

**MEMORIAL FOR
James R. Madison
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**

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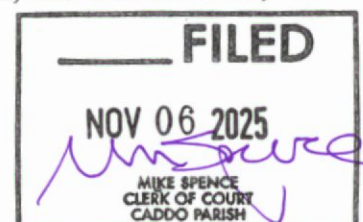
Your Honors, family, friends, and fellow members of the bar,

James Robinson Madison, "Jim," "Jimmie," or "Pie" (as he was affectionately known to many), was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on January 5, 1946, to John M. Madison and Ruth Robinson Madison. He died in Shreveport on August 3, 2025, after a lengthy illness.

Jimmie grew up attending public schools in Shreveport. He graduated from Byrd High School in 1964. While at Byrd, Jimmie played on the basketball team, and he was elected a "Senior Favorite" by his classmates. He then attended Washington & Lee University, from which he graduated with honors in 1968. After graduation, Jimmie spent three years working for Bankers Trust in New York City. He then enrolled in law school at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge where he was awarded his juris doctorate degree in 1974. While in law school at LSU Jimmie was a semi-finalist in the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Competition which is judged on skill and effectiveness in trial advocacy.

After graduating from law school Jimmie served as a law clerk for Sen. U.S. District Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Jr. in Shreveport. In 1975, he joined his brother, John, in the newly-formed Shreveport law firm of Wiener, Weiss & Madison. Jimmie practiced law with that firm for the remainder of his professional life.

Jimmie was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Marilyn, to whom he was married for over forty-four years, father to their son, James M. Madison, Jr. ("Robbie"), brother to his siblings, John M. Madison, Jr. and Stewart M. Madison, and brother-in-law to John's wife, Jan. He was also a kind, loving and gentle stepfather to his stepsons, David Greenwald and Joseph W. Greenwald, Jr. ("Joey"). Jimmie's survivors also include Joey's sons, Jackson and Cooper; John and Jan's sons, John M. Madison, III, and Clinton W. Madison ("Clint"); John, III's son and daughter from his first marriage, Parker Madison and Brooks Madison, and a second son, Hal



Madison, with his wife, Tara; and Clint's three children with his wife, Brandon, Elizabeth Madison, Walker Madison and Clinton W. Madison, Jr.

When asked for thoughts about Jimmie, one of his former partners responded that Jimmie was "such a well-rounded lawyer," describing him as "comfortable and competent in many areas of law." Indeed, Jimmie's practice ran the gamut from commercial transactions to complex litigation touching many other areas of the law in between, and he was conversant as well in taxes and finance. No doubt his three years of real-world banking experience with Bankers Trust served him well in handling commercial legal and financial transactions throughout his career.

If one were asked to choose a single word to characterize Jimmie's approach to most things, it might be the adjective "deliberate." He was, in fact, the epitome of "deliberate." It did not matter whether the job was as simple as lining up a putt on the golf course or as complex as developing and refining his views on a particular issue of civic or cultural importance, Jimmie was going to be deliberate. He could be nothing else; it was in his DNA. When Jimmie reached a point of view regarding practically any subject of consequence, the die was cast. It was very difficult to get him to change his mind.

In the context of legal disputes, if Jimmie, having analyzed the facts of a case and the applicable law, felt that his client was entitled to prevail, he was a passionate and diligent advocate for that result. The Comments to Rule 1.3 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct (from which Louisiana's Rule 1.3 is taken *verbatim*) require in "legalese" that a lawyer "act with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and with zeal in advocacy upon the client's behalf." In more common parlance that is to say, if you are a client being represented by a lawyer in any matter, that lawyer should have your back. If you were Jimmie Madison's client, he had your back – and he had it in spades.

While Jimmie was busy with his professional career he also found time for giving back to his Shreveport community. As was so aptly put in Jimmie's obituary, he "particularly liked donating his time, talent and treasure" in a number of ways. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon. He was on the Southfield School Board of Trustees, where he served a term as president, and he was a member of the Southfield School Foundation Board from 1999 until his death. He was on the Board of Directors of the Shreveport-Bossier YMCA, where he served a term as president in 1999 and 2000. He also cared deeply about

and supported the missions of the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Northwest Louisiana (CADA), where he served on the board for many years, one as president, and Community Renewal.

No memorial of Jimmie would be complete without mention of some of his personal traits. First of all, he was funny. Jimmie Madison had a wonderful sense of humor. More than that, like many people who are both funny and smart, Jimmie had the gift of wit. He was a fun-loving person who enjoyed the company of others. He enjoyed the outdoors, particularly playing golf and fly fishing. He loved to travel. While a law student at LSU he went to Thessaloniki, Greece, with Professor A. N. Yiannopoulos for a course of summer study. As a bachelor he traveled in Spain, and after his marriage to Marilyn they traveled in France and Switzerland.

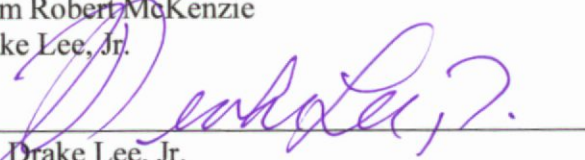
Finally, Jimmie Madison was a good friend of long duration to many, many people – from childhood friends who became lifelong ones to his Beta brothers from W&L with whom he kept in touch over the years to his fellow attorneys at Wiener, Weiss & Madison to many others who crossed paths with him in the course of his civic involvement in Shreveport. His was, indeed, a life well lived.

Your Honors, I now move that this memorial eulogy for James R. Madison be duly recorded on this 6th day of November, 2025, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the minutes and made part of the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that copies be delivered to Mr. Madison's family.

Thank you, your honors.

Respectfully submitted,

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