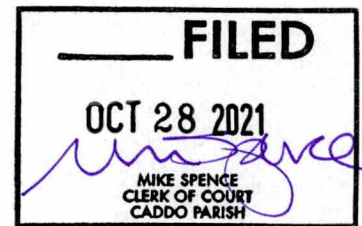


**MEMORIAL FOR  
HONORABLE ANDREW BRUTTON GALLAGHER  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND  
RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD BY THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 28, 2021  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**



I am honored to stand before the members of the Shreveport Bar Association to honor my father, Judge Andrew Gallagher. While Covid-19 took him away April 11, 2020, it also took away our opportunity to honor him with words at that time and I hope I can do my mother and siblings justice with these remarks on their behalf.

He was born September 21, 1929, to Andrew Cadwallader and Dulce Brutton Gallagher in Cincinnati, Ohio. After his parents' death at a very young age, the Judge was reared by his aunt Bertha and uncle Harry Brutton, a founder of the public relations division of Procter and Gamble. Upon graduation from Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, he attended Washington and Lee University and graduated from Washington and Lee School of law, following his father and grandfather, John Doyle Gallagher, into the practice of law. Shortly after graduating, he was called to service during the Korean War where he served in the U.S. Army Reserves as a liaison to the United States Commander in Berlin. Upon conclusion of his military service, he came to Shreveport at the request of a law school classmate to hang out his shingle. With a brief stop in Baton Rouge at the LSU Law School and to purchase his beloved 1957 Corvette he began his law practice in Shreveport. After several years, he had a chance meeting in the elevator of the Beck Building where he struck up a conversation with a tall, lanky gentleman and found out they were cousins. Soon, the firm of Gallagher and Alexander were joined by my namesake, John Gallagher to form Gallagher, Alexander, and Gallagher, later named Gallagher and Gallagher upon their partner's election as judge where they practiced general law and John served as the longtime city attorney for Shreveport and Andrew was appointed legal officer to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, by then District Attorney John Richardson.

After his law partner's death in 1978, Andrew ran for and won a newly created judgeship in the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, where he served alongside his friend Judge Gorman Taylor. Until his mandatory retirement in September of 1999, the Judge presided over thousands of cases involving criminal, non-support, children in need of supervision and other domestic issues. He always told me he was most proud and grateful to have presided over the hundreds of adoptions during his career, some children he kept in touch with until his death. Traffic court was another large case load, and one he could have fun with especially when an acquaintance appeared with their child- "I find you guilty and order payment of a \$500 fine, but dismiss all but \$25 of the fine", just to see the look on the parents faces! If you were under eighteen between 1999 and 1979 and got a ticket, there was a good chance you are one of his "alumni". Another of his favorite moments was when several key members of the Loyola High School football team were scheduled for mandatory driving school the same day as they were to play Byrd High School, our family alma mater- He loved making the coach sweat it out before rescheduling their commitment.



Among his other legal accomplishments, he chaired the first medical review panel under a new law passed in 1975 and continued to chair them well into his eighty's. He served on the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and was recognized for over 60 years of practicing law by the Louisiana and Virginia State Bar Associations. After his retirement, he sat ad hoc upon appointment by the Louisiana Supreme Court in Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Natchitoches, and Bossier Parishes. He was also a strong advocate with the Juvenile Justice Program in Northwest Louisiana and the State of Louisiana. He served on the committee to develop the Children's Code for the State of Louisiana. He proudly served on the Board of Directors of the Rutherford House, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Volunteers of Youth Justice, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, and the Children's Trust Fund. He was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, and the Virginia Bar Association.

While he did not have a lot of time for hobbies, that was probably due to trying to keep myself and my siblings in line. He loved cars and I have to say I hated going to period movies, as he could tell by the flair of a fender or a taillight shape that the car was too new to be set in that time period. He even had his dealers license, and he would scour the Saturday morning paper and would be off to buy a used car, clean it on Sunday and have it for sale Monday! He was a huge fan of the Cincinnati Reds, Bengals, and LSU. I know he is beaming with the success that Joe Burrow and JaMar Chase are seeing with the Bengals. He was married to our mother Marilyn for 57 years and totally devoted to her love and happiness. He loved his grandchildren, Claire and Harris Amberson, Davis Gallagher, Ethan, Emma and Evan Chamberlain and Whitney Scroggins as well as his great grandchildren George and Caroline Amberson. Lastly, he was especially proud of each of his children and our dedication to law and public service, especially my late brother and I being fourth generation lawyers. Paul, who we lost in 2018, was considered by many as one of the great legal minds at the state capitol, Laura Amberson, the longtime Registrar of the SMU Law School, myself, Executive Director of the Louisiana Municipal Association and especially Patrick, who serves on the staff of Mike Spence and the Clerk of Court, ensuring that a Gallagher is continuing to roam the halls of the Caddo Parish Courthouse going on 8 decades.

I want to thank his friend, Colonel Ted Cox who served for years as the court administrator with my father and to all the dedicated Juvenile Court Judges he served with. Thank you all for your dedication. Lastly, to Larry Pettiette, the Shreveport Bar Foundation, and the Shreveport Bar Association for preserving our father's past with the oral history program. I look forward to his great grandchildren and beyond to know about this wonderful father, grandfather, great grandfather and a gentleman.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gallagher