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**MEMORIAL FOR JACK H. KAPLAN
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL EXERCISES HELD
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 29, 2002 UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Jack H. Kaplan was born on January 31, 1928 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He entered Byrd High School at age 11 and he graduated in May of 1944. He attended Centenary College from 1944 to 1946. He attended LSU Law School from 1946 to 1948. He returned to Centenary in 1948 attending night school. In 1950, he was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association and remained an active member for 52 years. He was honored in 2001 with his 50-year membership certificate.

My father served his country during the Korean conflict in the U.S. Army where he was part of the JAG corps. He was also active in many legal organizations including the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, the American Bar Association and ATLA. In addition to being involved in legal organizations, Jack Kaplan was also very involved in the Jewish community. He was a member of both B'nai Zion Congregation and Agudath Achim Synagogue. At B'nai Zion, he served on the Board of Trustees and was President of the brotherhood for two years. He was named Shreveport ZOA "Man of the Year" in 1969.

Jack Kaplan was certainly one of the old school attorneys. He handled whatever came in the door. As a child, I recall the phone ringing at all times of the night because someone needed his services and he always went wherever and whenever he was called. I remember accompanying him to the jailhouse on many occasions. My father once told me that if I ever got thrown in jail that I should not call him because "he knew everyone" and "would just make sure that I stayed there." There was no question that he did and he would.

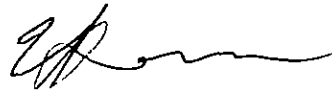
The people that my father represented always knew that they could count on him. My father represented people of all races and all walks of life. He represented the rich and the poor as well as the guilty and the innocent. He handled many good cases and many bad cases but he always treated each case the same and treated each person that he represented with the same respect and professionalism.

My father was truly a man of the people. My brother, sister and I were always amazed that we could not go anywhere, and I mean anywhere, where my father did not know someone. Whether it was dinner at George's Grill, a movie, a baseball game or a trip out of town, my father would always run into somebody that he knew. The fact that my father was known and liked by so many people is one of the great testaments to his life.

Jack Kaplan loved being a lawyer. He always told me that he never wanted to retire because he enjoyed practicing law. He was able to do what he loved to do up to the last moments of his life. It is not surprising that my father died being a lawyer and I believe that my father would not have wanted it any other way.

Jack Kaplan is survived in life by his three children, Ruth, Howard and Blake and by his fiancée, Edie Hucklebridge. He is also survived in life by his extended family and his many, many friends. And, here today, he is survived in the law, a profession that he greatly cherished, by each of you.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of October.



Howard Kaplan