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Academy of Law Alumni Fellows

AWARDS

AND

Law Conference Dinner

September 16, 1988

Indiana University School of Law
School of Law Alumni Association
Law Conference Banquet
Friday, September 16, 1988
Alumni Hall
IU Memorial Union, 7:30 p.m.

Program

Presiding Officer ....................... Robert P. Kassing
                                        President, Law Alumni
                                        Association 1987-88

Dinner

Welcome and Introductions ............... Robert P. Kassing

Remarks .................................. Bryant G. Garth
                                        Dean
                                        IU School of Law

Music .................................... Barber Shop Quartet
                                        The Legalese

Induction into the Academy
of Law Alumni Fellows ................. Bryant G. Garth
                                        Robert P. Kassing

Recognition of the Class of 1938 .... Bryant G. Garth

Business Meeting ........................ Robert P. Kassing

Adjournment ............................. Clyde D. Compton
                                        President, Law Alumni
                                        Association 1988-89
A Message from the Dean

The level of achievement of our graduates provides one of the very best measures of the quality of our Law School. Concrete achievements provide evidence that the Law School helped to provide the tools necessary to adapt and thrive in a dramatically changing legal world. One good reason for honoring these outstanding graduates by inducting them into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows is simply to celebrate our institutional successes. Every good institution must have a strong tradition and sense of history.

Another reason is to proclaim to the legal community and the public generally that the record of our graduates is an especially distinguished one. We make no apologies for our desire to have others recognize that Indiana University has generated some of the most outstanding members of the legal profession in the United States. Certainly the achievements of these graduates already have brought considerable attention to the Law School. Lawyers always seem to know where their leaders received their professional education. The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows allows us to highlight these achievements and to make sure that they are not forgotten.

The Academy serves most of all for inspiration to the faculty and students of the Law School. It reminds us that our graduates can reach for the highest positions in the legal profession. And it helps us all define what we mean by the highest positions in the profession. Ideals of professionalism have been questioned in recent years. The pressures of increased competition in the legal world have created new challenges to the image of a lawyer as a good citizen and leading contributor to public life. The individuals inducted into the Academy provide vivid reminders that we most value those in the profession who have emphasized some of the very best professional ideals in practice and service in their careers and lives.

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
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.
The many facets of the remarkable career of C. Benjamin Dutton reflect his profound commitment to the law. The flame of this devotion was lit in his days as a student at Indiana University, where he received his baccalaureate with distinction in 1938 and the J.D. with high distinction in 1940.

After graduation he taught business law at the I.U. School of Business. He worked briefly for duPont before joining the Navy. Discharged as a Lt. Commander, he again turned to teaching, this time for the I.U. School of Law. In 1947 he moved to Indianapolis to enter private practice.

As a practitioner, Ben Dutton has been equally skilled in the courtroom and the boardroom. His firm, Dutton and Overman, has flourished and he and his partners have earned the confidence of a wide clientele of both individuals and business entities.

He responded to the respect given him by professional colleagues by expending his time and effort to extend the effectiveness of the organized bar. He became, in succession, president of the Indianapolis Lawyers Club and of the Indiana Bar Association. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and chairman of its section on General Practice. He has served continuously since 1970 as a member of the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

Ben Dutton, from his position on the Indiana Judicial Study Commission from 1965 to 1974, was the single most persuasive voice in overcoming the doubts of lawyers and legislators in the campaign to adopt the constitutional amendment making merit the standard for selection and retention of the Supreme and Appellate Courts. He has twice been director of the American Judicature Society and served as a member of the American Bar Association Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation. As member and secretary of the Indiana Civil Code Committee, he was at the center of the extensive recodification of the Indiana civil code.

Ben Dutton has been generous in his service to Indiana University and its School of Law. He has been president of the Alumni Association of both the University and the School of Law. Since 1971 he has been a member of the School of Law Board of Visitors and was its chairman in 1974-75. In 1970 he was awarded the LLD, the university's highest honor.

