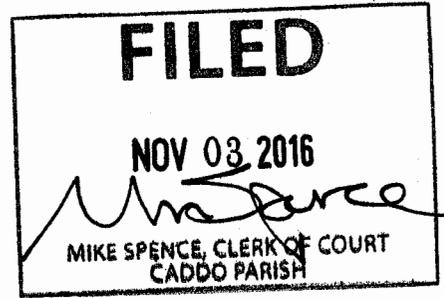


MEMORIAL

JOSEPH C. LESAGE, JR.
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

November 3, 2016
under the auspices of the
Shreveport Bar Association



JOE C. LESAGE, JR. was a native of Claiborne Parish, the sole child of Avalyn Taylor LeSage and Joe C. LeSage, Sr. He died on September 22, 2015 just short of his 87th birthday. After graduating from Homer High School as a star athlete and honor student, he attended Louisiana State University from 1946 to 1952, securing a B.S. degree in Commerce (1950) and a law degree in 1952. In his spare time as an undergraduate, he was a varsity member of the football, track and golf teams, lettering in each sport. During college and law school, he served as President of the "L" Club, Vice President of the Student Body, winner of the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Award as a senior law student and was inducted into the prestigious national leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). In 1987, Joe was inducted into the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame.

Military service during the Korean War delayed his entry into the law practice while on active duty from 1952 to 1954. He served in the Ordnance Corps initially at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then in the Judge Advocate General's Office, Litigation Division, in the Pentagon from October 1952 to February 1954. He was subsequently honorably discharged from the Army Reserve with the rank of Captain.

After military service, in February 1954, he took a job as an Associate with the Shreveport, Louisiana law firm of Booth, Lockard, Jack & Pleasant. He became a partner in the firm in 1956 and the firm continued under the name of Booth, Lockard, Jack, Pleasant & LeSage. In 1979, he became the senior member in the Booth Lockard law firm and remained so until his death.

Joe was a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, United States Court of Claims, United States Court of Military Appeals, and most all Louisiana state and federal courts.

He was a proud member of the Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association and American Bar Association. Joe faithfully served as a member of the Board of Governors and sustaining member of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the Louisiana Association for Justice) and otherwise as a sustaining member of the then American Trial Lawyers Association.

Joe LeSage was an active and gifted trial lawyer engaged in a general law practice, involving civil and criminal litigation of all types in both state and federal courts. He was a fearless litigator and negotiator on behalf of his clients, a civic leader and faithful public servant.

His civic involvement in the state and local communities was legendary and with few peers. He served two (2) stints on the LSU Board of Supervisors, the first from 1956-1968, with the distinction of being the youngest member (at the time) ever appointed to the LSU Board at age 27 and served as its chairman from 1964-1966. He played no small part in the establishing of LSUS and LSU Medical School in Shreveport. Joe was reappointed to the LSU Board in July 1992 for a six (6) year term ending in 1998. He loved LSU.

To only mention a few of his civic involvements, Joe was named the Chamber of Commerce's "Outstanding Young Man" (1963), President of Holiday in Dixie (1966), Chairman of the Board of Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors (1979), charter member and past Board member of Shreveport Sports Foundation, past member of YMCA Central Board and Metropolitan Board, past chairman of the YMCA Board of Management, and past member, Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce. The list goes on.

Joe was elected State Senator from the First Senatorial District, Caddo Parish from 1968 to 1972 where he served with distinction. He made an impression and was considered by political pundits at the time as a candidate for higher state office. Yet Joe chose to not run for reelection to the Senate or otherwise and devoted himself back to his active law practice in 1972. He was also widely recognized as one of the best dressed men in Shreveport.

Joe is survived by his wife of thirty-five (35) years, Dolores F. LeSage. His oldest daughter Sherry Anne LeSage predeceased him in 2010. Others surviving him are daughter Susan Virginia LeSage, stepdaughter Debra Word Jackson and husband Patrick, stepdaughter Sondra Word Jordan and husband Damon, granddaughter Victoria Laiche Jordan and grandson Zachary Joseph Jordan and wife Mary.

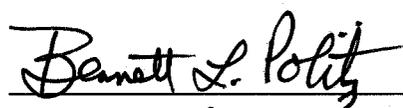
No truer words could have been written in Joe's obituary: "After a particularly hard fought and contentious jury trial, a seasoned litigator once remarked to Joe, 'I never tire of a gentleman.' You were that, friend Joe, you were a true southern gentle man."

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this Memorial outlining the exemplary life of trial lawyer, civic leader and public servant Joe C. LeSage, Jr., and formally move that it be inscribed in the official records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and certified copies thereof be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of November, 2016.


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