

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN CLAUDE O'QUIN, JR.

October 6, 1918 --- September 2, 1961

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*W. R. Juss*  
Deputy Clerk

We, the undersigned Committee, designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit the resolution to the memory of the late John Claude O'Quin, Jr., a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association, submit the following:

John Claude O'Quin, Jr., was born at Hanna, Louisiana, on October 6, 1918, the son of John Claude O'Quin and Zulma Jarreau O'Quin. His childhood years were spent in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he maintained close family and business associations the remainder of his life. As a boy he worked as a cub reporter for the Alexandria Daily Town Talk, of which his grandfather was publisher, and demonstrated the gift of expression which later typified his professional life.

His college studies were begun at Washington & Lee University, and he thereafter transferred to Tulane University, from which he received an A.B. degree in 1938. His first year of law school was at Tulane, and the last two years were at Louisiana State University, where he was graduated with honors in 1940. For his scholastic achievements, he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Order of the Coif; his legal fraternity was Phi Delta Phi. At L.S.U. he was a superior student of the law and during his senior year, he served as an associate editor of the Law Review, distinguishing himself by several scholarly comments on the subject of res judicata which are still considered to be among the finest contributions found in the Louisiana Law Review. Following his graduation he spent a year in post graduate studies at The Harvard Law

School, which conferred on him a Master of Laws degree in 1941.

Shortly after his entry into the practice of law as a member of the legal staff of Hunt Oil Company in Shreveport, the outbreak of World War II interrupted his professional career. He promptly enlisted, was accepted for Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned. He served throughout the remainder of the war as a field artillery officer, and was a battery commander during the invasion of Europe. He was decorated for bravery in combat, receiving the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.


Upon his return to civilian life, he joined the Shreveport firm of Blanchard, Goldstein, Walker & O'Quin. While his knowledge of the general body of law was broad, his practice was principally in the fields of oil and gas and financial matters. He is remembered by lawyers for his intellectual capacity, his facility for instantly grasping the heart of a legal question, for his ease of expression, and for his stimulating interest in any legal issue, regardless of its complexity. He was closely acquainted with many of the nation's leading lawyers, particularly in his chosen fields. He was chosen to deliver papers at several law institutes, and served on a number of committees of the American Bar Association.


During the early 1950's he suffered a crippling back injury of which he seldom complained, but from which he suffered excruciating pain the rest of his life. He died on September 2, 1961, and is survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth Glassell; one son, John Claude O'Quin, III; his mother, Mrs. J. C. O'Quin; a brother, Thomas J. O'Quin; and his uncles, Leon O'Quin and Arthur O'Quin.

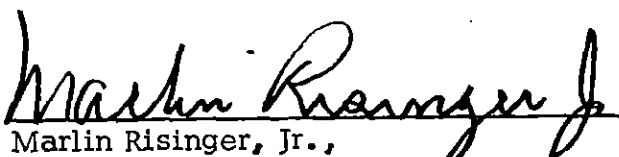
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of The Shreveport Bar Association, do hereby express the regard and admiration in which we held John Claude O'Quin, Jr., for his integrity,

his skill, and his devotion to the highest ideals of the legal profession, and that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy in his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed in the records of the First Judicial District Court and that a copy of this Memoriam be delivered to the members of his family.

  
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