To Benjamin Dutton, distinguished lawyer, often acclaimed as dean of the Indiana Bar, the Indiana University School of Law and its Alumni Association bestow their own highest honor.
Bernard Harrold, now senior partner of Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon had, as a young man, resolved to be a lawyer. With the end of World War II, during which he fought with the Army in Europe, he was eager to pursue his goal. Time for undergraduate activities and electives was a luxury he could not afford. He had few resources other than the GI Bill and his heritage from rural Wells County, where he had absorbed all he could from Chester Center, the township school for all grades one through twelve. That, plus a keen intellect and GED credits, enabled him to enter the Indiana University School of Law after only two years as an undergraduate. In 1951, when he was awarded his LLB, he had been elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif and had served as note editor of the Indiana Law Journal.

While in school, the inspiration of Professor Ralph Fuchs and his own studies sparked an interest in anti-trust law. He carried this specialization into his early practice as an associate and then partner in the venerable Chicago firm now known as Kirkland & Ellis. Bernard Harrold, however, had discovered he had the desire and talent to be a trial lawyer. He sought opportunities to sharpen his skills in litigation, first in casualty suits, then in a wide spectrum of complex commercial cases.

In 1967 he joined a handful of like-minded young lawyers to form their own firm. It was to be, to quote him, "a place where we could enjoy the practice of law." In two decades six attorneys multiplied to 160 with branches in suburban Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Memphis, New York and London.

To have been a founder, leader and manager of an organization that is recognized as one of the nation's preeminent law firms in size, quality and vitality is an understandable source of pride to Bernard Harrold. A higher testimony to his success is the agreement among the bright young litigants and specialists who are now his partners and associates that Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon remains a place where it is fun to practice law.

Mr. Harrold has written in his fields of interest, has served on state, local and American Bar Association committees as well as the International Bar Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Society of Trial Lawyers.

To this skilled trial lawyer has come the pride and profit of an impressive array of satisfied clients. To this inspired manager and leader of a dynamic law firm has come the satisfaction of having founded and nurtured a lasting entity. Now, to Bernard Harrold, the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association award, with pride, their highest honor.
ROBERT ANTHONY LUCAS

Before he opened his first law office in 1951, Robert Anthony Lucas was a young man already marked for success. A native of Gary, Indiana, he excelled as a student in both high school and college. During his activities-oriented undergraduate years at Indiana University, he demonstrated the leadership, ethics and prodigious work habits which are still today a part of the character of this genial, urbane gentleman.

After earning election to Beta Gamma Sigma and a baccalaureate with high distinction, he entered military service. He was discharged an army captain in time to enter Indiana University School of Law in 1946. He served as associate editor of the Law Journal, earned the Order of Coif, and was awarded the J.D. with distinction.

He began his career as a law clerk to Judge H. Nathian Swain of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. At the end of his clerkship all roads were open to him. He chose to return to Gary, where he opened his office as a sole practitioner. He elected to specialize in probate law and estate planning. His mastery of his field, his charm and his devotion to the interests of his clients enabled him to expand his practice. Today he is the senior partner in Lucas, Holcomb and Medrea, one of the most respected law firms in northern Indiana.

The devotion to his community that dictated his early career choice has been absolute. He has utilized not only his energy and abilities but also his extensive contacts in government, university, business and charitable organizations to provide economic and cultural opportunities in northwestern Indiana.

Bob Lucas has been a leader of the legal professions serving on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Bar Association and as a long time member of its committee on the Federal Judiciary. He has been a key participant as a member of the Probate Study Commission in the remodeling of the Indiana Probate Code to reflect modern needs. Since 1967, he has been a member of the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

Indiana University and the School of Law have been beneficiaries of the staunch devotion of Bob Lucas. He has been president of the I.U. Alumni Association and of the Law Alumni Association, a member and vice president of the Board of Trustees of I.U., and serves the I.U. Foundation as a board member today. This extraordinary ambassador for Indiana University has been recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

To this gentleman from Indiana, Robert A. Lucas, the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association, in recognition of his achievements, gratefully award their highest honor.
Although her undergraduate record had earned her election to Phi Beta Kappa, it required a firm resolve for young Jeanne Sjødel to take a seat in the freshman classrooms in Maxwell Hall, where the chairs around her were filled by returning Gls. She remained undaunted, graduating first in her class in 1948 after serving as articles editor of the Indiana Law Journal and having been elected to the Order of the Coif.

After marriage to a law school classmate, Mickey M. Miller, she set out to build a general civil practice among the farmers, businessmen and neighbors in her home community of New Haven, Indiana. She and her family resolved the conflicts of professional career and domestic demands. Their children have paid their parents the ultimate compliment—all three have chosen the law as a career.

