

In Memoriam

LEON MILTON PLINER
September 30, 1924 - June 5, 1995

Leon Milton Pliner was born on September 30, 1924 in Shreveport, Louisiana, the son of Morris and Bessie Silbey Pliner. He was the oldest of two children born to his parents, and lived in Shreveport, Louisiana until his death on June 5, 1995. He lived in the 900 block of Elmwood for many years.

Leon Pliner graduated from C. E. Byrd High School in 1943. While in high school he attained the rank of major in the R.O.T.C. After graduation he worked for a short period of time in a shipyard in Biloxi, Mississippi. He thereafter entered the Army Air Force where he served as a lieutenant navigator in the air force during World War II. At the conclusion of World War II he attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he obtained a degree in chemical engineering. Shortly after graduation he obtained employment in research as a chemical engineer at the United Gas Company in Shreveport, Louisiana. Interestingly, he was focusing on "Solar Energy".

While working for United Gas Mr. Pliner attended night school at Centenary College and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1956. Shortly thereafter he commenced the practice of law in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. Pliner first practiced law in the Lane Building in Shreveport, Louisiana in association and partnership with the late Eugene J. Coen. After the dissolution of the partnership, Mr. Pliner continued to practice as a sole practitioner until his death.

Leon Pliner gave generously of his time to many civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of Shreveport Masonic Lodge 115, Shreveport Consistory, and El Karubah Shrine. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was appointed Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1979 and he also served as legal counsel for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. He was a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Legal Committee of the Scottish Rite Temple of Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Pliner was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

On another plain, he was sector chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, commonly known as ESGR. In this capacity he sought support of Reservists and National Guard personnel from employers. To this end he regularly organized trips of employers to various bases of the army to advise and show employers the importance of those who were Reservists and members of the National Guard in order to promote a better understanding between employers

and employees as regards their duty as members of the Reserves and National Guard.

Mr. Pliner was of the Jewish Religion and served at different times on the Boards of B'Nai Zion Temple and the Agudath Achim Synagogue. He devoted much time to public service. His favorite words were "The Lord has been good to me and this is my way of giving some back".

Leon practiced law primarily in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, before the First Judicial District Court, Shreveport City Court and U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, but he frequently extended his practice to the neighboring parishes of Bossier, DeSoto, Webster, etc. His peers of the Trial Bar honored him repeatedly for his abilities. He was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Shreveport Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He frequently would talk with fellow attorneys to obtain their views on a factual situation on a case he was handling. He was always ready to exchange legal opinions on procedure of cases.

Everyone that knew Leon loved and respect him for his sincerity, kindness, caring, his hard work, beliefs, and genuine interest in the problems of others as well as his assertiveness and work on behalf of his clients. He

conducted and participated in many trials, both civil and criminal, although most of his practice was civil.

In his personal life, he was very devoted family man and lived at home with his mother until her death. He worked tirelessly for the Masonic Order, his religion, congregation and ESGR. He gave countless time and tireless effort towards the ideals of our profession and the ideals of Judiasm. His time was well spent as many outstanding achievements were accomplished during his tenure.

Mr. Pliner never married. He was survived by one sister, Emogene Pliner who resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This Committee is privileged to offer the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association does hereby direct that the admiration and respect in which Leon Milton Pliner was held by his fellow lawyers, 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 sympathy of this Committee and the Shreveport Bar Association, to his family.


Respectfully submitted this 26th day of October,
1995.



J. W. Jones



Jack H. Kaplan



Honorable C. J. Bolin, Jr.,
District Judge
Chairman