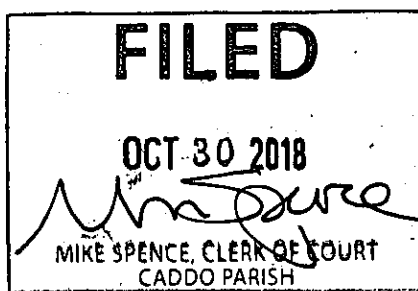


**MEMORIAL FOR
ROBERT KIRK MAYO
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 30, 2018
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Robert Kirk Mayo was born on October 4, 1926 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Inez Kirk and William Thomas Mayo. He died peacefully on June 12, 2018. A life long resident of Shreveport, he graduated from CE Byrd High School in 1942 followed by a year at Sewanee Military Academy. An only child and military school educated, he served in the United States Army during World War II stationed in the Philippines and occupied Japan. During the Korean conflict he served at the Pentagon in the JAG. While at the Pentagon in Washington DC he met and married Betty Apple of Georgia. They were married for 64 years and had two (2) daughters Christi and her husband Dr. Pope Oden and Elaine and her husband Bruce Poynter. His grandchildren are Matthew Oden, Meredith Oden, Bennett Poynter and his wife Aimee, and Seth Poynter. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Bob Mayo graduated from Centenary College in 1950. At Centenary he pledged Kappa Alpha Order. He then graduated from Tulane Law School. He was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1951 practicing until he was 85 years old. He was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association for over 65 years. He was elected president of the Shreveport Bar Association in 1983. He also served on the committee that drafted the Shreveport City Charter which became effective in 1978.

Bob started practice with a major oil company in Shreveport but early on went into partnership with Greene, Ayres, and Mayo and for many years performed title work such as drill site opinions and other contract work in the oil and gas business. After almost thirty (30) years, he moved shop to practice with his long-time friend and classman Ben Coleman joined by Don Baker. They practiced together until their respective retirements many years later.



A member of the greatest generation. He was known for his hat, three-piece suits, and either whistling or singing "In the Mood," a Glen Miller classic as he strolled down the street and into the office. By report from Bill Cady a long-time friend and Shreveport attorney, Bob had a fantastic memory especially for the words of popular songs of the day. His long-time secretaries all described him as a gentleman of the past, patient, and kind but always very professional and on any day that it rained or threatened to rain he would wear his galoshes as his "mother raised him to do".

Twenty-One (21) years ago to this day, the three (3) amigos, Ben, Bob, and Don came to me and several of my practice partners as we started our law firm. They took us up to the fifth (5th) floor of the old Commercial National Bank building (509 Market Street) where they practiced. They were much older than we were but offered their secretary to us who was older than all of them and with energy and sincerity told us that they would do whatever it took to help us establish a successful practice of law in Shreveport, Louisiana. Offering secretarial support, office space, and their combined large legal experience. Bob Mayo checked on us often. Considering the point they each were in their respective careers and where we thought we were I became acutely aware of the tremendous good fortune I had to practice law in the Shreveport Bar with an attorney like Bob Mayo.

Robert Kirk Mayo was a member of First Baptist Church in Shreveport where he served on the Board of Directors for both church and school. He taught in the Triple Triangle Sunday School class for over thirty (30) years. He was a member of the American Legion serving as Vice-Commander and the 40&8 Society where he became Chef de Gare. Bob Mayo worked hard for his clients and billed fairly. He loved and was dedicated to his family, his faith, and his country serving all with distinction over a long and distinguished life.

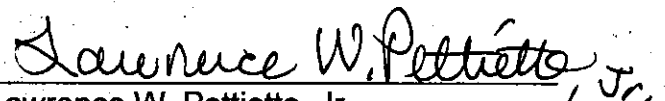
He did not really retire. For many years he could be seen walking from his office to the Courthouse, to the bank, or to some other downtown destination. Over the years it became a slower gait. As he was tall and lanky, you could not miss him on his stroll down Texas Avenue. Eventually, it was with a walker, but no other assistance.

He was a mentor to the end, always calling you by name and inquiring as to how your practice of law in Shreveport was going.

To his family, his widow Betty, his children and grandchildren, and close friends we express on behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association our sympathy but also our great respect for Robert "Bob" Mayo.

On behalf of the Bench and Bar and the Shreveport Bar Association I, Lawrence Wayne Pettiette, Jr., submit this memorial to the memory of Robert Kirk Mayo and move that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and that certified copies be presented to the family.

Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of October, 2018, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.


Lawrence W. Pettiette, Jr.