

**MEMORIAL FOR  
MICHAEL HUGH WAINWRIGHT  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
NOVEMBER 3, 2022  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

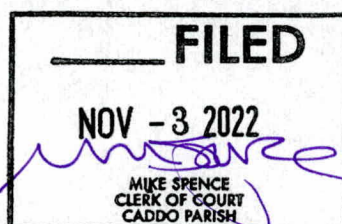
GOOD AFTERNOON YOUR HONORS, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Family, friends, and fellow members of the Bar,

Michael Hugh Wainwright was born on July 21, 1949 and spent his formative years in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. He passed away in Brevard, North Carolina on March 17, 2022. After graduating from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport Michael enrolled in Northeast Louisiana University, now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe ("ULM"). During his senior year at ULM he served as president of the Student Government Association. In 1974 he received his Juris Doctor degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University and began a legal career that spanned almost fifty years.

Michael had a keen interest in politics. His earliest endeavors as an attorney were on the staff of then-Congressman Gillis Long followed by service as assistant counsel to the Committee on Rules of the United States House of Representatives from 1975-1978. From 1978-1981 he served as an assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana.

Michael's interest in politics was apparent in his law practice. He served as general counsel to the Caddo Parish Communications District for almost twenty-five years. He served as director of governmental affairs for the City of Shreveport for eight years and as such was responsible for communicating the



City's interests to federal, state and local governmental leaders. He rendered legal and governmental affairs services to the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana for over forty years. He especially enjoyed his relationships with members of the Louisiana Legislature and other governmental leaders. He was a registered Louisiana lobbyist and as one of his former clients has said "understood the legislative process and what it took to get a bill drafted, introduced and enacted into law."

He was a member of the bars of the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He was active in a number of political campaigns and managed Shreveport civil rights pioneer Dr. C. O. Simpkins' campaign for mayor.

He served on the board of the Port of Caddo-Bossier from July 1997 to January 2011. During his tenure as a member he served a year as its Secretary-Treasurer, a year as its Vice President, and two years as its President.

In 2010 Michael was diagnosed with neuro-sarcoidosis and he lived with substantial health challenges for the rest of his life. He navigated those challenges with dignity, integrity and grace.

Michael and his wife Marty were active members of St. James Episcopal Church for as long as they lived in Shreveport. In 2013 Michael semi-retired from the practice and moved with Marty to Brevard, North Carolina where the climate was more conducive to Michael living with the realities of his health. There they were very active members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church where Michael served as Junior Warden. He also helped lead the church's efforts to start the Laundry Project which supports the homeless population of Brevard. Even carrying the



burdens of his disease he found the energy and initiative to help establish the Transylvania County (North Carolina) chapter of the NAACP and at the time of his passing was a member of the Transylvania County Board of Elections.


Michael had a lifelong interest in social justice that manifested itself in the way he practiced law, invested himself in the communities he served and generally lived his life. He truly had a servant's heart and made this world a better place for all of us.

Michael is survived by his loving wife Marty Kizer Wainwright of Brevard, North Carolina and his children Ashley (Bryan) Keator of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Todd Wainwright of Denver, Colorado; Brandy Anderson of New York, New York; and step-son John (Tait) Kellogg of Washington, D.C. He also enjoyed being "Dubby" to grandchildren Davis and Madeline Keator and Alec and Hoke Kellogg. He is also survived by brother Randy Wainwright, and sister Donna (Craig) Mayeux.

Your Honors, I now move to request that this Memorial Eulogy for Michael Hugh Wainwright be recorded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2022, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and made part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that copies be delivered to Mr. Wainwright's family.

Thank you, Your Honors.

Respectfully submitted,



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Charles C. Grubb