

In Memoriam

TURNER BRADLEY MORGAN

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On March 28, 1962, Turner Bradley Morgan, an outstanding lawyer, a former State Representative from Caddo Parish, and one of Shreveport's best known citizens, died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 52. He had practiced law for more than twenty-five years and his loss to his family, his partners, his colleagues, members of the Bar, and his many friends will be forever remembered.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Billie Fondren Morgan, a daughter, Mrs. Billie Leigh Rippey, a granddaughter, Mary Paige Rippey, his mother, Mrs. Estelle P. Morgan, two brothers, Jack P. Morgan and Edward L. Morgan, a sister, Mrs. Myrtie V. Everett, and two nephews, Steve Everett and Tenn Morgan, and one niece, Margaret Morgan.

A native of Louisiana, he was born in Gibsland, Bienville Parish, on January 20, 1910. He attended public schools in Gibsland. He studied at Centenary College and then attended Louisiana State University where he received his B. A. degree in 1931 and his L. L. B. degree in 1935.

After earning his B. A. degree he taught school for one year in Webster Parish, Louisiana, at Evergreen, before entering law school at Louisiana State University.

In 1936 Turner, as he was known to all of those who knew him, entered the private practice of law in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, with the late Ben E. Coleman under the law partnership

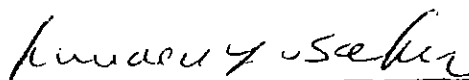
name of Coleman & Morgan, which partnership was dissolved by Mr. Coleman's death in 1938. Thereafter, he continued the private practice of law in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, as an individual until he founded and organized the law firm of Morgan, Baker & Skeels in 1946, which law firm was composed of Turner B. Morgan, Donald L. Baker and Ado C. Skeels. Later Eugene B. Middleton, Jr. and Ben E. Coleman, Jr. were taken into his firm and the law partnership name was changed to Morgan, Baker, Skeels, Middleton & Coleman, which name was continued until recently when Eugene B. Middleton, Jr. was elected as City Judge of Shreveport and the firm name was then changed to Morgan, Baker, Skeels & Coleman. At the time of his death Turner was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

At the age of only 30 years Turner's adopted community of Caddo Parish recognized his virtues of prudence and wisdom by electing him a member of the House of the State Legislature. He served in this capacity with distinction for two terms during the years from 1940 to 1948. One of the more important bills of legislation introduced by him at the time he was a member of the Louisiana Legislature was that creating the Confederate Memorial Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Turner was a man of deep religious convictions and was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Shreveport and devoted a great deal of his time in the work of his church and in helping his fellow man.

Turner had the profound respect and admiration of his colleagues and members of the Bar for his fine legal mind, judicial temperament and sound judgment in the practice of law. He also possessed a kind and generous heart evidencing a deep feeling of

compassion for his fellow man. He never turned down a client in need and represented with equal resolve and vigor the little man as well as those more fortunate. Being truly dedicated to representing his client in every sense of the word, he gave unselfishly of his time, energy and ability. Moreover, no legal problem was too complicated or involved for him to attempt to solve, and he approached all with enormous drive and tenacity of purpose. Perhaps, the keynote of his dedication was the remark he so often made, "A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits". He fought long and hard in court and never gave up on a case. Although extremely busy and carrying a heavy work load, he was never too busy to give of his time and knowledge to his associates and colleagues who sought his advice and help. Not only did he possess this dedication and tenacity of purpose but also he often demonstrated great patience in the practice of law taking with equal dignity, calmness and reserve the reverses as well as the successes in the every day practice of law. Such was the life and work of Turner B. Morgan, truly an inspiration to his family, his clients, his colleagues and members of the Bar and he will be forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.



Donald L. Baker



Ben E. Coleman



Ado C. Skeels

Chairman