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Academy of Law Alumni Fellows

AWARDS

AND

Law Conference Dinner

September 11, 1987

Indiana University School of Law
School of Law Alumni Association
Law Conference Banquet  
Friday, September 11, 1987  
Alumni Hall  
IU Memorial Union, 7:30 p.m.  

Program  

Presiding Officer .................................................. Ezra H. Friedlander  
President, Law Alumni Association 1986-87  

Dinner  
Welcome and Introductions ................................. Ezra H. Friedlander  
Remarks ............................................................. Bryant G. Garth  
Dean, IU School of Law  
Remarks ............................................................. Thomas Ehrlich  
President Indiana University  
Induction into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows ........ Bryant G. Garth  
Ezra H. Friedlander  
Recognition of the Class of 1937 ..................... Bryant G. Garth  
Business Meeting ................................................ Ezra H. Friedlander  
Adjournment ......................................................... Robert P. Kassing  
President, Law Alumni Association 1987-88
A Message from the Dean

The measure of an excellent law school is often determined by the achievements of its graduates. When the topic of discussion is about persons trained in the law who are chosen for preeminent positions in our society, people always tend to ask, "Where did they receive their law degrees?" The entire Law School community thus shares in the accomplishments of its outstanding alumni. The Indiana University School of Law has no shortage of graduates who have had extraordinary careers, but often these achievements are known to but a few. The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows helps to make these personal achievements known to all of our graduates and to an even larger public. And perhaps more importantly, the members of the Academy help to inspire our current students to reach for the very top positions in the legal profession.

Those who receive this honor tonight will know that the Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association are extremely proud of them and their achievements. Portrait style individual pictures will be framed and placed on our honors wall in the classroom hallway of the Law School for all to see. These persons exemplify the excellence for which we hope all of our students will strive.

Sincerely,

Bryant G. Garth

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The Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association honor the following graduates in recognition of their significant contributions to the profession of law.
Theodore Dann, not only to devise the legal framework for their activity, but to assess their opportunities and to give them complete guidance in fulfilling their endeavors. Fellow lawyers have turned to him as a skilled negotiator and a resourceful problem solver whose word is his bond. As his clients prospered so did the law firm he led, which today, as Dann Pecar Newman Talesnick and Keiman, includes over twenty-five practitioners.

A devoted leader in the religious life of Indianapolis, Mr. Dann has served over forty years as a director of the Jewish Welfare Board. He was president of the Board of the Jewish Community Center and Director of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. The corporate structure as well as student life at Indiana University has benefited from the generous leadership of Theodore Dann. He devised the concept of the “Indiana Plan” for financing the post-war construction of fraternity and sorority housing at Bloomington and perfected its application resulting in the rows of handsome buildings on North Jordan Avenue. He has responded to requests to advise and assist the administration of the School of Law with enthusiasm and effectiveness. He guided the Sigma Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu and its house corporation for over fifty years and was national president of that fraternity in 1940.

It is appropriate now that the Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association recognize this wise and generous alumnus by awarding him his highest honor.

S. Hugh Dillin

Friends have pictured S. Hugh Dillin from youth to senior jurist as being in joyful combat, holding at bay with his rapier wit ignorance, reaction and injustice. The joy, if not the battle, began with a Pike County boyhood and progressed to Indiana University. In 1936 he entered the School of Law where his father had excelled and his hometown exemplar, Walter E. Treanor, was a professor. While only a freshman, he answered the call to political combat and was elected to represent his home district in the Indiana House of Representatives. Thus began service in the biennial sessions of the General Assembly so typical of Hoosier lawyers. It continued, with wartime interruptions, until he became a master of the arcane procedures of both chambers and the leading spokesman of the progressive wing of his party. He was legislative aide to Governor Henry F. Schricker, minority leader of the House and President Pro-tempore of the Senate.

