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In Memoriam

**IRVING MORRIS GREENBERG**  
April 8, 1928 - May 1, 1992

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Irving Morris Greenberg, trial lawyer and gentleman, was born April 8, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Ben and Sarah Greenberg. He was the middle child of three children born to his parents. Irving moved with his family to Shreveport at the age of six where he resided until his death on May 1, 1992. His mother and father were enterprising entrepreneurs, having operated several businesses on Texas Avenue for many years, including a shoe repair shop, a pawn shop and a furniture store. Throughout his young years and into his adulthood, Irving participated in all facets of the businesses of his parents.

Irving attended the old Louisiana Avenue Elementary School and Byrd High School from which he graduated in 1944. After high school he attended Centenary College and Louisiana State University and received a B.S. Degree from Centenary College in 1947. Irving then entered L.S.U. Law School in Baton Rouge, graduating in 1950 with an LLB Degree, and was later awarded the Doctorate of Laws Degree. He was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity at L.S.U., and served his fraternity with great honor and distinction as an officer.

After practicing law for a short period of time in Shreveport, he entered the U. S. Army and took basic training

in Georgia where he later served as a legal assistant in the base legal office.

Upon returning to Shreveport in early 1954, he entered into an association in the practice of law with the late Mitchell T. Monsour until 1955, at which time he became associated as a partner in the practice of law with the late Sylvan W. Gamm under the firm name of Gamm & Greenberg. After the untimely death of of Sylvan Gamm in 1966, Irving continued his practice of law as a sole practitioner until late 1968 when a new partnership was formed under the name of Gamm, Greenberg & Kaplan. The partnership was composed of Irving M. Greenberg, Jack H. Kaplan and later had as associates at various times John Ford McWilliams, Jr., the late Michael Beam, and Alex Rubenstein. In 1977 Irving suffered a heart attack while in New Orleans and was hospitalized for approximately one month. After a long recuperative period at his home in Shreveport, he returned to vigorously practice law later the same year. Irving and Jack H. Kaplan were partners in the practice of law until 1986 when the partnership was dissolved amicably and until his untimely death on May 1, 1992, Irving continued to practice as a sole practitioner.

During his years of practice he was well-known throughout North Louisiana as an aggressive, true advocate of

the law and one who wrote meticulous petitions, briefs and legal documents. He spent countless hours in research prior to preparing his well-written legal documents and often had lengthy discussions with his partner and others in his quest for representing his clients to perfection, though as a perfectionist at times he was somewhat dilatory in moving a case forward, he was a true advocate of the beliefs of his clients and served his profession with honor and dignity.

Irving practiced law primarily in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, before the First Judicial District Court, Shreveport City Court and the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, but he frequently extended his practice to the neighboring parishes of Bossier, DeSoto, Webster, Rapides, Bienville, Ouachita and even the parish of New Orleans. His peers of the trial bar honored him repeatedly for his abilities. He was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Shreveport Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Irving and the writer, the Chairman of this Memorial Committee, have been the closest of friends since childhood, and it is well remembered by this writer when we were young boys that Irving was always late getting to social events and excused himself by saying he had to take his grandmother to visit a friend, and often I told him that he

must have been an eleven month baby as he's been late ever since.

Everyone that knew Irving loved and respected him for his sincerity, his kindness and caring, his hard work, his beliefs and his genuine interest in the problems of others, and his veracious assertiveness and work on behalf of his clients.

In his personal life he was a very devoted family man and enjoyed entertaining regularly at his home, expanding the ideals for which he believed and particularly those of the Jewish religion. He served with honor as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hebrew Congregation Agudath Achim when it was located on Line Avenue in Shreveport, working tirelessly for his religion and congregation. He later served as a Board Member, Treasurer and President of B'Nai Zion Temple. He gave countless time and tireless effort towards the ideals of Judaism and the goals of the Hebrew Congregation Agudath Achim and B'Nai Zion Temple. His time was well spent as many outstanding achievements were accomplished during his tenure.

Irving was also a member of Shreveport Masonic Lodge No. 115, and the Zionist Organization of America.

At the time of his death, Irving was married to Phyllis Lande Greenberg, who survives him. Phyllis and

Irving had three children, Ellen Rose Greenberg, Sylvan Scott Greenberg and Tammy Beth Greenberg. Prior to his marriage to Phyllis, he was married to Miriam Greenberg and had a daughter, Cynthia M. Greenberg Verdine. Irving's daughter, Ellen Rose, practices law in Kansas City, Missouri. His only son, Sylvan Scott, practices law in Las Vegas, Nevada. His oldest daughter, Cynthia, resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his youngest daughter, Tammy Beth, is a teacher at a child day care center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Irving's wife, Phyllis, was a loyal, loving and understanding wife, who was patient and understanding when legal emergencies would change the plans of his family. In addition to his immediate family, he is also survived by his sister, Lillian Greenberg Rothkoff of Long Island, New York, and his brother, Paul Greenberg, who is editor of the Little Rock newspaper and a winner of a Pulitzer Prize. He is also survived by a multitude of friends and colleagues who learned from his example and who benefited from observance of his devotion to his family, his religion and his profession.

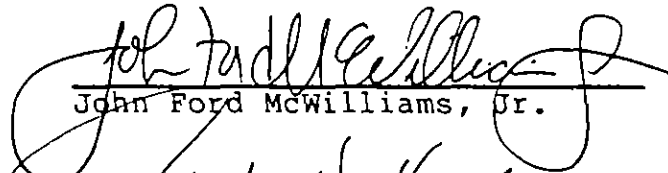
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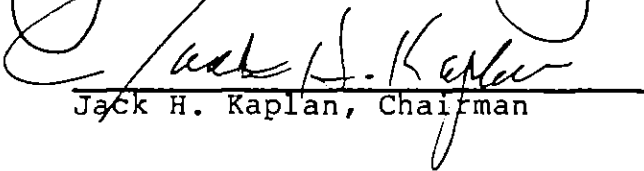
BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association does hereby direct that the admiration and respect in which Irving Morris Greenberg was held by his fellow lawyers, his

family, his friends and his fellow citizens, be made a permanent part of the records of the First Judicial District Court and a copy of this attempt to express this admiration and respect be sent, with the sympathy of this Committee and the Shreveport Bar Association, to his family.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of November,  
1992.

  
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Alex Rubenstein

  
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John Ford McWilliams, Jr.

  
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Jack H. Kaplan, Chairman