

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR
THOMAS "TOM" HENRY WARE**

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tom" Henry Ware, physically left this life on November 14, 2012, however his wonderful sense of humor, spirit and legacy lives on among his family, friends and all who knew him well.

Tom was born to Edgar and Helen Ware and had two sisters, Debra and Julie and one brother Charles. Tom graduated from Overton High School, MTSU and the Nashville School of Law. While at MTSU, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he served as Corresponding Secretary (which is no surprise given his neat penmanship and way with words!).

While married to Judy Ware, Tom became the father to January and Ayla Ware. They were the light of his lives. He will always be remembered for carrying cases of Girl Scout cookies all over the Metro Courthouse for sale, and his dedication to being a very active father in their lives. He had nephews, Charles Ware III, Brandon Ware, Kurt Ellis, Clint Ellis and Blaise Roberts; nieces Erin Ellis and Chelsea Roberts. Later in life, he became a husband to Goldie Ware and a stepfather to Joshua D. Stratton. He also had a step granddaughter, Jaidyn Brooks Stratton, and step grandson, Ryker Stratton. Family was the utmost of importance to him.

After his graduation from Nashville School of Law, Tom practiced law for Twenty-Eight (28) years in Nashville, Tennessee. He began his law practice with Bart Durham. His law partners included Judge Sophia Brown Crawford (me), Judge Mark J. Fishburn, Judge Sue Evans, Judge Gloria Dumas, and Larry Houston Hagar. Tom and Larry Hagar often joked that they made too much money to go on to become Judges, but I believe the real reason for Tom was that he would no longer be able to take afternoon naps at work.

Tom was elected to serve as the Davidson County Public Trustee in 1997 by the Metro Council, a position he held for 15 years. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the Nashville Bar Association and was a Fellow of the Nashville Bar Association. He served one term as Chairman of the Probate Court Committee through the Nashville Bar Association. He devoted most of his private law practice to the Probate Court of Davidson County, Tennessee.

I had the pleasure of practicing law with Tom for fourteen years. Though Tom was dedicated to his work, he was a man of routine and part of that routine was for the two of us to stroll downtown for lunch every day. People at Burger King down town, the Sports Page and the Stand n Snack at Parkway Towers got to know us well. After lunch, we strolled through the arcade downtown Nashville, so he could get a shoe shine while I got my coconut haystacks at the Peanut Shop. We would get back to the office and he would close his door and take a 30 minute power nap on his couch. He loved his peppermints and his Dr. Pepper. I was called his "shadow" at times, because where he was, I was. We had so much in common. He had two sisters and a brother, I had two sisters and a brother. He had two daughters, I had two daughters. He got braces on his teeth, I got braces on my teeth. It got so bad at one point my father told him not to do anything foolish because what he did, I did. He was a true mentor.

Tom was there when I became a Magistrate 10 years ago; he was there when my girls were born. I remember crying when telling him I was leaving our firm to go to Juvenile Court and how I was going to miss him, and with that undeniable sense of humor, I think he remarked something to the effect of "Finally, I get the office to myself".

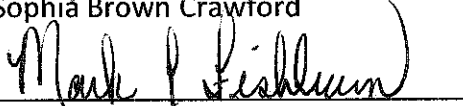
Tom was meticulous, organized, respectful, timely, thoughtful and Honorable. He was passionate about family and his career and a true public servant. He was well respected by the bench and his peers and had the wonderful gift of laughter and making others laugh.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nashville Bar Association that we honor the life and work of our friend, Thomas "Tom" H. Ware, and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned members of the committee designated to memorialize the life and memory of Thomas "Tom" H. Ware, respectfully make motion to this Honorable Chancery Court for the Twentieth Judicial District of Tennessee that this resolution be accepted and spread upon the pages of the In memoriam book kept for that purpose, to the end that the memory of our friend and colleague will forever be perpetuated in the permanent record of the profession he served so long and so well. This the 12 day of March, 2013.

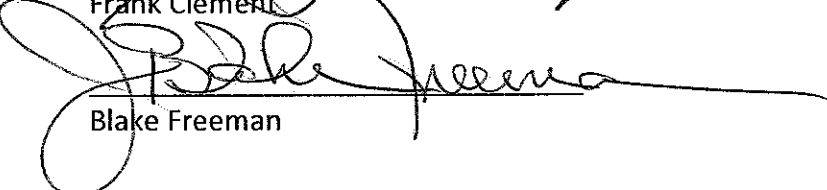

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