In partnership with his father in Petersburg, he gained a reputation as a shrewd counselor and a skilled trial advocate. Recognizing his professional and public distinction, President Kennedy, in 1961, named him to a newly created seat on the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana, where he was the presiding judge from 1982 to 1985, and where he still serves as judge today.

Judge Dillin’s intuitive grasp of legal principles combined with his energy and good humor have made him a favorite of the bar. He has demonstrated an ability to manage complex litigation. His opinions have the respect of the appellate courts and have become precedents in the progress of Indianapolis. It is owed, in part, to Judge Dillin’s courageous, patient and innovative guidance of the racial integration of its schools and police force.

A victor in life’s battles, Judge S. Hugh Dillin has received many honors and now it is appropriate that the Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association add their own accolade in high praise of this distinguished jurist.
HUBERT HICKAM

After earning his law degree in 1915, he joined his father in his law office in Spencer, Indiana. Already well trained as a general practitioner and a skilled legislator in the Indiana General Assembly, he sought wider opportunities in litigation and transferred his practice to Indianapolis. By 1923 he had joined in founding a law partnership which would become Barnes Hickam Pantzer and Boyd, now Barnes and Thornburg, the largest law firm in the state.

He became a master in the preparation and trial of civil cases, often acting as lead counsel in complex litigation in not only the courts of Indiana but those of surrounding states. His experience in the trial of tort and antitrust cases enabled him to be an effective counselor to clients seeking guidance in the conduct of their business. Within the bar he was the exemplar of the highest standards of professional ethics in his relations with clients, fellow attorneys and the courts.

Mr. Hickam was a member of the American Law Institute and its committee on Continuing Legal Education. This organization together with the American Bar Association published a definitive body of works on civil litigation. Hubert Hickam was the author of the manual on trial preparation, giving nationwide scope to his service in establishing high standards for trial advocacy.

Mr. Hickam served as President of the Indianapolis Bar Association and was for many years an active member of its committee on new members. He was chairman of the anti-trust section of the American Bar Association. A generous supporter of the Indiana University School of Law, he served on the predecessor body to the Board of Visitors.

Now, with pride and gratitude, the Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association honor the memory of this distinguished alumnus with its highest award.

WILLIS HICKAM

Mr. Hickam was graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1918. After military service he joined his father in the practice of law in Spencer, Indiana. Here he remained, continuing the family tradition of service to neighbors. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the Indiana State Bar Association and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was a director of both the Owen County State Bank and the Owen County Federal Savings and Loan Association, the only financial institutions in the community.

Willis Hickam frequently filed his appearance in trial courts throughout Southern Indiana. He was called by fellow barristers to assist in important cases and demanded by clients who wanted the best protection of their rights. His briefs and arguments highlighted the dockets of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana enabling his clients to win the affirmation or reversal that protected their interests. In the latter decades of his practice he had the satisfaction of having as his partner his son Elliott, continuing the proud family tradition in law.

In 1951 Mr. Hickam was appointed Adjunct Professor of Civil Procedure at the School of Law. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Indiana University in 1953 and elected President of the Board in 1959, a role he filled with wise and devoted leadership until 1963. During his tenure the Trustees undertook the critical task of finding a successor to Herman B Wells. Willis Hickam's cool judgment made the transition to the presidency of Elvis J. Stahr a success. After leaving the Board he continued his service to the University as a director of the Indiana University Foundation and a director of the James Whitcomb Riley Association until his death in 1978.

To clients, associates and friends Willis Hickam was known as a gentle man whose life exemplified the standards of service synonymous with his name. The Indiana University School of Law and the Law Alumni Association, with pride and gratitude, salute the life of this generous and gifted alumnus.
J. KEITH MANN

The complete law professor, J. Keith Mann has combined the careers of teacher, author, administrator, counselor and adjudicator with grace and equanimity. Born on the family farm in Alexis, Illinois, he followed his older brother, W. Howard Mann, to the campus of Indiana University where, after an interruption for military service, he completed his undergraduate and law degrees in an accelerated fashion typical of the GIs who were then returning to campuses. His law studies included his participation on the Board of Editors of the Indiana Law Journal and election to the Order of the Coif.

