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IN MEMORIAM

ADO CHESTER SKEELS

Presented at the Shreveport Bar Association Memorial Exercises
held in the First Judicial District Court on November 2, 1993.

On December 16, 1992, Ado Chester Skeels, a prominent and well known attorney, died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 82. He had practiced law for more than fifty years and his loss to his family, his partners, his colleagues, his clients, and his many friends will be forever remembered.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Barnes Skeels, his three surviving sisters, Verlie S. Thrower, Julia S. McElhatten, and Jeannette S. Crow, all of Shreveport, and a host of nieces and nephews. One surviving sister, Jeannette S. Crow, has died since his death. He was predeceased by a sister, Katherine S. Smith, and a brother, Gillie Jasper Skeels, and also by his father and mother, J. W. Skeels and Zell Wiley Skeels.

A native of Louisiana, Ado was born in Tioga, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on March 17, 1910. He attended the local public schools and was a 1928 graduate of Byrd High School. While working during the day for the Trust Department of First National Bank of Shreveport, he studied law at night law school at Centenary College, passed the bar examination, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1936 by the Louisiana Supreme Court. He was a long time member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Several years prior to his death, the Louisiana State Bar Association recognized Ado as a fifty year member for legal services rendered during that time.

Ado served his country honorably and well during World War II in the European Theatre of Operations in a weather station attached to the Eighth Air Force in England. After his discharge from the military service, he continued to serve his country by joining Lowe-McFarland Post 14 of the American Legion. He was a member of this post at the time he died.

After World War II, he began the private practice of law with Turner B. Morgan and Donald L. Baker under the law firm name of Morgan, Baker & Skeels. Later Eugene B. Middleton, Jr., and Ben E. Coleman joined the firm. At the time of his death, he was the Senior Partner with Donald L. Baker and Ben E. Coleman.

During his many years of practicing law, Ado was known for representing his clients. He worked long and hard for each client with great diligence and thoroughness and spent many hours perfecting the language of his legal documents to say exactly the correct words. He was both a skillful advocate and a shrewd negotiator in solving many legal problems for his clients. His large clientele through the years was a testimony to this talent, his energy, drive and perseverance, which he possessed in great abundance. Many of his clients thought he "hung the moon", so to speak, and they often swore by his good sound legal advice.

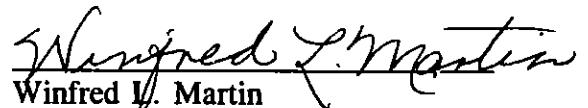
Ado was a religious man, having been a member of First Baptist Church of Shreveport and the Triple Triangle Sunday School Class for many years. He was active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Shreveport Masonic Lodge and also El Karubah Temple. He was a past President of the South Shreveport Rotary Club. He and his lovely and gracious wife, Edith, were active socially as members of the Shreveport Country Club, and the Shreveport Club.

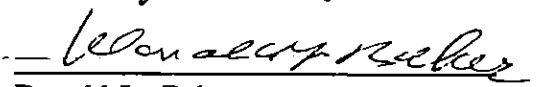
Ado was also an avid gardener and enjoyed raising roses and other flowers. He loved to fish and catch bass on Lake Bisteneau.

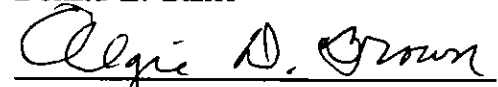
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association, in this memorial, express our admiration and respect to the late Ado Chester Skeels, whose life and conduct in the practice of law exemplified the best in advocacy for his clients in the finest tradition of the legal profession.

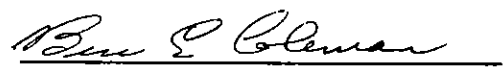
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to his family the sympathy of each member of our Association in their loss, and a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court, and a copy of this memorial be delivered to the family of the late Ado Chester Skeels.

Respectfully submitted,


Winfred L. Martin


Donald L. Baker


Algie D. Brown


Ben E. Coleman, Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana
November 2, 1993