## Memorial For Gregory L. Kelley

## PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA NOVEMBER 3, 2006 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

## MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

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Mr. Gregory Lee Kelley was born November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1954, the son of Peggy Colvin and Grady Kelley. He died on December 17, 2005, in Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Greg grew up in Bossier City, graduating from Airline High School in 1983. He then enrolled at Northeast Louisiana University and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts. After a brief time working in the legal field, Greg pursued his career ambitions and enrolled at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. In law school Greg distinguished himself by earning Law Review accolades and graduating Magna Cum Laude. Upon returning to the Shreveport-Bossier area he embarked upon the practice of law and in a brief period distinguished himself among his professional peers by being consistently recognized as one of the best attorneys in the area.

Greg was married to the former Lisa Anzalone. They had three children: Gregory II, Alexandra, and Matthew. It has been said that the good that people do is often interred with their bones, but not so with Greg. He is survived by these three bright and beautiful children that I know will go forward in this world and persevere and achieve and touch others with the same compassion that their father displayed. To know Greg was to love him, because everybody that knew him marveled at the generosity of his heart and the boundless capacity of his spirit and zest for life. He befriended others with an uncanny grace because he made people feel important by speaking of those matters that were important to them.

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He will never be forgotten in this world by his friends and family. I miss him greatly, but he is still with me, I just don't get to see him as often. He is with me on road trips to LSU football games, he is with me when I listen to the Saints on the radio, he is with me when I go to Superior Grill, and he is with me when I hear the sound of my footsteps in our half-empty office.

As I as move forward in this life and in this profession I will be forever grateful for our friendship. He never let me go hungry, he fed me when I was broke and he took me along on a lot of adventures when he knew that I couldn't afford to do so. Greg and I had different styles and sometimes competing goals, but when we were together we made each other a little better person - although this was unspoken between us, I believe it was the touchstone of our friendship.

This past year without Greg has been tougher that I thought it was going to be -I find myself looking back often in an attempt to glean some guidance and lessons from his passing. What I have learned is that this is a very mortal world in which we live and I would like for all of us in attendance today to renew their appreciation for a life that is very precious, to gain satisfaction from their life's work-product, and to learn to find happiness during that time that has been granted to us. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association and lawyers of Shreveport and Bossier, hereby affirm the respect and high regard in which we held Gregory L. Kelley and we extend to his family and friends and our warmest sympathies in the loss of their husband, father and fellow barrister.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of the Court and copies of the record thereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.

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