

In Memoriam

Ralph W. Baucum

December 3, 1906 - April 21, 1980

We, the undersigned committee designated by the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit the resolution to the memory of the late Ralph W. Baucum, a distinguished member of our association, submit the following:

Ralph W. Baucum was born in Haynesville, Louisiana on December 3, 1906, the son of Cornelius S. Baucum and Cora Garland Baucum. He attended the public schools in Claiborne Parish. After graduation from high school in 1924, he entered Louisiana State University.

While a full time employee at the Standard Oil Refinery, working on a 3:00 to 11:00 P.M. shift, he successfully completed his scholastic work on schedule and was awarded his LLB degree on June 10, 1929. He was admitted to the practice by the Louisiana Supreme Court on July 12, 1929.

After graduation and admission to the Bar, he became associated in the practice of law in the City of Shreveport in 1930 with the late C. J. Bolin, Sr.

In about 1941, Mr. Baucum acquired an interest in the Giddens Abstract Company and from that time forward confined his practice to title, abstract and title insurance. He later merged that company with the Caddo Abstract Company and served the company as President until his death.

Mr. Baucum was a charter member of the Louisiana Land Title Rating Bureau and the Louisiana Land Title Association. In 1944 he issued the first title insurance policy in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. He was, without question, one of the foremost authorities in Louisiana in the field of land titles and title insurance.

Ralph W. Baucum possessed many outstanding qualities. No lawyer enjoyed a finer reputation for integrity and ethical conduct in his business and the practice of his profession.

He was a gentle and kind man who was devoted to his family.

His civic activities included membership in the Shreveport Elks Club and the Downtown Shreveport Lions Club, serving the latter as President.

He was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church, and a member of its administrative board for many years.

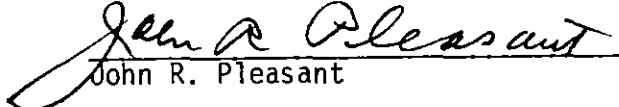
Ralph W. Baucum was married to Frances Meek on the 6th day of April, 1933. He is survived by his devoted wife and two sons, Dr. Ralph W. Baucum, Jr. of Shreveport and Dr. Charles W. Baucum of Denver, Colorado, and six grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association, in this memorial, express our admiration and respect to the late Ralph W. Baucum, whose life and the conduct of his practice deserves the emulation of each member of our profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to his family the sympathy of each member of our Association in their loss, that this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the First Judicial District Court and a copy be delivered to the family of the deceased.

  
George A. Hamilton

  
William C. Peatross

  
John R. Pleasant