

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

FOR

FREDERICK IRVIN MARR

1941-2000

Frederick Irvin Marr, a member of the Federal Death Penalty Panel and a specialist in Native-American related law issues, died at his home in Brentwood, Tennessee, on November 29, 2000. Although new to the State of Tennessee, having moved with his family to the Nashville area in 1999, Fred's incredible spirit, kindness, generosity and empathy for others touched and was immediately apparent to everyone he met. Fred was devoted to his family, including wife Susan (also an attorney), twin daughters Erica Alyson and Lucia Frances (age three), sons Mitchell and Jason, stepsons Sam (Shapiro) and Nathaniel (Shapiro), grandchildren Aleksa, Jacob and Braeden, brothers Nick (Spain) and Michael, sister Janice Christine "J.C.", and mother Paula Spain.

Fred Marr was born on December 19, 1941, in Santa Ana, California. He graduated from California State University-Fullerton in 1969. After graduating, Fred went to work as the Administrative Director of the Western Center of Law and Poverty in Los Angeles, California. It was this experience working for the poor and the disadvantaged that largely influenced Fred to enter law school. Prior to law school however, Fred also worked as the Director of Administration for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, followed by a one-year appointment as Deputy Director of Legal Services Corp. in Washington, D.C.

Fred attended law school at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Following his graduation from law school in 1983, Fred worked as Assistant

Director and Director of Volunteer Lawyer Services at Legal Services of Pasadena, San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys in Pasadena, California. From 1985 to 1987, he worked at the Arizona offices in Kingman and Phoenix of Community Legal Services. Then, from 1987 to 1991, Fred continued his work for the poor and disadvantaged in private practice in Los Angeles and Sacramento, California, at the Law Offices of Ochoa & Sillas, before going to work in 1991 for California Indian Legal Services, Inc., ultimately becoming the Directing Attorney.

In 1998, Fred was appointed as habeas corpus counsel and a member of the Federal Death Penalty Panel. At the time of his appointment, Fred represented several clients seeking relief through writs of habeas corpus in state and federal courts and had assisted appointed counsel with habeas corpus issues in two California death penalty cases.

In 1999, Marr and his family moved to Brentwood, Tennessee, where he started his own private practice. He also volunteered to work with the Federal Public Defender's Office in Atlanta, Georgia, representing a death row inmate.

Fred was only 58 at the time of his death, the result of an apparent heart attack. He was an outstanding and committed attorney whose entire career was driven by his compassion for the downtrodden. His clients included Native Americans, the poor, the elderly and people wrongly denied governmental benefits. Fred once said he wanted people to remember that "he fought for the cause of truth and justice, and he loved his family." Everyone who saw him with his young twin daughters knew they were the light of his life.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nashville Bar Association, that we honor the life and work of Frederick Irvin Marr and mourn in his passing the loss of

good friend and outstanding lawyer dedicated to public service and the pursuit of justice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Nashville Bar Association and entered on the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee; and that copies hereof be furnished to Mr. Marr's devoted wife – Mrs. Susan Marr.

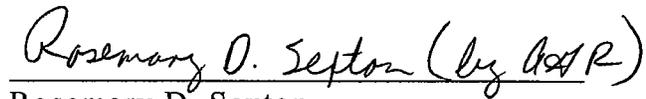
**Entered this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.**

  
Chancellor

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