Jeanne Miller has been a force for change in the legal profession in Indiana. As the current president of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum and through service over a decade on the Disciplinary Commission on the Indiana Supreme Court, she has helped raise the standards of professional competence and the conduct of practitioners.

In her home county, she advanced the idea of a unified court system, used her lawyerly skills to draft the Allen County Superior Court Act, and lobbied effectively for its enactment. She chaired state and national committees on judicial selection and administration of justice, and gave impetus to the movement of changing the selection of judges from partisan politics to selection by measured competence and retention through meritorious service.

Recognizing her outstanding and proven skills at governance, her colleagues selected her to become the first woman president-elect of the Indiana Bar Association. She will assume the presiding office at the 1988 annual conference.

Jeanne Miller has been vigorous in her efforts to improve the quality of the educational institutions of her home and state. She chaired the Allen County School Reorganization Committee and was president of her own district school board. To her alma mater she has been generous in giving help and guidance. She has served as a member of the Indiana University Board of Trustees and has been a director of the Indiana-Purdue Foundation at Ft. Wayne since 1971.

Jeanne Sjødel Miller is a preeminent role model for the thousands of women now assuming leadership in the legal profession and for all graduates of the Indiana University School of Law. In gratitude for her service to her profession and her alma mater the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association with respect and admiration offer their highest honor.
WENDELL LEWIS WILLKIE

Only the elders of this generation can personally recall the passion aroused by the presidential election of 1940, but the story of Wendell L. Willkie electrifies us after fifty years. He was invisible in winter, only a faint star in spring, then, in the summer of 1940, he became a blazing comet exploding in the Republican Convention and firing his party into a frenzied campaign that came close to victory.

The Willkie story continued after election defeat with this titular party leader accepting the wartime leadership of his victorious opponent, then striving to unify the homefront and, finally, presenting to the warring allies the haunting dream of One World.

The story began in 1892 when Wendell L. Willkie of Elwood, Indiana was born into an exciting and stimulating family. His parents practiced law together, his grandmother was a physician, an aunt was a preacher. Young Willkie joined his brothers and a sister at a rooming house in Bloomington and became known as a campus radical and disputatious student. After graduation and a short stint as a teacher and roustabout, he returned to Indiana University School of Law, was graduated in 1916 and joined his father in Elwood to begin practice.

After army service, Willkie left Elwood for a position with Firestone Rubber Company and then became a partner in a leading law firm in Akron. By 1929 he had gained credit for having transformed his client, Ohio Edison, into a “reformed utility.”

Wall Street beckoned and he became general counsel for Commonwealth and Southern, a sprawling utility holding company. The depression brought near bankruptcy to his employer, but to Willkie it was a call to assume its presidency. He turned the company to profitability, gaining a name as a resourceful manager. In his most noted struggle he was pitted against the federal government and the T.V.A. A war it was, and Willkie won. He got his price for the Tennessee Power Company and became a favorite of executives drawn into conflict with the New Deal.

He founded the still eminent law firm of Willkie, Farr and Gallagher and, in periodicals and from the podium, became the spokesman for the embattled businessman. In this way he was drawn inexorably to his rendezvous with the nation’s destiny in 1940.

Wendell Willkie died in 1944 at the height of his powers. He left his family his Hoosier heritage. He left a nation bemused by his dazzling career. He left guidance in the continuing duel between private enterprise and public welfare. He left a dream of a world where nations submerge their parochial passions for peace and cooperation.

And Wendell L. Willkie left an alma mater, the Indiana University School of Law, proud that it had seasoned a giant among men. That pride is now manifested by the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association as they salute the life and memory of this colorful alumnus.
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Recipients of Past Awards

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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 1924  
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

1987
Theodore R. Dann  
Class of 1930  
Dann Pecar Newman  
Talesnick & Kleiman  
Indianapolis, Indiana

S. Hugh Dillin  
Class of 1938  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Hubert Hickam*  
Class of 1915  
Barnes Hickam Pantzer and Boyd  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Willis Hickam*  
Class of 1918  
Hickam and Hickam  
Spencer, Indiana

J. Keith Mann  
Class of 1949  
Stanford Law School  
Stanford, California

*Deceased
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.