Following graduation he served as law clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge and his successor on the bench, Sherman Minton. He practiced law in Washington and served a short time with the Wage Stabilization Board before turning to teaching, first at the University of Wisconsin and since 1952 at the Stanford University School of Law. He was appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 1961 and has twice been called to serve as acting dean. Since 1986 he has additionally been consultant on faculty affairs to the Stanford provost.

Dean Mann has leavened his law school responsibilities with service outside academe as a labor relations consultant and arbitrator. He was chairman of the Presidential Emergency Board for Railroads (1962, 1963); a member of the White House Task Force on National Emergency Labor Management Dispute Legislation (1966); chairman of the Presidential Board of Inquiry on Pacific Coast Ship Building and Repair (1967); and chairman of the Presidential Board of Inquiry, Longshore Industry (1971-72). In these tasks he has demonstrated not only mastery of the law and its procedures but also, to quote a colleague, "he has the coolest head and most even temper of any human being I know..." More recently the Supreme Court named him Special Master for settling outstanding boundary disputes between federal and state governments along Alaska's northern coast.

Dean Mann has demonstrated continuing devotion to his alma mater, serving two terms as a member of the Indiana University School of Law's Board of Visitors and as advisor to faculty and administration during the school's years of growth and development. By coincidence he helped guide the incumbent Dean of the Indiana University School of Law from Stanford to Bloomington and has seen his former Dean at Stanford become the fifteenth President of Indiana University in 1987.

In recognition of the accomplishments of his multifaceted career and in gratitude for his loyalty and service, the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association bestow upon this distinguished teacher their highest honor.
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Recipients of Past Awards

RECIPIENTS OF THE ACADEMY OF LAW ALUMNI FELLOWS AWARD

1985

SHIRLEY SCHLANGER ABRAHAMSON
Class of 1956
State of Wisconsin
Supreme Court
Madison, Wisconsin

JESSE ERNEST ESCHBACH
Class of 1949
United States Court of Appeals
For the Seventh Circuit
Chicago, Illinois

CARL M. GRAY
Class of 1921
Gray, Fleig, et al.
Petersburg, Indiana

EARL WILSON KINTNER
Class of 1938
Arent, Fox, Kintner et al.
Washington, D.C.

SHERMAN MINTON*
Class of 1915
United States Supreme Court
Washington, D.C.

1986

JOHN SIMPSON HASTINGS*
Class of 1921
United States Court of Appeals
For the Seventh Circuit
Chicago, Illinois

DANIEL JAMES
Class of 1929
Cahil, Gordon and Reindel
New York, New York

JUANITA KIDD STOUT
Class of 1948
Court of Common Pleas
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JAMES F. THORNBURG
Class of 1936
Barnes & Thornburg
South Bend, Indiana

*Deceased

The School

The Indiana University School of Law opened in 1842, the first state university law school in the Midwest. The School moved several times in its one hundred forty-five year history before locating at the southwest corner of the Bloomington campus in 1956. The School is a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the American Bar Association.

In 1981, a $12.5 million construction and renovation project was approved by the state legislature, adding 57,000 square feet to the law library and renovating all of the classrooms and offices. The project was essentially completed in 1986. The School of Law now has a teaching and research facility suitable for a new generation of professional education.

Since its founding, the purpose of the Indiana University School of Law has been to educate and train good lawyers. It has provided the state and nation with men and women of integrity who serve their communities with confidence gained through a solid legal education. Of all its achievements, the School of Law is proudest of its graduates. They are men and women who have gone on to be state and federal judges, legislators, heads of Fortune 500 corporations, and community leaders. Though the majority of its students come from Indiana and remain here after graduation, the School has a national reputation. Our graduates practice from New York to California, from Montana to Louisiana.

With a first-class facility, excellent students, and an energetic and distinguished faculty, the School of Law is in very good shape and making substantial strides forward.