

**MEMORIAL FOR  
SUSAN ARMSTRONG KREWS  
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**

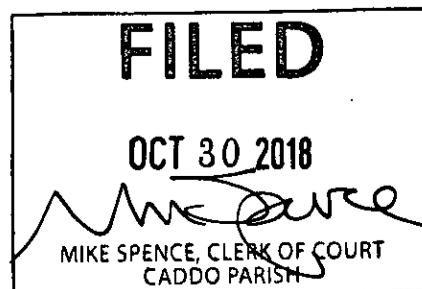
MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Fellow judges, family members, and fellow members of the bar:

First, I would like to thank Susan's family for asking me to present this memorial resolution for Susan Armstrong Krews, of course, known to us in the legal community as Susan Armstrong - a very special lady. Susan dedicated her life to helping and serving others. She was a close friend of mine and I loved her dearly. There are a few very distinct things that set Susan apart. She was more than a little country and proud of it. She was the daughter of Pugh and Charlyne Armstrong and they raised her on a dairy farm. I don't mean she was raised on a dairy farm, she worked on the farm. That's where her dedication and work ethic began, and these traits established who she was.

Susan was born on May 31, 1956. Her untimely death came on January 29, 2018 at the early age of 61.

Susan was raised in Keithville, Louisiana and graduated from Huntington High School. To say that she loved school would be an understatement. Her academic accomplishments speak for themselves. Beginning with a desire to become a nurse, she obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Northwestern State University. She began her nursing career as an RN at LSU Medical Center, but this was not enough for Susan. She decided she wanted more and obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas Sciences Center. While working on her thesis for Arkansas, she also taught at Northwestern School



of Nursing. After finishing her masters, she returned to LSU Medical Center where she became a Nurse Manager for the ICU, then Assistant Hospital Administrator and Compliance Officer. Also, during this time, she obtained her MBA from Centenary College. At this point, she longed for more. That's when she went back to school and obtained her law degree from LSU. Education now completed, she returned to Shreveport. First, she entered into private practice as a sole practitioner then joined the law firm of Klotz, Simmons and Brainard. She must have missed the medical environment because she returned to work at LSU Medical Center where she served as senior in-house legal counsel. Her career at LSU totaled 30 years.

As her work and educational resume' reflects, she was a scholar and a dedicated and devoted employee.

As dedicated as she was to her profession, or I should say professions, that was not her number one focus. Her number one focus, of course, was clearly her family. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Kerry Crews, and three children, Elise Crews, Josh Crews and his wife Aleah, and Jake Crews. She is also survived by her sisters, Jo Sellers and husband Howard, Carolyn Moore and husband David, and Georgia Kimbal and husband, Millard, as well as brothers-in-law, Jimmy Crews, DeWayne Crews and wife Peggy, Aaron Crews and wife Gayle and numerous nieces and nephews. Also, two men she considered brothers, Rick Edmonds and Joe Miciotto.

She was proud of her children. She and I spent hours sharing stories that included the good, the bad and the ugly as only Susan could tell. She stressed education with her children and was proud of the fact that all three have college degrees. In fact, does this not sound like Susan: Elise is about to receive her master's degree from Vanderbilt and then pursue her PhD; and Jake is pursuing his dream to become a doctor. Susan enjoyed and spent hours at the swimming pool with Josh;

but her youngest son Jake's baseball career at Calvary and LSU-S brought her untold joy. No, that's not right, it was told joy because she was always willing to tell you about it! I doubt she ever missed a game.

Susan's accomplishments at LSU Medical center are unpublished. They are not reported in Westlaw. But I can assure you that in her different capacities at the hospital, she helped thousands of patients get the care they needed. She was a vital part of running the hospital and medical school and in the process, she saved the State millions of dollars. She was always striving to make LSU Hospital better.

Susan was also a loyal friend, and I would be remiss if I didn't share a personal story. I told you she took pride in being a little country. All phone calls started with "Hey Boy" but how many of you have received one that went like this, "How old is that girl of yours? Can she drive? I need a runner!" I told her I think she can but not very good! *What kind of person asks to hire your kid??* Susan hired her and what a role model she became for my daughter. She believed and stressed education; she had a work ethic that was unmatched; and she loved life! She was just fun to be around.

As an attorney, I had several cases against her and as a judge, I had several dealings with her concerning the judicial commitments at LSU. She was always an advocate for her cause or side, but she was always a lady. She definitely had her own style... country and salty... but always prepared and **always** gracious. Most of our encounters were handled by phone or a conference. Always, and I mean always, the cases were settled amicably with both sides receiving a fair share or deal.

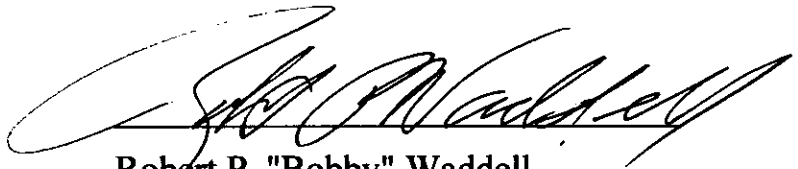
Susan was a unique lady, as educated as anyone I know, but also as practical and down to earth as anyone I know. She may have been a little country, but she was always classy, salty, sassy, and a lady.

Susan was dedicated to her family. She was dedicated to LSU Medical Center, the staff, and its patients. Susan was a dedicated public servant. The legal and medical fields have lost a friend but also the people of northwest Louisiana have lost a lady that dedicated her life to serving them.

I am honored to submit this memorial to the memory of Susan Armstrong Krews and move that this memorial be duly recorded and made a part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court and that copies be delivered to Susan's family and forwarded to the Louisiana Supreme Court for recordation.

Thus done and signed on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert P. "Bobby" Waddell  
Chief Judge, First Judicial District Court

