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MEMORIAL FOR  
COSMOS PAUL (C.P.) BROCATO  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 24, 2003  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

C.P. Brocato was born on December 26, 1921 in Natchez, Mississippi to Anthony and Anita D'Antoni Brocato. He passed away after a long and full life on January 26, 2003.

As a boy, C.P. grew up in Cleveland, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Cleveland High School where he was an outstanding baseball player and served as salutatorian of his graduating class. He was an Eagle Scout. He attended Vanderbilt University for his undergraduate degree, where he served as President of Pi Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Vanderbilt University. He then attended Louisiana State University Law School and was President of the Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi.

C.P. was selected for Naval Officer Training School at Columbia University in New York. In the Navy, he served on the *U.S.S. Geneva* in the South Pacific. After it was damaged, struck by an underwater mine, he was transferred to LST 6 and participated in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Following World War II, he remained in the Naval Reserve obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In 1949, C.P. was admitted to practice law in the state of Louisiana. He also moved to Shreveport. He embarked on a successful and fulfilling legal career in the Bar of this city and Parish. In 1999, he was honored by

the Louisiana Bar Association for the continuous practice of law for over 50 years. He retired from the practice in July 2001.

Over the years, C.P. Brocato was a mentor to many young lawyers. He enjoyed a stable of very loyal clients who continued to come to him up until the day he closed his office. He donated his time freely to those with legal needs who might not otherwise have had an advocate in the system. As a lawyer, he was known for his high moral and ethical standards. The more recent focus on professionalism among the Bar found its harbinger in C.P. Brocato who, from the beginning, was known as a gentleman and a professional.


He was a member of the American Bar Association. He was a long time member of the Progressive Men's Club and served as its President and on the Board of Directors for many years. He was a founding member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shreveport and served on its advisory board and finance committee. He was also a church usher for many years.

C.P. Brocato is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sara T. Brocato; two daughters, Jeanette Brocato Mladenka and her husband, Michael; Susan Brocato Bach and her husband, Stan. Grandchildren: Michael Frances, Paul Anthony and SaraMargaret Mladenka; John-Paul Brocato, Caroline Louise, Sarah Katheryn and Mary Claire Bach. Two brothers survive him Anthony and Joseph Brocato. Family and church were always preeminent in C.P. Brocato's life.

During the last few years of his life, he experienced significant health problems. At times, he suffered considerable physical pain.

However, he never lost his sense of humor and his urging to all lawyers to "do the right thing." His stamina, his demeanor in life and his passion for the things he loved provided an inspiration and example to all who knew him.

To his loving family, his many friends and colleagues on the bench and Bar, and on behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, I submit this memorial to the memory of C.P., Cosmos Paul Brocato, and move that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that certified copies be presented to his family.

  
Lawrence W. Pettiette, Jr.