Memorial for Stuart Douglas Lunn

Presented at the Memorial and Recognition Ceremony Held in the First Judicial District Court, October 28, 2021 Under the Auspices of the Shreveport Bar Association

Stuart Douglas Lunn was born on October 10, 1925 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Mary Blanche Douglas Lunn and Wilburn Vastine Lunn. He passed away at his home in Shreveport, Louisiana with his family by his side on October 12, 2019. Stuart lived his early years on the family plantation in Dixie, Louisiana. He graduated from C. E. Byrd High School in 1942. He attended Centenary Collage and received his Bachelor of Arts and Law Degrees from Louisiana State University. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and Order of the Coif, a legal honorary fraternity for the law students with the highest grades in their class. Stuart married Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Holton in 1951. He served in the United States Army during World War II, where he was stationed in the Philippines and Occupied Japan. During the Korean War he served at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Following his military service, he and Betsy moved to Shreveport. He was a partner in the Smitherman Law Firm and its predecessors for more than 40 years. Stuart had a keen, quick mind, which was exhibited throughout his life, yet he was patient and understanding with those he encountered. He was a true southern gentleman, was respected by attorneys and laymen alike and always showed the utmost courtesy to attorneys in his law practice. Stuart set a wonderful example for the other attorneys in his law firm. He was a true friend. His door was always open to others in law firm to discuss any issues which concerned them.

Stuart was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as a trustee and elder. He was president of the Shreveport Bar Association and a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He was admitted to practice for the United States District Courts for the Western, Eastern

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and Middle Districts of Louisiana and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. He was a principal member of the committee which drafted the organizational documents for the Caddo Parish Commission, which replaced the Caddo Parish Police Jury.

During the early 1980's Bunker and Herbert Hunt, sons of the well-known oil man, H. L. Hunt, attempted to corner the worldwide silver market. They had provided no collateral for their loans to a consortium of banks which had loaned them money for that venture. After the Hunt brothers failed to corner the silver market, those banks required them and their various companies to provide serious collateral for the loans the banks had made to them. Stuart Lunn was retained by those banks to prepare mortgage documents to secure those debts which included encumbering their major interests in Placid Oil Company. That company owned the Black Lake oil field, which contained massive oil reserves. Those mortgages, which Stuart drafted represented the largest mortgages in the history of the state of Louisiana at that time.

Stuart loved his alma mater, LSU and supported the LSU Tigers throughout his life. Tiger Stadium on Saturday night was one of his favorite places, and he rarely missed a home football game. He served on the Board of Directors of the LSU Alumni Association for several years. He belonged to the Shreveport Club, the Shreveport Country Club, the Cotillion Club and the East Ridge Country Club, holding leadership positions within those organizations as well. Stuart loved to travel the world, and he and Betsy visited as many countries as they could.

Golf was his sport of choice and he spent much time through the years with his friends and family on the golf course.

He was a great friend, mentor and confidant whose talents, ability and personality will be sorely missed by the Bar and the citizens of this community.

Your Honors, the committee moves that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Court and that copies be delivered to Stuart Lunn's family.

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Respectfully submitted,

John B. Hussey

Merritt B. Chastain, Jr.