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**MEMORIAL TO  
MARLIN RISINGER, JR.**

**PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND  
RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD IN  
THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 24, 2003  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Marlin Risinger, Jr. was born in Gandy, Louisiana, a small town in DeSoto Parish, on March 22, 1915, and was raised in Mansfield. He died on Friday, December 27, 2002. He attended Louisiana State University and its Law School, and received his law degree in 1939. As a law school student, he served as an editor of the Louisiana Law Review and was Chief Justice of the Honor Court. During World War II, he served to Captain in the Counter Intelligence Corps and, after the war, he practiced law in Shreveport with the firm of Smith, Hall, Hunter and Shuey, and, later, with his father-in-law, William Marshall Phillips. In 1963, he joined the firm of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts as a partner, and practiced there until his retirement in 1994. Marlin also served a term as president of the Shreveport Bar Association in 1960.

Marlin was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Iva McBride Risinger, his father, Marlin Risinger, and his sister, Dorothy Risinger. He was survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Mary Lane Phillips Risinger, his daughter Mary Rives Risinger, his son, Marlin Risinger III and his son's wife, Lori Fields, and his daughter, Jane Risinger Good and her husband, Bruce

Good. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nathan Moses Risinger, Devin Rives Risinger, Phillip Thomas Risinger, Benjamin Phillip Good and Bruce Alan Good, Jr.

Marlin's love for literature and poetry made him more than "a man of letters" as they provoked him to a thirst for even more knowledge. His tastes in music could be cataloged from baroque to ballads and from classic to country.

Marlin's love of knowledge made him an exceptional man and an exceptional lawyer. He would spend endless hours researching a legal question and then test his conclusions on his lawyer friends and partners, who, of course, had likely not recently addressed the issue at hand, and perhaps never with the depth that Marlin had just concluded. Those at Blanchard Walker can recall the occasion when the time he spent in orchestrating a partition action suggested the possibility of marketing it as a television mini-series.

Marlin also thoroughly enjoyed what he termed as "discussions," but what friends and law partners sometimes thought of as arguments. Marlin had a great talent for taking the opposite side of any matter that might be under consideration, whether it be politics, news, people, or whatever. Moreover, his tenacity was such that his friendly opponents often had to throw in the towel in order to get back to work. Marlin's intellect, as impacted on the Blanchard, Walker firm, was exceptionally strong; not only

did he bring a wealth of talent and experience, but his personality and wit will never be forgotten by the lawyers who worked with him at Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, and, no doubt, his many other lawyer friends.

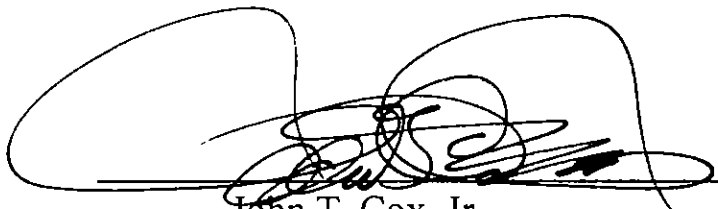
We are moved to close this memorial to him with the words of Robert Louis Stevenson:

"Of what shall a man be proud if he is not proud of his friends? Friends are the end and the reward of life. They make us worthy of ourselves."


The members of this Memorial Committee are privileged and proud to have been close friends of Marlin Risinger, Jr.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Committee requests that the Court order that this memorial to Marlin Risinger, Jr. be inscribed in the permanent records of the Court and that copies thereof be sent to his wife and his children.

Respectfully submitted on this 24th day of October,  
2003.

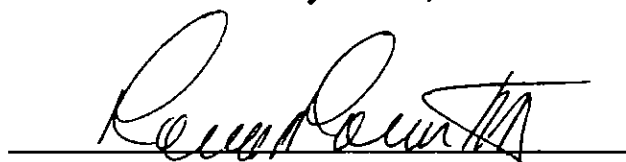


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