

MEMORIAL SERVICE - JAMES JOSEPH DORMER  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1974

James Joseph Dormer was born January 24, 1920, in Abington, Pennsylvania, the son of Richard Matthew Dormer and Caroline May Cox Dormer. He was reared in Abington, Pennsylvania, and attended school there until his enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. Upon enlistment he was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base until he was transferred to Europe in 1943. While he was at Barksdale Air Force Base, he met and married the former Josephine Brocato, and they are the parents of two married daughters, Mrs. Patricia Dormer Atkins, a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mrs. Judy Ann Dormer Miller, a resident of Washington, D.C.

Jim served three years in Europe during World War II and suffered injuries while in the service for which he was hospitalized for approximately one year. During the time that he was in the hospital, Jim, who at that time had not finished high school prior to entering the armed forces, made his decision to pursue his education further. He obtained a high school diploma by taking a standardized test and thereafter pursued his education through college and law school, obtaining his Bachelor of Laws degree from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1953.

During his college and law school career, he was forced to work part time and wore a brace as the result of injuries received during the war. In his effort to obtain a degree and begin the practice of law as soon as possible, Jim went through six straight years of schooling without vacations and still graduated in the top portion of his class.

After graduation and admission to the Louisiana Bar, Jim began the practice of law in New Orleans and practiced there for one year prior to returning to Shreveport. In Shreveport he practiced alone for one year before forming a partnership with Algie D. Brown and William J. Fleniken under the firm name of Brown, Fleniken & Dormer in 1955. Upon Judge Fleniken's election to the First Judicial District Court, Algie Brown and Jim Dormer continued practice as Brown & Dormer until August of 1973, at which time Jim began to practice

alone. From 1959 to 1962 Jim served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Shreveport.

During his practice Jim engaged in what was really called the general practice of law. Not only did he handle all forms of office practice, but as we remember, he was active in the courts, doing both civil and criminal trial work. He was proficient in all fields of law and was a credit only to the Bar but also to his family, who can be rightfully proud of the professional reputation he had built over the years as an outstanding lawyer.

Jim is remembered for all of these things, but I think perhaps the thing that most of us who knew Jim well will remember about him were his courage and stamina. For any number of years prior to his death, Jim was affected with various health problems in one form or another, necessitating at times long periods of hospitalization. In spite of these problems, Jim maintained his practice and continued to practice law in the most honored traditions of the Bar. Those of us who knew him well have very rarely seen him complain, in spite of the very severe physical handicaps with which he was burdened for several years prior to his death.

It is for this courage and continued practice of law without complaint of his personal problems that I think he will be most remembered by the courts and members of the Bar.


During the period of his frequent illnesses, Jim not only continued to practice law but also continued his activities in the associations to which he belonged, namely, The Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, American Bar Association, Knights of Columbus, where he was a fourth degree knight, the St. Thomas More Legal Society, and the Progressive Men's Club. He was also an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

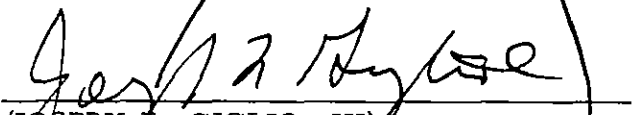
In his private life it is well-known that Jim was a very devoted husband and father. James Joseph Dormer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Dormer, and his two daughters.

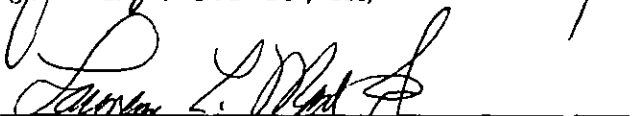
Be it therefore resolved by the Shreveport Bar Association that we regret and sorrow in the loss of our highly esteemed and respected

member, James Joseph Dormer, and that we express to his widow and daughters our sympathy over their bereavement.

Be it further resolved that this memorial and resolution be filed in the archives of the First Judicial District Court and that copies thereof be sent to the members of the family of James Joseph Dormer.

  
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(MAYNARD E. CUSH)

  
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(JOSEPH F. GIGLIO, III)

  
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(LAWRENCE L. MAY, JR.)