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RESOLUTION

IN MEMORIAM - MALCOLM E. LAFARGUE, 1908-1963

Malcolm E. LaFargue, a prominent attorney of Shreveport, Louisiana, died in his sleep in the early morning hours of March 28th, 1963, at his home at 3945 Baltimore Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. His untimely death was unexpected and his sudden passing came as a shock to his family, friends and associates.

Malcolm, as known to his friends, was born in Marksville, Louisiana, on November 4th, 1908. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. LaFargue, his father having been an eminent attorney of Avoyelles Parish, and served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1921. His family is conspicuously identified with the history of Louisiana. He was related to the late Senator John Overton and his grandfather was Judge Adolph J. LaFargue, of the District Court in Avoyelles Parish.

Malcolm was highly ambitious, energetic and studious from his high school days. He attended the Louisiana State University, the Louisiana State Normal College and worked his way through Loyola University, there securing an LLB degree. He was a member of the Sigma Nu Phi fraternity.

In 1933 he was admitted to the Bar of Louisiana and opened a law office in Shreveport and served in the Legal Department of the Department of Conservation from 1933 to 1937. He served as Assistant United States District Attorney from 1937 to 1941, and in 1941

became the United States District Attorney, for the Western District of Louisiana, which position he held until 1950. During his term of office he handled many intricate Federal cases for the government and received complimentary recognition for his outstanding service from the Attorney General in Washington.

Also during his term of office, as the United States District Attorney, he was elected as Vice-President of the United States Attorneys Association, thus receiving honorable recognition by a large membership of able attorneys throughout the United States.

In 1951, Malcolm returned to private practice in Shreveport and almost immediately acquired an enviable practice, taking and handling many complicated cases. In 1959, he became associated with Percy N. Browne, an attorney of Shreveport, under the name of Browne & LaFargue, and continued that association until his death in 1963.

Malcolm's experience and ability in Federal practice and procedure, as well as his knowledge of the Federal law, was recognized by the Bench and Bar throughout the State. He handled many difficult cases, in trial by jury and otherwise, with unusual success.

Malcolm was not only a successful lawyer and practitioner, but was interested in the political affairs of his country. In 1950 he was a candidate for the United States Senate, and, although he was not successful,

he secured a very fine vote from the people of Louisiana.

He was a prominent member of the St. Marks Episcopal Church, serving at one time as a vestryman of that religious body.

Malcolm was also a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and had been actively engaged in the various fraternal and charitable activities of the Masonic fraternity.

He was somewhat of a perfectionist in outdoor sports. He was a good golf player, an excellent bird shot and a fine fisherman. He was also a connoisseur in the culinary art of cooking.

In 1931, Mr. LaFargue was married to Jewett Todd, whose father was the late Dr. Robert W. Todd of Alabama and later Louisiana, where he was then serving as the Director of the Parish Health Units with the United States Public Service in Louisiana, continuing in that capacity for ten years.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Bannion LaFargue, one son, Dr. Robert Todd LaFargue, now serving as a Captain in the United States Air Force, stationed at the present time in Oklahoma. He is also survived by a grandchild, the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Todd LaFargue. Malcolm is also survived by three brothers, Edwin L. LaFargue, a member of the firm of Laborde, LaFargue and Brouillette, in Marksville, Louisiana; Ashton LaFargue, who is an officer with the Louisiana State Troopers, and Carl LaFargue, a businessman, now residing in Marksville, Louisiana; and two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Armitage, of Grand Isle, Nebraska and Mrs. Hooker Williams, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, in the untimely death of our brother member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Association will miss his presence and talents, and we extend to his family our sincerest sympathy and condolences in their great loss,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the passing and in memory of our deceased brother member in his commitment to the legal profession, we renew our own dedicated efforts to sustain the high standards as set by these members who have gone before us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be recorded in the permanent archives of this Association, and copies thereof be sent to the immediate family of our late fellow member, Malcolm E. LaFargue.

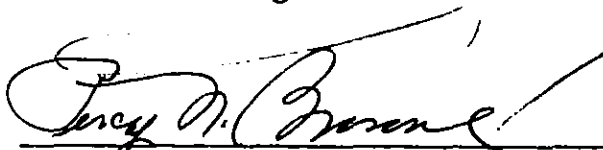
Respectfully submitted:



Judge William Fieniken



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