

**MEMORIAL FOR
JEFFREY PAUL VICTORY
PRESENTED AT THE 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,

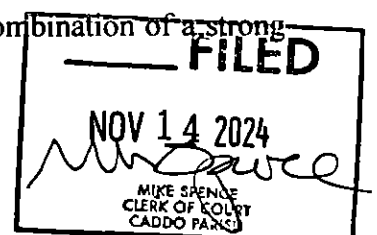
Justice Jeffrey Victory was born on January 29, 1946 to Thomas Edward Victory and Esther Horton Victory in Shreveport, Louisiana and passed away peacefully on September 26, 2024.

Justice Victory was a life-long resident of Shreveport, where he grew up as one of seven children and attended C.E. Byrd High School and Centenary College of Louisiana. Following his college graduation, he attended Tulane Law School on a Regional Academic Scholarship, where he was a member of the Tulane Law Review, before he graduated in 1971. During that time, he served his country in the Special Forces Airborne, Louisiana National Guard, for six years. After returning to Shreveport, he practiced law for ten years with the firm of Tucker, Martin, Holder, Jeter, Jackson, & Victory.

Justice Victory had a long and distinguished judicial career. He is one of only a handful of state judges in recent history to serve at each level of the state judiciary. Elected to the district court in 1982, he was ranked first among Caddo Parish district judges in a newspaper poll of attorneys. He served on the Court of Appeal from 1991 until he took his seat on the Supreme Court in 1995. Throughout his career, Justice Victory consistently advocated for higher ethical and professional standards for judges and lawyers. He chaired the Judicial College of the Louisiana Supreme Court, which provides continuing legal education to all levels of the state judiciary. He was also a charter member of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission, which made sentencing recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature and the Governor. He lectured regularly on judicial ethics to the legal community. He also spoke frequently on the history and workings of the court system, making it more understandable and accessible to the general public.

Justice Victory was inducted into the C.E. Byrd High School Hall of Fame and the Centenary College Hall of Fame. In 2014, Justice Victory traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform's Judicial Leadership Achievement Award. That same year, he also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Family Forum.

Justice Victory was known and respected for his carefully reasoned opinions, unquestioned integrity, and humility. His judicial philosophy was shaped by a unique combination of a strong



moral compass and conservative leaning, but also a keen awareness of the value, and sometimes correctness, of opposing viewpoints. He loved to discuss all sides of an issue in detail and had the innate skill of finding the weakness in any legal argument. His law clerks knew better than to present him with any memo or draft opinion that did not include every relevant case and address every possible argument that challenged the premise of the ultimate conclusion. He left no stone unturned and taught his law clerks to leave no stone unturned. It's no wonder so many of his law clerks became judges themselves, as well as successful lawyers.

Justice Victory built enduring friendships around common interests like tennis, motorcycles, and snow skiing. He was a talented athlete. Highly competitive, he was also legendary for his easy-going sense of humor. The moment he got his first job, he became a car enthusiast, owning a series of vintage cars, some of which he completely restored. Above all, he was committed to his family, whom he loved deeply and well. He never allowed career, hobbies, or anything else to take precedence over time with his wife and children. Instead, he often took one of his kids along when he drove to New Orleans, browsed a flea market, or worked on a car.

My sister and I were influenced by Dad's example and became lawyers, but we never felt any pressure from him to do so. He encouraged each of his children to choose his or her own path in life. He didn't insist that we agree with him on every point, but he did expect us to be able to defend our position with facts and logic. Dad didn't teach us what to think, he taught us how to think.

He also taught us by example not to take yourself too seriously. Wherever he was, he took an interest in the people around him, whatever their background or job. He loved hearing their stories.

Finally, his greatest legacy was his commitment to simply doing the right thing as he saw it. Dad never compromised his integrity. His reputation as a lawyer, a jurist and a man was built on his lifelong habits of honesty, intellectual excellence, and faithfulness to his friends and colleagues, his family and his God.

Your Honors, I now move to request that this Memorial Eulogy for Jeffrey Paul Victory be duly recorded on this 14th day of November 2024, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and made part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, that copies be delivered to Justice Jeffrey Victory's family.

Thank you, Your Honors.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Victory