

**MEMORIAL FOR
CLAUDIUS E. WHITMEYER
PRESENTED AT MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NOVEMBER 14, 2024
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.

It is my honor to present this memorial to my good friend, mentor and former law partner Claudius E. Whitmeyer. Claude passed away on August 3, 2024, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on August 31, 1938. His parents were the Honorable Judge G. Randell Whitmeyer and Marie Louise Whitmeyer. His father served as City Court Judge from 1955 to 1972.

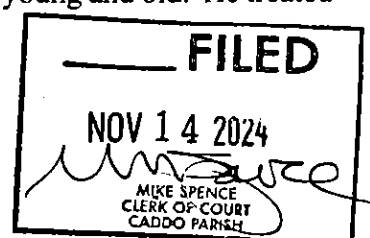
Claude attended and graduated from C. E. Byrd High School. He attended both LSU undergrad and L.S.U. Law School. He was a member of the Order of the Coif. He was a lifelong fan of the purple and gold. After graduating from Law School in 1969, he returned to Shreveport to begin practicing law for the next 40 years.

During various times in his career he was an associate in the practice of law with the Love, Rigby law firm, Ted Thomas, Tim Fischer and me.

My 30 year relationship with Claude was sort of like a matrimonial case. In 1978, he invited me to join him in his practice, which evolved into a partnership. Then the divorce. We split up in 1983. It was amicable. Then, in 1993 we joined up a second time and became partners. This lasted until 1999, another amicable divorce. Then the third time. This time, no partnership, we shared office space, that is lived together, until he retired in 2010, and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Claude was one of my mentors and I will be forever grateful to him for giving me opportunities to practice law with him.

Claude had what I call "people practice". His main interest was matrimonial cases. Back in his prime, he was one of the go to attorneys in this area of law. He also handled Personal injury, criminal and succession cases. Claude loved helping people and used his law practice as a platform to do so. He was genuinely interested in helping people get through their troubled times. He represented people from all walks of life, rich and poor, black and white, young and old. He treated



all his clients the same with respect and dignity, always willing to do his best to help clients resolve their legal problems.

Claude was a compromiser. He believed cases should be resolved.

Claude is survived by Glynda, his wife of over 40 years, and the love of his life. He is also survived by his two daughters, Claudia Whitmeyer Ross and husband Douglas, of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Caryn Whitmeyer Roland, and husband Jason, of St. Francisville, Louisiana, stepdaughter Teresa Gay Michaels of Little Rock, Arkansas, and stepson Christian Michaels, and wife Mary, of Little Rock. After his retirement Glynda and Claude moved to Little Rock to be closer to family and also to be hands on grandparents, the nanny for Cate and Caroline Michaels, the children of Christian, an attorney, and Mary, a doctor.

When asked what his hobbies were, Claude would answer family. He loved spending time with his siblings, their children, his own children and stepchildren and his wonderful grandchildren.

Your Honors, I now move to request that this Memorial Eulogy for Claudius E. Whitmeyer be duly recorded on the 14th day of November, 2024, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, that copies be delivered to his family.

Thank you, your Honors,

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Glassell