

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ALFRED EDWARD ABBEY

Born at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1929

Admitted to practice before the Tennessee Supreme Court – July 1957

Died at Nashville, Tennessee, September 26, 2010

When our colleague and friend passed from our midst on September 26, 2010, at the age of eighty-one, his family and friends not only experienced a deep sense of loss but also an appreciation for a long life well lived.

Al Abbey was graduated from Notre Dame University in 1951. He received a commission in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and served three years on active duty. Upon being relieved from active duty, he entered Vanderbilt University School of Law. While in law school, he served as President of the Vanderbilt Bar Association and as managing editor of the *Law Review*. At graduation, he was elected a member of the Order of the Coif. After graduating from law school in 1957, he worked in the tax division of the United States Department of Justice and then returned to Nashville and served as associate general counsel for Life and Casualty Insurance Company. In 1970 he became general counsel for a real estate development company in Atlanta, Georgia, for two years and then returned to Nashville and joined the firm of Trabue, Minick, Studivant, and Harbison as a partner. This firm later became known as Trabue, Sturdivant, and DeWitt and later merged with the Chattanooga firm of Miller and Martin in 1998, and he remained with this successor firm until his death in 2010. Throughout his career, Al was highly regarded in the fields of corporate law, real estate law, securities and taxation. For many years, he served as counsel to Werthan Industries and Shoney's, Inc. He served as a director of the Nashville Bar Association from 1978 through 1980 and as its first vice president in 1980.

Al was a student of history and read extensively in this field. He loved to play golf and did so with enthusiasm until he suffered a shoulder injury which put an end to this favored outside activity. He was a long-time member of the Nashville Committee on Foreign Relations and was active in the National Council of Christians and Jews. He traveled extensively with the Committee on Foreign Relations, including trips to Poland and Russia. As a devout Catholic, he was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church for forty-five years and served on various boards and committees of the Diocese of Nashville. He was also a member of the SERRA Club of Nashville, which promotes vocations for the priesthood and religious life. He served as President of the SERRA Club of Nashville and District Governor of SERRA International.

He remained in the Navy Reserves and made a number of Navy cruises and kept abreast of naval affairs all his adult life. He retired from the Navy Reserves in 1976 with the rank of Commander.

While at Notre Dame, he met Sara Louise Parkes of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, who was a student at the nearby College for Women of St. Mary's of the Woods. They were married October 18, 1952. To this union were born six children, Alfred E. Abbey, Jr., Sheryl Abbey Wehby, Maureen Dunn Abbey, Kathleen Dyer Abbey, Karen Abbey Giunta and Diane Abbey Dimberg. He was preceded in death by his wife Sara "Boonie" Abbey, his son Alfred E. Abbey, Jr., and daughter Kathleen Dyer Abbey. In addition to his surviving daughters, he is also survived by seven grandchildren.

In his lifetime, he suffered more sorrow than most are called upon to endure. However, he never complained about his troubles but was exceptionally sympathetic to others who suffered their own tribulations.

Our late friend had a brilliant mind and was a lifelong student. He was widely recognized and regarded as an acknowledged specialist in the field of corporate law and related matters.

Our country and community and this Bar have lost a good and useful patriotic citizen. His church has lost a faithful and generous member. The legal profession has lost a distinguished and honorable member. Individually, we have lost a good friend.

The Abbey family has lost a loving father and grandfather, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Nashville Bar Association that in the life of Alfred Edward Abbey we have been blessed and in his death we have sustained a great loss, but will always cherish his memory.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the Minute Book of the Chancery Court at Nashville, and that copies be sent to members of his family.

Respectfully submitted,

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