

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
THE LATE JOHN LOUIS (DUTCH) UHLIAN, JR.
FORMER JUDGE OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT
IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Born in Nashville, Davidson County,
Tennessee - February 3, 1909.
Admitted to practice before the
Supreme Court of Tennessee in 1939
Died in Nashville, Tennessee - March 16, 1979.

Judge John Louis Uhlian, Jr., affectionately called "Dutch" for many years, attended elementary school in Davidson County, Tennessee, and Central High School graduating in the Class of 1927. Judge Uhlian later attended Middle Tennessee State College from 1927 to 1930 and then received his B. S. Degree in physical education from George Peabody College in 1932. Judge Uhlian participated during his school days in football, basketball and baseball, and continued his interest in athletics for many years officiating at many local high school games as well as in the Ohio Valley Conference. While participating in athletics one of his coaches asked him what his name was, and upon Judge Uhlian replying, the coach asked him, "What kind of name was that?" Judge Uhlian replied that it was "Dutch." This was overheard by his teammates and from thence forward Judge Uhlian was affectionately known out of the courtroom as "Dutch." Judge Uhlian taught school after his graduation from Peabody and was the supervisor for physical education of all elementary schools in Davidson County from 1938 to 1939.

Judge Uhlian entered the private practice of law in 1939 but in 1942 volunteered and entered the United States Navy, serving in the South Pacific and was discharged from the Navy in 1945. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade and was aboard the air craft carrier U.S.S. Suwannee and participated in the South Pacific invasions. On January 12, 1943, in Nashville, Tennessee, he married the former Elizabeth Cone. He resumed his practice of law in 1945 and served as Assistant District Attorney General for Davidson County in 1953 under Attorney General Carlton Loser. He was the manager of the late Chancellor William J. "Pink" Wade's campaign in 1949, and was also the Davidson County Campaign Manager for the late Governor Frank G. Clement in 1953. On May 1, 1965 Judge Uhlian was appointed by the late Governor Clement to fill the unexpired term of Judge Byrd Douglas and became Judge of the Second Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, for the unexpired term of Judge Douglas, was elected on August 4, 1966, for an eight year term, and re-elected September, 1974 without opposition either time. He was proud to be Past Master of the John B. Garrett Masonic Lodge, member of the Al Menah Temple, was a Scottish Rite Mason, member of the American Legion Post 5, and of the Elks Club.

Judge John L. (Dutch) Uhlian, Jr. served with distinction as Judge of the Second Circuit Court and did an outstanding job in the discharge of his judicial duties. He was known for his diligence, sincerity, and, above all, his common sense in the search for, and dispensing of, justice according to the rules of fair play. He was a friend of the lawyers who practiced before him but never in any way let his personal relationships with lawyers sway his application of justice to all litigants. He put his whole heart and soul into doing a thorough job and he certainly earned the respect, admiration and love of the members of the Nashville Bar. This Committee submits that "Dutch" would not want his friends, fellow lawyers, and family to consider this a sorrowful occasion because he did live a full life and his family can be justly proud of his many accomplishments. Thus, though we have lost a distinguished and faithful servant of the Bar and judiciary, and a dear friend, we remember him both with a sense of profound respect and great affection. On behalf of those that have gone before him and those who practiced law with him, we honor him as a man because of his warmth, intelligence, dedication to duty, humor, and his determined and unwaivering sense of justice and fair play.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association in this assembly met that it hereby expresses to the community and to his family its conviction that the death of John Louis (Dutch) Uhlian, Jr. has left an unfillable void, and that these resolutions should be adopted as an inadequate statement of the regard in which he was held and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Memorial Book of the Association and a copy provided to his beloved wife.

Respectfully submitted,
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Thomas C. Binkley
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