

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LATE
CHARLES HAMPTON WHITE**

BORN MARCH 23, 1930

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW BEFORE THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
JULY 18, 1955**

DIED OCTOBER 8, 2018

Charles Hampton White, an honorable member of the Bar of the State of Tennessee, left us on October 8, 2018 at the age of 88. He was born in Johnson City, Tennessee and moved to Nashville at a young age with his parents and sister.

Charlie was a 1948 graduate of West High School and a 1952 graduate of Vanderbilt University. He enrolled in Harvard Law School after finishing Vanderbilt and received his law degree in 1955. Later that same year he was sworn in as a member of the Tennessee Bar.

Before beginning the private practice of law, the United States Navy had other plans for Charlie. His service extended from March 1956 to March 1959, much of it aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Bennington* and destroyer U.S.S. *Benham*. It is believed by many that this was the genesis of his appetite for travel-and travel he did. In fact, at Cornelius & Collins, he occasionally drew his distribution in travelers' checks.

Finally, in 1960 Charlie began the active practice of law at what is now the Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin Law Firm. While at the Gullett firm, Charlie and his good friend, Harold Bigham, authored a two-volume treatise on the Uniform Commercial Code which became effective July 1, 1964 and which was quite helpful to members of the Bar who were unfamiliar with this legislation. He remained there until 1968 when he left and joined what thereafter became

known as Cornelius, Collins, Neal, Higgins & White where he remained until his retirement in 2000.

Early in his legal career, he found his niche in labor relations and developed many notable clients across the country (he's traveling again). Other significant clients of Charlie were the Tennessee Education Association and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association ("TSSAA"). These clients resulted in his, you guessed it, travel to the most remote county courthouses across Tennessee. It is said that he tried lawsuits in over 80 of Tennessee's 95 counties.

Charlie's representation of the TSSAA is the subject of a recent book entitled *Full Court Press* where a young high school female student from Oak Ridge, Victoria Cape, challenged the TSSAA to change the girls' basketball game in Tennessee from a half-court game to a full court game. The book, written by Memphis lawyer Bill Haltom and writer Amanda Swanson, chronicles the backstory that led to Pat Summit (who testified on behalf of the plaintiff) and the Lady Vols basketball dynasty.

For those of you who were licensed too recently to know who Charlie White was, and for those of you who just never knew or do not remember Charlie, I ask you to picture a rather stately looking gentleman, dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and dark tie, a vest, always a vest, wearing a black Homburg hat and driving a 1949 black Ford automobile through picket lines. In a more casual setting, you might picture Charlie in slacks and a golf shirt with a Leica camera slung over his shoulder, no Homburg but waiting to board a train for parts unknown. One of Charlie's favorite pastimes was trains, and he traveled on most of the major passenger lines in this country and abroad, including the Orient Express.

Well, we have had a few smiles at Charlie's expense, but if the truth be known, Charlie is probably enjoying it himself. Yet it goes without saying that Charlie was well respected and

revered by his colleagues, the judiciary and all who knew him. Charlie was gifted with extraordinary intelligence and a keen sense of honor and integrity. His was a productive life, well spent, for which we are all grateful.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, Frances Cone White.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Nashville Bar Association and entered in the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee and that copies hereof be furnished to members of Mr. White's family.

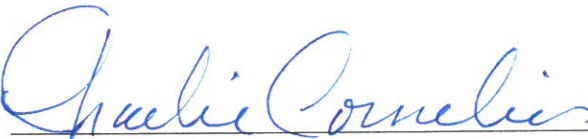
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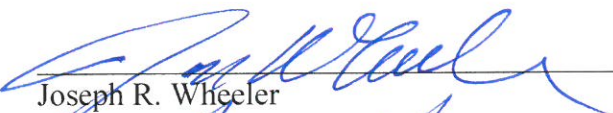
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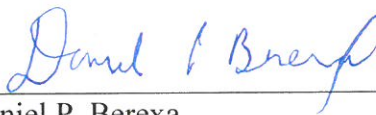

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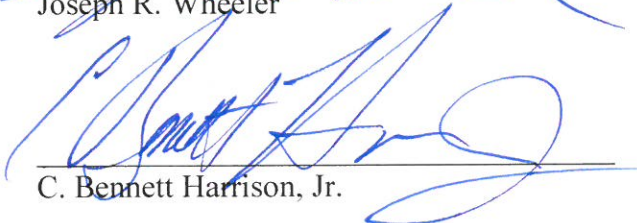

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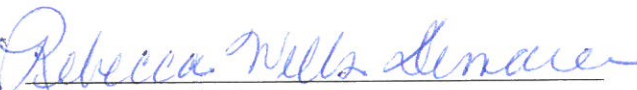

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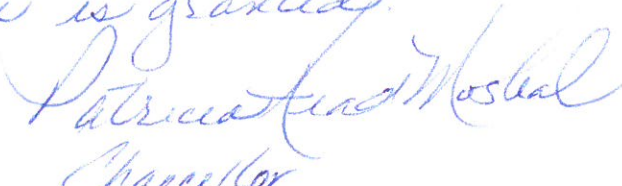

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*The motion is well taken and it is, therefore,
Ordered that the motion is granted.*


Patricia Ann Mosdal
Chancellor