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Isaac Abramson was born October 2, 1903, at Kovno, Lithuania, the son of Mandel Abramson and Jennie Capelan Abramson, the eldest son of the family.

Shortly after birth he immigrated to this country with his parents. He died in Shreveport, Louisiana, his home, on the 26th day of September, 1974.

Isaac Abramson attended public schools of this city. After graduation from the old Shreveport High School, he attended Centenary College where he obtained his BA degree on June 9, 1926, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Shortly thereafter he entered L.S.U. Law School where he obtained his LLB degree on June 11, 1928 and he then opened his law office in the city of Shreveport to engage upon a long and distinguished career at the bar.

While a senior at L.S.U. Law School, he was chosen by the faculty, due to a shortage of professors, to teach freshmen law students portions of Code I of the civil code. He had the distinction of being one of the professors for Dean Paul Herbert, the long-time dean of the L.S.U. Law School. He is still referred to by some of his students who survive him as "Professor" Abramson and they all recite glowing reports of his ability as a teacher.

In 1928, he formed an association with the late Lester Wilson, under the firm name of Wilson & Abramson for the practice of law in Shreveport. This partnership dissolved a few years later but the two of them remained fast friends, frequently handling cases together.

In 1940, the partnership was again reformed, under the same firm name, in what was then known as the Giddens-Lane Building, Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1937, Michel A. Maroun entered the partnership and the name was changed in a few years to Wilson, Abramson and Maroun.

In 1950, the firm was joined by Jack H. Kaplan, who

subsequently became a partner and the practice of law was continued in the Lane Building and the Oden Building in the city of Shreveport under the firm name of Wilson, Abramson, Maroun & Kaplan. The firm name remained the same until the death of Lester Wilson in 1965, and, shortly thereafter, the firm name was changed to Abramson, Maroun and Kaplan.

In 1969, this partnership was dissolved and for a short period of time he resumed a partnership with Michel A. Maroun in the Oden Building, which was dissolved a short time later. Thereafter he continued in the practice of law as a sole practitioner.

Mr. Abramson's civic accomplishments were many. He served as President of B'Nai Brith Lodge of Shreveport, President of the Shreveport Zionist District, President of the Southwestern Region of the Zionist Organization of America and on the National Executive Board of this organization. He was President and very active in the Caddo Parish Mental Health Society. He served as master of his Lodge, Shreveport Lodge FA&M #115. He served as a national director in Shreveport of the Jewish Consumptive and Ex-Patients Relief Association. He served many years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his beloved congregation Agudath-Achim Synagogue in the city of Shreveport. He maintained membership also in B'Nai Zion Temple. He was also a member of Scottish Rite Masonic bodies, El Karubah Temple and the Elks Lodge.

His many years of service and dedication to his synagogue and his religion were recognized in a testimonial dinner given in his honor after he had served over 25 years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Speaker after speaker expounded his virtues and listed the many accomplishments that he had secured for his synagogue.

He was admitted to practice before all courts of the State of Louisiana, as well as the Federal courts and before the United States Tax Court, United States Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals and Immigration and Naturalization Service. He was, likewise, a member for many years of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Isaac Abramson was known to most who knew him well by the nickname "Ike". He acquired many and varied interests in private business, including oil and gas interests, real estate, jewelry business, paint business, and many other investments.

To him, his chosen profession was a jealous mistress, requiring his constant attention and at times an almost superhuman amount of energy. No case was ever too small or too large for him to handle and to each he would devote himself untiringly to its successful conclusion. To say the least, he was a colorful practitioner, able in his profession and was possessed of the ability to say the right thing at the right time or to make the proper gesture at the right time to keep both his adversaries, the court, and the jury in a proper frame of mind at all times. He will be remembered long by both the bench and bar for his very colorful antics, quick wit, deep thought, and deep appreciation for the law.

The best thing that a brother lawyer can say about a deceased brethren is that he gave his all and zeal in every case that he elected to accept. Being colorful in the courtroom was part of his nature. He had the ability in straightforward argument to present logical reasoning, founded on fact, secure in the law, to pursue the endeavors of his chosen profession.

"Ike" Abramson will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his widow, Frances Newman, who he married on March 2, 1934, at Galveston, Texas, and his two children, Sandra A. Gold and Bobbette A. Oken. He is, likewise, survived by several brothers and sisters, namely, Samuel Abramson, Dr. Harry Abramson, Mrs. Toby Wolfson, and Mrs. Sally Shuster.

Well may it be said that Isaac Abramson was one in a passing generation whose name and colorful figure will always be remembered by those who knew, respected, admired, and loved him. His passing on the 26th day of September, 1974, marks a milestone of his generation.

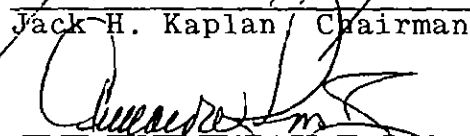
His practice was both civil and criminal and his untiring energies and ability to apply the law to factual situations will be sorely missed by the profession.

Whereas the death of Isaac "Ike" Abramson has taken from the ranks of Shreveport and Louisiana Bar one of its distinguished and respected members in the professional, civic and business life of this community, now, therefore, be it resolved that the Shreveport Bar Association adopts and records this memorial as a testimonial and tribute to its departed friend and attorney, Isaac Abramson, and that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this court and delivered to his bereaved family.


Respectfully submitted,



Jack H. Kaplan Chairman



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