

**A RESOLUTION BY THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
IN MEMORY OF KENNETH E. HANKINS JR., ESQUIRE**

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association have gathered in a special meeting on May 17, 2004, to celebrate the life and honor the memory of our colleague and fellow member, Kenneth E. Hankins Jr., who was called home by his Almighty God on May 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, although saddened by his death, it is our desire and our tradition to share our recollections of Ken and honor him with a memorial resolution at this special meeting; and

WHEREAS, before offering this resolution, we want to offer a brief record of his life and career.

Ken was born April 10, 1936, in Carlisle, the son of the late Kenneth Sr. and Ethel Hankins. He graduated from Carlisle High School in 1954 and from The Dickinson School of Law in 1958. Following his graduation from law school, Ken served his country in the United States Army. It was during that time that he met his wife, Linda.

Ken and Linda came to Chambersburg in 1964, after Ken received a position with the law firm of Black and Davison. It has been noted by several of our members in the past few days that Ken was one of a number of "alumni" of Black and Davison currently practicing in Franklin County. Ken was admitted to the Bar of Franklin County on October 9, 1964.

Ken left Black and Davison about 1970 to begin his own practice, and shared office space with R. Harry Bittle on the fifth floor of the Chambersburg Trust Company building. Ken and Harry later joined in practice with Thomas Crider and Blake Martin; then, after a few more years, Ken struck out on his own again, eventually opening his own office in the Trust Building. He closed that office in 2000 and practiced from his home until his recent illness and untimely passing.

Ken was a general practitioner who did both civil and criminal work, although more of the former than the latter. A fellow bar member recounted during the last few days that he will remember Ken as being meticulous in his work and a strong advocate for his clients. Another, who practiced with Ken at Black and Davison for three years, said Ken performed the most thorough legal research of any lawyer he has known, probably spent more time in the law library than any other lawyer in Franklin County, and remembered almost every case he ever read.

Ken's devotion to the local bar has been remembered by his colleagues in the past few days as well. Throughout his nearly 40 years as a member of the Franklin County Bar Association, Ken volunteered countless hours in service to the association, in particular as a member and later chair of the Memorial Resolutions Committee. It was through his writing skill that the lives of several of his colleagues were recounted in the past 25 years.

Ken likely will be remembered most, however, as the founding editor of the Franklin County Legal Journal. Ken was the editor of the Legal Journal from its inception in July 1977 until his

retirement from the position in October 2000. After his retirement as editor, he continued to serve on the Legal Journal Committee of the bar association and freely offered his knowledge and experience to his successor.

Ken and Linda had one son, Harold, and two daughters, Susan and Wendy. Ken was a member of Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, where he was a former deacon of the church and sang in the choir. He also was a member and past president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club in Chambersburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Franklin County Bar Association express our sympathy at the loss of Kenneth E. Hankins Jr., a husband, father, colleague and attorney at law. We will strive to keep his memory alive, for the strength, dedication and wisdom of those who have gone before us are the foundation for our future.

Respectfully submitted,

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