

Memorial Resolution for T.G. Pappas

T.G. ("Ted") Pappas, a distinguished member of the Nashville Bar, died on April 18, 2017. He was 93.

Ted was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1943, while a student at the University of North Carolina, he entered military service and served as a Master Sergeant in Military Intelligence with the 99th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, the University of Pittsburgh, and Vanderbilt University, where he was named to the Order of the Coif and served as case editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review.

Ted began his legal career in 1949 in Waverly, Tennessee, where he was engaged in the general practice of law. In 1957, he became Tennessee General Attorney for Southern Bell Telephone Company in Nashville. In 1966, Ted joined the Nashville firm of Bass, Berry & Sims, where he served as the firm's first managing partner, a position he held for many years. Throughout his career at Bass, Berry & Sims, Ted concentrated his practice on general corporate law, public utilities and telecommunications.

Ted was instrumental in building the foundation for his firm as it exists today. As managing partner, he used his business experience to improve efficiency and manage costs effectively, enabling his fellow lawyers to do what they did best – practice law. Young lawyers quickly learned that Ted could be both their toughest critic and their strongest advocate. By having high expectations for them, he taught them to have high expectations for themselves and pride in a job well done. He would not let them settle for less.

Ted served as a member of the Judicial Council of the State of Tennessee and was President of the Nashville Bar Association. He was a Fellow of both the International Society of Barristers and the Tennessee Bar Foundation. He was listed for 24 consecutive years as one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Ted will be missed, not only by his wife Jane, his six daughters (Jenny, Celeste, Stephanie, Harriet, Karen, and Eva), his 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild, but also by his law partners, the many lawyers and clients that he nurtured and counseled over his career, and his many friends who relied on his wisdom and delighted in his humor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we solemnly express our profound appreciation and gratitude for the life and work of T.G. Pappas. We mourn his death and recognize and honor his contributions to his family, his friends, our profession, and this community.

BE IT FURTHER 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 for Davidson County and that copies of this resolution be furnished to the members of T.G. Pappas's family.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, on this ___ day of _____, 2017, by the Memorial Committee: Charles K. Wray, Michael L. Dagley, Wilson Sims, Robert J. Walker, and C. Dewees Berry, IV.

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