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OTIS W. BULLOCK

By the death of Otis W. Bullock, practiti person Clark shreveport Bar have been deprived not only of a friend but also of the rare
opportunity that had been theirs of increasing their own professional
stature and skill by observing the conduct and tactics of the master
of procedure, who combined unfailing courtesy to the judiciary and his
fellow lawyers with prompt and undeviating performance of his duty to
his clients. No client of Otis W. Bullock could complain of any lack
of skill, vigor or promptness in the advocacy of his cause.

Otis W. Bullock hailed from Claiborne Parish, where he was born in 1875 and where he secured his primary education. When he was sixteen years old, he began teaching school in Louisiana and later taught school in West Texas, being the recipient of a life teaching certificate in Texas. He attended Dallas Business College in Dallas, Texas, and in 1895 received his B. A. degree from Arcadia College in Arcadia, Louisiana. After receiving his B. S. degree in 1897 from Southern Normal University in Huntington, Tennessee, he subsequently went to the University of Virginia, where he secured his LL.B. degree in 1907 and graduated second in his class in the College of Law. Before deciding on the law as his life work, he studied medicine for two years and gained knowledge which helped him to become one of the outstanding trial lawyers in this area in the personal injury field, where he represented with distinction both plaintiffs and defendants.

Otis W. Bullock married Miss Jessie Duty, the daughter of a Lincoln Parish plantation family. This marriage was blessed with a daughter, now Mrs. Lyndall B. Tinnin, and two sons, Byron Duty Bullock, who predeceased his father, and Alfred W. Bullock, who survives him. Both of these two sons were partners with their father in the practice of law. Otis W. Bullock was admitted to practice by the Louisiana Supreme Court on December 17, 1907, and he began his legal career in Ruston, Louisiana, in partnership with Howard B. Warren. In 1911 he moved to Shreveport and, with the late Judge W. P. Hall, formed the

partnership of Hall and Bullock. After the death of Judge Hall, he again practiced with his oldtime friend and partner, Howard B. Warren, under the firm name of Bullock and Warren and, in 1924, this firm and the firm of Barksdale, Clark and Van Hook merged into the firm of Barksdale, Bullock, Warren, Clark and Van Hook, which, following the death of Howard B. Warren, became the firm of Barksdale, Bullock, Clark and Van Hook, and in which he was a partner until the dissolution of that firm in 1942. Thereafter, Otis W. Bullock practiced law with both his sons until the untimely death of his son, Byron, in 1953, and then with his other son, Alfred, until his own death on November 17, 1966, at the age of 91.

During his long and active life he regularly attended the First
Methodist Church in Shreveport, and the attributes which we believe the
Almighty would approve in all of us were exemplified by his acceptance,
with courage and fortitude, without bitterness or rancor and without change
in personality or habits, of the loss of a leg about thirty years before
his death when he stopped on an icy bridge to assist the victim of an
automobile accident and was himself struck by another vehicle.

Until a few weeks prior to his death, Otis W. Bullock regularly advised his clients, regularly attended court, regularly tried cases with amazing skill and, while so doing, regularly taught legal lessons to his adversaries. While death has removed his physical presence from our ranks, the memory of Otis W. Bullock will remain among lawyers so long as they talk of their legendary predecessors. The members of the Shreve-port Bar Association record their sorrow at the loss of their friend and brother, Otis W. Bullock, but foremost they record their joy at their privilege of having known him, having worked with him, having worked against him, and having learned from him during his lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Shreveport Bar Association do hereby direct that this expression of our thoughts and convictions which arise through our association with Otis W. Bullock be made a permanent part of the records of the First Judicial District Court and of the Shreveport Bar Association and that a copy be sent to the family of our friend and Mentor.

Respectfully submitted,

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