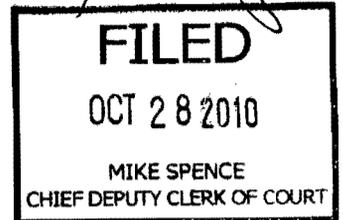


MEMORIAL FOR
DONALD P. WEISS
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 28, 2010
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION



DONALD PAUL WEISS was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 17, 1934 and died peacefully on June 20, 2010, surrounded by family, at his Shreveport, Louisiana home. Don graduated, Beta Gamma Sigma, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1955, was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base in the summer of 1956. While at Barksdale, Don was introduced to Marion Wiener. They wed on April 14, 1957 and were married at the time of his death. In addition to Marion, Don is survived by their four children, James L. Weiss and wife Audrey Browne, Eric C. Weiss, Jeffrey Weiss and wife Vona, and Jennifer Weiss, as well as by nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvia and Louis Weiss, and by his "Shreveport parents," Betty E. and Jacques L. Wiener, who always thought of Don as a son.

Following completion of his Air Force service, Don attended Tulane Law School, graduating in 1961, Law Review and Order of the Coif. Don, Marion, and their family then moved to Shreveport, where he co-founded the law firm now known as Wiener, Weiss, and Madison. At the time of his death, Don was counsel to that firm, which he had served as managing partner and with which he had practiced continuously since its founding.

Don was a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana State, and American Bar Associations; a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; and a former Chairman of the Tax Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Over the course of almost fifty years of law practice, Don earned a reputation as a premier transactional lawyer, concentrating in federal taxation, mineral law, and family enterprises and closely held businesses.

As an adoptive Shreveporter, Don participated in and led innumerable civic, educational, eleemosynary, and cultural organizations, including the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, the Shreveport Jewish Federation, Southfield School, and the Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier, all of which he served as President. Don also served as co-chair of the Shreveport Bi-Racial Committee, and he worked with and supported, among many other institutions, the Shreveport Symphony, the United Way, KDAQ public radio, and Bnai Zion Congregation. In his later years, Don shared his time between Shreveport and Aspen, Colorado, where he was a member of the Aspen Music Festival and School of which he was serving as a Director at the time of his death.

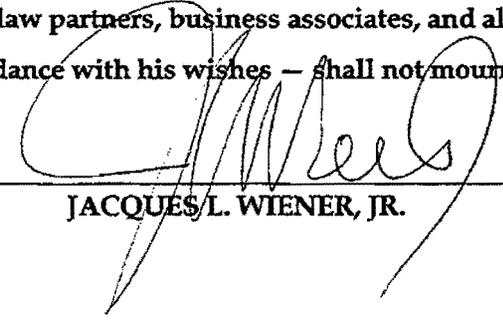
Don's outside interests and avocations were numerous and varied, and those who participated with him in those myriad pursuits agree that to describe Don's involvement as "avid" would be a gross understatement. Whether it was his law practice, his retriever training and field trial participation (he won the National Open Retriever Championship with "Creole Sister," his first-ever dog), his bicycling, his downhill skiing, his fly fishing, his enjoyment of classical music, gourmet food, and fine wine, or any of his many other interests, Don inevitably devoted untold hours and maximum energy to every pursuit. Don's "engine" knew only two

speeds: Dead Stop or All Ahead Full.

In all that he did, Don inevitably surrounded himself with younger enthusiasts, mentoring them and serving as their role model – a term frequently repeated by his more junior acquaintances during the visitations before and after his memorial service in June of this year. With the younger associates and partners of his law firm, with the younger officers and directors of the plethora of civic and cultural organizations that he served, with the younger friends that shared his many diversions and avocations, Don was ever the energetic and indefatigable pacesetter.

Above all else, however, Don's family came first and ranked highest. He loved and adored Marion, with whom he spent the last 53 of his 76 years: in Shreveport; in Aspen; around the country and the world on their numerous trips and ventures. His children, their spouses, and his grandchildren took precedence over everything and everyone. He counseled them wisely; he strongly supported their educational, professional, cultural, and civic growth; he took immense pride in their progress and accomplishments; and he reveled in simply having them around. And, each of them reciprocated with love, affection, and admiration for their *Pater Familias*.

Yet, despite Don's unparalleled record of achievement and success in all that he attempted over the course of his lifetime, it can truly be said, in the words of Shakespeare, that "nothing in his life became him like the leaving it." From the moment of the initial diagnosis of his terminal illness until his death five months later, Don consistently took the highest road: He calmly and unemotionally accepted the inevitable, objectively verbalized that he regretted nothing, and actively interacted with family and friends, determined to help all prepare for their impending loss. Don told every visitor he had done everything in life that he had wanted to do, and then some. He repeatedly stated that he could not have asked for more in life: a large, loving, and harmonious family; a welcoming community; untold friends; professional success; and – of course – unlimited fun and pleasure gained from vigorously participating in a wide variety of activities and endeavors. Family, friends, law partners, business associates, and all who knew Don will sorely miss him, but – in accordance with his wishes – shall not mourn him.



JACQUES L. WIENER, JR.