefit, I am a native
13 Washingtonian.

14 Eddie went to the University of Maryland. He is a
15 graduate of American University. In World War II, he served
16 in the Navy. Then after 19 years in private practice, he
17 became our second master in juvenile. We called it the
18 Master of Juvenile Causes, and it was down in the basement
19 of this building.

20 We had two masters. The first master was named Lee
21 VanHorn, and Eddie was the second Master for Juvenile
22 Causes. It used to be very busy down there, and he served
23 this county very well for 20 years as Master for Juvenile
24 Causes.

25 Not only was he active as a lawyer and as a

1 master, he was active in our Bar Association. He served
2 with distinction as President of our Bar Association, and in
3 1985 we gave Eddie our distinguished service award from our
4 Bar Association. We no longer do that. We ought to
5 reinstitute that to recognize outstanding lawyers.

6 I talked to the personnel in our Juvenile Court,
7 and this is what they had to say about Eddie. He was the
8 most cooperative person that you could find, a gentleman of
9 the first order, and they all described him as a sweet man
10 and as a dedicated public servant.

11 This concludes the ceremony for this year. To the
12 families that are sitting there, we have an evergreen, a
13 token of everlasting life, for presentation to you, which
14 you will get from Ms. Bayly after we have concluded this
15 ceremony.

16 Chief Judge Woods, I move that a record of these
17 proceedings be spread on the minutes of this court and that
18 a copy of these proceedings be sent to the families of the
19 individuals memorialized and that we adjourn in memory of
20 our departed members.

21 JUDGE WOODS: Judge Levin, that motion is granted.
22 The judges of the Circuit Court are grateful to the Bar
23 Association for Prince George's County and members of the
24 committee for this presentation today. As it has been said,
25 we have done this for years and will continue to do it. We

1 pause once a year from our usual court matters to honor our
2 departed brothers and pay tribute to their memories.

3 Mr. Bailiff, in honor of our departed brothers,
4 you may now announce adjournment.

5 (The ceremony adjourned at 3:47 p.m.)
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