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## IN MEMORIAM

## G. M. BODENHEIMER, JR.

## AUGUST 15, 1917 - APRIL 18, 1994

G. M. Bodenheimer, Jr. trial advocate extraordinary, better known as Jim or Bodie, practiced law for fifty-six (56) years, from admission to the Louisiana Bar in June 1938 until his death on April 18, 1994.

Bodie was born in Corsicana, Texas, on August 15, 1917, and moved to Shreveport with his family at the early age of three (3). He graduated from Byrd High School in 1933 and from the LSU Law School in 1938. He practiced law for three (3) months in 1938 in Springhill, Louisiana. He shared an apartment with Senior Retired U.S. District Judge, Edwin F. (Chug) Hunter. Bodie and Chug were the only two (2) attorneys in Springhill. Believing it would be better that their friendship not be disclosed to the local residents, they walked down separate sides of the street to go to their offices.

Jim served as a Staff Judge Advocate with the rank of captain in the Air Force in World War II.

Bodie was a devoted and dedicated husband and father. On September 6, 1944, Jim married Elizabeth Clohosey. They had three (3) daughters, Elizabeth (Dutchy as she was called), Bodenheimer Lewis, Ann Bodenheimer Fleming and Laura M. Bodenheimer, one (1) son, James P. Bodenheimer, a partner in the firm and ten (10) grandchildren, Geoffrey Lewis, Phillip Lewis, Alan Lewis, Darcy B. Lewis, Matthew Fleming, Maura Fleming, Brie Fleming, Cassidy Fleming, James P. Bodenheimer, Jr. and Rebecca Bodenheimer Beach. He is survived by his devoted wife and his loving children and grandchildren. He and his wife, Betty, would have been married fifty (50) years on September 6, 1994. They had a genuine love for each other and just as important had a sincere bond of friendship.

He loved and adored his children and grandchildren and they loved and adored him.

Bodie returned to Shreveport in 1946. His law firm was originally Browne, Browne and Bodenheimer. Through the years there were a number of additions and deletions. At various times, Bodie's partners included after Wales Browne and Percy Browne, Patrick Looney, deceased, John Ritchie and J. W. Jones, a current partner in the firm. Since the early 1970s, the firm has practiced under the partnership name of Bodenheimer, Jones, Klotz & Simmons. The other partners at his death were J. W. Jones, David Klotz, Harry D. Simmons, C. Gary Mitchell, James P. Bodenheimer, F. John Reeks, Mary Lou Blackley, Norman Lafargue and Claude Bookter. Frank Thaxton left the firm in 1991 to assume a District Judgeship in this Court.

As an attorney, Bodie is best described as an outstanding trial advocate whose ability, intelligence and integrity was always respected by other lawyers. From 1946 until his death, Bodie was truly a trial advocate in every sense of the word. Although always considered as a tough opponent by the members of the Bar with whom he dueled in Court, they will always remember his loyalty to his clients, his sincerity and trustworthiness and his ethical practices during his legal career.

As one noted Shreveport psychiatrist stated after Jim had cross-examined him - Jim, "you have definite aggressive tendencies". He was a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana and American Bar Associations. After the Inn of Court was organized, he, Charles Mayer, Leonard Lockard, Justice John Dixon and Ben King were installed as "Members Emeritus".

Bodie did not seek recognition for his legal accomplishments. He believed in the axiom "actions speak louder than words". He was friendly and fair in all of his dealings with the attorneys that opposed him. Bodie was a man of his word and could be trusted by

persons with whom he had professional, business and social contacts.

This committee is privileged to offer the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association, in this memorial, express our admiration and respect to the late G. M. Bodenheimer, Jr., whose life and conduct exemplified the high standards of the legal profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to his family the sympathy of each member of our Association in their loss, and that a copy of this resolution be made a permanent part of the records of the First Judicial District Court and that a copy of this memorial be delivered to the family of the late G. M. Bodenheimer, Jr.

Dated at Shreveport, Louisiana, this 3rd day of November, 1994.

David Klotz

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