

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORING

ABE B. FREYER

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Abe B. Freyer who died in Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 15th, 1976, was an able and valued member of the Shreveport and Louisiana Bar for more than 68 years. During his lifetime he made a lasting contribution to the various activities and development of the City of Shreveport.

Abe B. Freyer was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 9th, 1887.

He moved to Shreveport in 1904 after completing his pre-law education at what is now Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. Immediately after leaving Louisiana Tech he began his law education as a student in the law firm of Wise, Randolph & Rendall. In 1908 upon examination by the Supreme Court of Louisiana he was admitted to the Louisiana Bar.

On August 20th, 1913, Abe B. Freyer married Etta Alltmont. They lived all of their married life in Shreveport. Of this marriage three children were born. Mrs. Freyer passed away on December 29th, 1968.

In 1922 Abe B. Freyer was admitted to practice before the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeal and later in 1930 he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

He became a partner in the firm where he began his studies and in 1915 the name of the firm was changed to Wise, Randolph, Rendall & Freyer. Ultimately Mr. Freyer became the senior member of this law firm. In 1935 his oldest child, A. B. Freyer, Jr., joined the firm and in 1942 his younger son, Samuel A. Freyer also joined the firm. In 1948 the firm was merged with Goode & Nelson and the name was changed to Freyer, Goode, Nelson & Freyer. He continued as the senior member of that firm until it was dissolved and a new firm established with his son, Samuel, in the name of Freyer & Freyer. He continued the practice of law until a few years before his death when, due to his age, he felt it was necessary to cease active practice.

Mr. Freyer was a leader in the legal, civic, fraternal and religious activities of this community.

He was one of the founders and an early president of the Shreveport Bar Association.

He was an active Mason and Shriner. For many years he handled most of the legal matters for the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shriners Hospital and was an active member of the Executive Committee of both of those fraternal organizations. He was Master of his Lodge, as well as Master of all the Scottish Rite Bodies. His work for the Scottish Rite was recognized by that institution and on December 12th, 1933, he received the 33° which is the last and highest Rite the Supreme Council can confer.

Mr. Freyer was a Past President of the B'Nai Zion Congregation. He was a member of the B'Nai Brith for more than 65 years. He served the B'Nai Brith as one of its Vice Presidents for many years and in 1961 that organization established the "A. B. Freyer Youth Fellowship" in recognition of his contribution to American Jewry.

He was the founder and first co-chairman of the Shreveport Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1960 he was presented the Annual Brotherhood Citation by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Freyer was interested in the law and many other and different fields. Mr. Freyer gave generously of his time, talent and capital as is evidenced by his service on the Board of Directors of the following organizations:

National Council of Anti-Defamation League
Leo N. Levi Arthritis Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas
Home & Hospital for the Aged, Memphis, Tennessee
National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Mr. Freyer was devoted to his family and a staunch friend to many. He will be remembered by the members of the Shreveport Bar Association as a fine lawyer and as an honorable and just man.

Death called Abe B. Freyer to his eternal home on September 15th, 1976. Life had been good to Abe B. Freyer and he lived a full and useful existence. Those who knew him and loved him will miss his many and varied expressions of service, kindness and charity.

In his passing the Shreveport Bar Association has lost another one of its distinguished members.

Mr. Freyer was survived by his children; namely, A. B. Freyer, Jr., Samuel A. Freyer and Carroll Freyer, the wife of Frank Zuzak.

We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Freyer's children and that copies of this Memorial Resolution be sent to each of them and that it be entered upon the Records of the Court and of this association as a testimonial of the affection and respect of the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana, for Abe B. Freyer.

Respectfully submitted,






