

Memorial Resolution

Conrad E. Troutman, Jr.

Conrad E. Troutman, Jr., Circuit Court Judge of the Eighth Judicial District from 1974 to 2004, passed away on November 27, 2019, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his parents, Con E. Troutman, Esquire, and Velma Davis Troutman, his son Richard Scott Troutman and brother Andy Troutman, esquire.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sue Byrd Troutman, son Mark Troutman, Esquire, Chris Troutman, Reid Troutman, Esquire and Drew Troutman. Also surviving him are his brother, Dr. Gerald Troutman and sisters Jane Fox and Joan Abernathy along with fourteen grandchildren.

Judge Troutman was raised and educated in LaFollette, Tennessee. After graduating in 1946, he enrolled at the University of Tennessee where he was an active member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Upon graduation, he returned home and entered banking until enlisting into the United States Army, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant while serving in the Korean War. When the conflict ended, he entered law school at the University of Tennessee. Upon completion of law school, he came back to his hometown and began practicing law with his father. During his years as a lawyer he served his community in countless roles. He was the attorney for the LaFollette Hospital Board of Directors throughout the construction of the facility. He also served as Campbell County attorney, LaFollette Housing Authority Board attorney, and attorney for the Campbell County Board of Education, as well as beginning his long-time service on the Board of Directors at First National Bank.

From the beginning of his 30 years on the circuit bench, his talent for seeking justice and reconciliation between disputing parties was evident. Cases that began as contentious ended in mutual agreement, with all sides appreciating his ability to find the right result. His impact on the legal community in his five-county district will not be forgotten. Courtroom staff and lawyers all account for his patient and gentle demeanor, never raising his tone or voice but always maintaining command of any proceeding along with the respect of all impacted. Young lawyers in particular sought his wise counsel for matters of all types, from personal advice to law practice questions. No one did more to promote the welfare of our profession.

Outside the courtroom, Judge Troutman was the ever-present patriarch. His family always received first priority, from the grandchildren who loved fishing with “Judge” during retirement, to maintaining the closest ties to his children throughout

their personal and professional lives. He had great friends who shared his interests in boating, University of Tennessee athletics and horse racing. His church was blessed by his heart for service, working on many boards and projects as a longtime member of LaFollette United Methodist Church. He was selected by the South Campbell County Rotary Club as its Man of the Year in 2003.

Judge Conrad E. Troutman, Jr. was a giant to his family, his community and his profession. We are all better for having been in his presence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tennessee Judicial Conference on this 20th day of October, 2021, that Conrad E. Troutman, Jr. is honored with this Resolution, which shall be entered in the minutes of this conference and that copies of this Resolution be given to the members of his family and to the West Publishing Company for publication in the Tennessee Decisions.

Respectfully submitted on this 20th day of October 2021.

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Criminal Court Judge
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