

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR REBER FIELDING BOULT
1907 - 1997

Reber Fielding Boulton was born in Hollandale, Mississippi, on July 8, 1907. He died almost ninety years later on January 21, 1997.

Reber attended the public schools in Vicksburg through the twelfth grade, after which, at the age of sixteen, he enrolled in Vanderbilt University from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1927, and his L.L.B. degree in 1929. As a student at Vanderbilt, he sang in the Student Glee Club, was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the Ace Club, and the Student Honor Council, of which he served as Chairman.

He was admitted to the Bar following his graduation from Law School, and shortly afterwards, in 1930, he joined the law firm of Hume & Armistead, a firm founded by the late William Hume. He practiced with this firm until his retirement more than sixty-five years later, Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry, PLC being a successor to the original firm of Hume & Armistead. In his association with this firm, it was his privilege to practice with a number of the most distinguished lawyers practicing at the Nashville Bar in recent years. These included George Armistead, Charles C. Trabue, Laurence B. Howard, George Gale, Lindsey Davis, Edwin Hunt, and Joseph G. Cummings.

From 1930 until his entry in the armed forces in World War II, Reber's practice consisted first of investigating automobile accidents, defending property damage intersection accident cases, and later defending personal injury accident cases. During this Depression era, he supplemented his income by singing on the radio, a practice he had begun as a member of the Student Glee Club while at Vanderbilt.

Reber answered the call for military service during World War II and entered the United States Navy in 1944. He served for two years in the Navy, including eight months of sea duty as an armed guard gunnery officer aboard a naval tanker. At the end of the war he returned to Nashville and resumed the practice of law in Mr. Hume's firm which, at that time, was known as Hume, Howard & Davis. With Mr. Hume's concurrence, he shifted the focus of his practice from automobile insurance defense cases to corporate and business law, together with wills and estate planning.

It was in these areas that Reber built his primary reputation, representing Justin Potter in the sale of the Nashville Coal Company in the mid-1950s; The Harvey Company in an extended dispute with its rival competitor, Cain-Sloan over the lease of the central building in the Harvey Department Store; the National Life & Accident Insurance Company in its merger with Third National Bank to form NLT Corporation; and countless other business and commercial transactions of major importance. For many years he was involved in almost every major business transaction that occurred in Middle Tennessee. He was known in the business community as the best, a reputation that he clearly deserved.

Reber was a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Council, wrote the wills for any number of prominent Nashville citizens, and in due course represented their estates. He was the chairman of Vanderbilt University's first National Committee on Wills and Trusts and was also a member of the Trust Board of the Dominion Bank of Middle Tennessee. He excelled in the field of estate planning, as he did in everything else.

But the career of Reber Boulton was not limited simply to practicing law and practicing law well. A genuine family man, he married Olivia Weaver in 1935. They had two children, Reber Fielding Boulton, Jr. and Ann Boulton Walling. He was devoted to his church and also committed to public service. He gave countless hours to both with enthusiasm. Active in the Methodist Church throughout his life, he served as Chairman of the Official Board of West End Methodist Church, a Trustee of the Church, Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church South, Inc., President of the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church (Ohio), and a member of the General Conference Committee on Theological Education of the Methodist Church from 1948 to 1952.

Reber also loved the Nashville community and was determined to play a role in making it a better place. He helped to organize, and later served as president of, the Nashville Community Playhouse, the Nashville Symphony Association, the United Givers Fund of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee (now the United Way) and the Family and Children's Service. He was a life member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University and served as its secretary during the period 1972-1976. He was president of the Belle Meade Country Club, the St. Thomas Hospital Advisory Board, and the Cumberland Museum and Science Center. He was also a director of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Nashville Public Library, George Peabody College for Teachers and the Southern California School of Theology at Claremont. He was a member of the Coffee House Club and the Shakespeare Club here in Nashville. He also served on the Boards of Directors of The People's Bank and Trust Company of Tupelo, Mississippi, the old Nashville City Bank & Trust Company, Dominion Bank of Middle Tennessee, Newspaper Printing Corporation, Chemical Securities Corporation, and the National Life & Accident Insurance Company. In 1986, his contributions in the area of public service were recognized by the Nashville Bar Association when he was awarded the prestigious John C. Tune Public Service award.

In spite of the constant demands on his time, Reber always had time to advise the young lawyers in the office and to visit with friends. He possessed a keen sense of humor and always enjoyed trading stories with his peers. He was a welcome addition to any group.

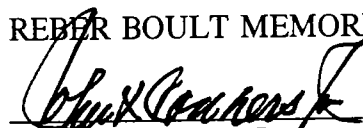
An editorial in the Nashville Banner following his death noted that Reber Boulton "daily practiced principles that have helped make Nashville the great city it is today, a dedication of one's profession, a responsibility toward one's community and a deep religious faith." He excelled in all three and is greatly missed by his partners, his profession and the Nashville community.

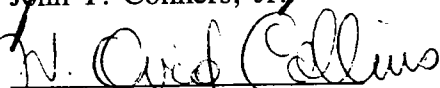
NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that in the life and record of Reber Boulton our entire community has been enriched and, in his passing, we have sustained a genuine loss.

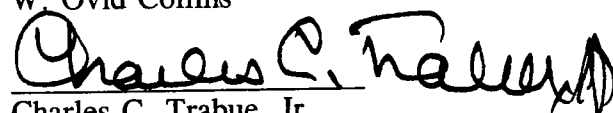
RESOLVED FURTHER that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association and entered in on the "In Memoriam" Book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, and that copies hereof be furnished to the members of Mr. Boulton's family, Olivia Weaver Boulton, Ann Boulton Walling and Reber Boulton, Jr.

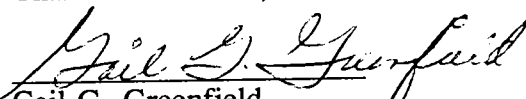
This 20th day of November, 1997.

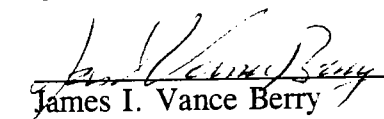
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