

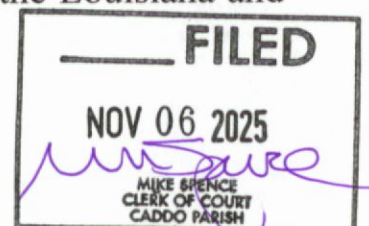
**MEMORIAL FOR
CECIL W. ("CHIP") TALLEY
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NOVEMBER 6, 2025
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

GOOD AFTERNOON YOUR HONORS, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Family, friends and fellow members of the bar, Cecil Wilton ("Chip") Talley was born on December 16, 1946 in Bogalusa, Louisiana and passed away unexpectedly on May 15, 2025, in Shreveport. Chip's parents, Woodrow Leroy Talley and Martha Radney Talley, predeceased him. He is survived by his brother, Marshall Talley, his nephew, Woodrow Talley, and other collateral relations.

A few of us "seasoned" members of the legal community gathered here today are fortunate to have known Chip. His legal path did not cross many members of our bar because he specialized in "energy regulatory law." He did not confirm a default, file a divorce or defend a DWI in this courthouse. Instead, he dealt with pipelines, distribution systems, capacity and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He was highly regarded for his expertise in this complicated field of law.

Chip grew up in the village of Sun, which is about twenty miles from Covington. He attended St. Paul's School, run by the Catholic Christian Brothers, who no doubt recognized Chip's genius. He was a National Merit Scholar-which enabled him to attend Tulane University on a scholarship. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Chip graduated summa cum laude from Tulane in 1967. He did postgraduate work at Yale University and The London School of Economics. He taught high school and later went to LSU Law School where he graduated in 1976. He was an associate editor of the Louisiana Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. After a stint practicing law in Houston, Chip moved to Shreveport in 1985 and began a long and distinguished legal career at Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts. He was a member of the Louisiana and Texas bars as well as the Energy Bar Association.



After Chip passed away several relatives posted comments on the funeral home memory page. One shared that Chip had called her the day he passed away to tell her happy birthday and she wished they had talked longer. Another posted he did not realize how smart Chip was until he read the obituary. There were others but these two captured Chip well - always thoughtful, a man of few words and so modest and humble.

I always thought Chip was a combination of Yoda from Star Wars for his wisdom, Mr. Chips the teacher for his gentle demeanor (and for his name), Mr. Magoo for his inability to do anything mechanical and Oscar Madison from the Odd Couple for his less than stellar housekeeping and organizational habits. If you could mix all these up, you would have Chip.

I knew Chip from law school and my husband David was his law partner. Our 40-year friendship really developed because of a Bayliner boat. Chip owned a townhouse on Cross Lake that came with a boat stall. He decided he wanted a boat since he was paying monthly dues for the stall. Aware of his mechanical limitations, he talked David into buying the Bayliner boat with him. That way there would be someone who could get the boat in and out of the stall and drive it for him. We spent many hours on that boat. We shared beers, dodged alligators, experienced dead batteries and almost got arrested by the Cross Lake Patrol. We gradually learned how smart Chip was and what a dry wit he had. We also discovered that he was quite the collector. He collected industrial-sized containers of cleaning products, stacks of newspapers and other reading material and countless rolls of paper towels to name a few. If you wanted to know what happened in the world on any given day Chip could produce the pertinent newspaper for that date. I understand these habits carried over to his law office where his desk and other spaces were always piled high with paper. While tidying up his home after his unexpected death we found some interesting Chip "artifacts," one being this empty 2009 pill container. That was just classic Chip.

Chip was a generous donor to many educational and charitable organizations. Although he never sought any recognition for his generosity, I must note that the St. Paul's School and Tulane University scholarship funds benefitted from his generosity, as did Red River Radio and Volunteers of

America, to name just a few. Chip always believed in opening the door for others as he appreciated the opportunities that were afforded him.

To you new attorneys, in the blink of an eye you will be the subject of one of these memorials if AI has not rendered you obsolete by then. Let us hope you are all remembered as Chip, a humble guy who developed lifelong friendships in our legal community and looked out for those coming along behind him. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Your Honors, I now move that this Memorial for Cecil W. ("Chip") Talley be duly recorded on this 6th day of November, 2025 and made a part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and that copies be delivered to Mr. Talley's family.

Thank you, Your Honors.

Respectfully submitted,


Judge (Ret.) Jeanette G. Garrett