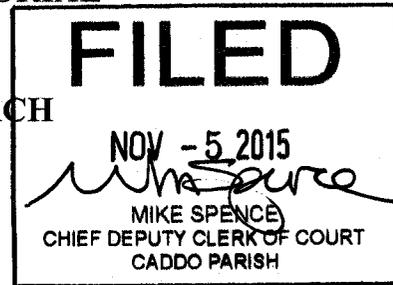


**MEMORIAL FOR
JAMES FLEET HOWELL PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL
AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
HELD AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 5, 2015
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**



There was a man who was large of heart; highly talented; devoted to family; fiercely loyal to friends, an accomplished attorney, successful in the oil and gas industry; an avid fan and loyal supporter of LSU football and baseball (and yet always left mid-way of the fourth quarter to avoid traffic). There was a man with a ready smile and a quick wit, who never met a stranger, yet who made many of his significant contributions to society and individuals quietly, even without their knowledge of the source. Much of what he did was un-heralded, done not for publicity or praise, but on principle. This individual was a man of integrity with a sense of duty, a man who made his life matter, and by making his life matter, made other lives meaningful. His family and friends, those less fortunate than he and the community itself, were all made better by the life of this man -- James Fleet Howell, who passed away on December 18, 2014, but with a legacy that quietly, but boldly survives him, and which should inspire others. Some of these many philanthropic endeavors will in fact be publicly recognized in a few days hence, when he will be named posthumously by the Northwest Louisiana Chapter of AFP at its National Philanthropy Day luncheon as the area's Outstanding Philanthropist.

Fleet was born in Oak Grove, Louisiana on February 14, 1944, to Ernest and Evelyn Howell. His father was serving his country in Germany during World War II at the time of Fleet's birth and was killed in combat about 5 months later while flying his 50th and last bombing mission over Germany. Hence, father and son never saw each other. At age 5, following his mother's remarriage, the family moved to Shreveport and, after completing Arthur Circle Elementary, Fleet was one of the stars of the Broadmoor Jr. High School football team, and for the Byrd Yellowjackets.

The ensuing years of his life were marked by contributions and filled with accomplishments. Fleet attended Louisiana State University for three years under a

program that allowed one to save all their elective courses until their 4th year and then enter law school and have all first year law courses serve as those hours, receiving one's Bachelor Degree at the end of that first year of Law School. He then completed his law curriculum and obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from the L.S.U. School of Law in 1968. Fleet was a Member of the Louisiana Law Review and was a member of Order of the Coif. Following law school, Fleet returned to Shreveport to practice, where he remained the entirety of his career. Every client was important; no case was so insignificant that it did not generate his best efforts. Fleet was unyielding in asserting his client's cause - some would say, tenacious. But all knew he would not be outworked; that there was no quit in this individual.

He continued his support of both LSU and the LSU Law Center for the rest of his life. He endowed a scholarship at the Law Center and served on the Board of the Tiger Athletic Foundation.

A man of devout and unabashed faith, Fleet was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School for many years. Fleet openly professed his faith and firmly believed that any good that came his way, and all his accomplishments in life, were related to that faith.

Fleet was preceded in death by his father, his mother, his stepfather and his younger brother and is survived by his wife, Della Rudd Howell and his daughter, Lauren Howell Eglin and husband Conner, of Baton Rouge, son James Fleet Howell, Jr. ("Bo") of Atlanta, Georgia, son David M. Oliver, Jr. and wife, Jamie, of Houston, Texas, daughter Rachel Morgan and husband, David, of Shreveport along with seven grandchildren, Hudson, Howell and Davis Eglin, Ava and Isabella Oliver and Rudd and Cooper Morgan.

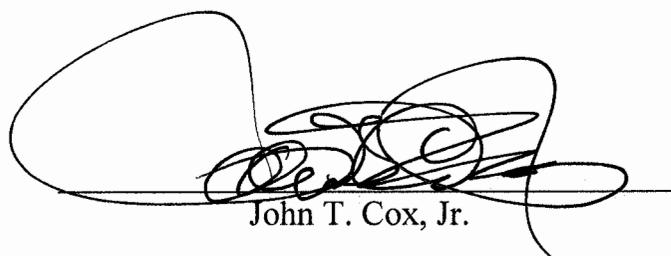
Attorney, family man, philanthropist, successful business man, man of conviction and faith--Fleet Howell's life is one that should offer inspiration to those new attorneys being recognized here today and confirmation of all that those of us more steeped in bar membership hold proud.

Yes, there was a man who was large of heart, highly talented; devoted to family; an accomplished attorney, successful in the oil and gas industry; an avid fan and

loyal supporter of LSU football and baseball; a man with a ready smile and a quick wit, who never met a stranger and who, with a true sense of dedication, genuinely cared about assisting others. There was a man of integrity and a sense of duty, a man who made his life matter – a life that perhaps could be summed up in a phrase he often used, “do good.”

In honor of that man, James Fleet Howell, and on behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, I submit this memorial to his lasting memory, and respectfully move that it be inscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that appropriate copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted on this 5th day of November, 2015, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Cox, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with a large loop on the left side and several smaller loops and flourishes on the right side.

John T. Cox, Jr.