

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

In Re:
RESOLUTION CONCERNING
DEATH of
JACOB A. RAUB, JR., Esq.

Your Honors, Members of the Bar:

The Committee appointed by the President of the Bar Association wishes to present the following report and Resolution in relation to the death of Jacob A. Raub, Jr., on February 10, 1967:

Jacob A. Raub, Jr., was born in Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1898, and he died in Easton on February 10, 1967. Mr. Raub was educated in the public schools of Easton and graduated in 1916, after which time he attended Dickinson Law School, from which he was graduated in 1919. He served his clerkship in the offices of Smith, Paff and Laub, and was admitted to the Bar of Northampton County on December 17, 1920. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Pennsylvania Superior Court and the Federal District Court. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Immediately after Mr. Raub's admittance, he opened an office for the general practice of law, and, as usually happens to young lawyers with political connections and ambitions, he acquired a wide and varied practice. During his career as attorney he represented various municipal interests. He was Solicitor for the Recorder of Deeds from 1927-1928 to 1937. He was Assistant District Attorney of Northampton County from 1931 to 1935. He was the Northampton County Solicitor from 1944 to 1948, and District Attorney from 1948 to 1952. He also was retained as Solicitor by the Palmer Township Road Board, Lehigh Township Road Board, Lehigh Township School District, Easton School District, Easton Area Schools, and the School District of the Borough of Riegelsville. In addition, for many years he was the unofficial attorney for the Clerk of the Orphans' Court during the time his brother held this elective office, and, in fact, established

and set up many of the procedures still used in that office. Mr. Raub was elected to the Legislature twice and served in the 1931 and 1933 Sessions.

As a result of these activities, the nature of his practice was wide, and he appeared before the Courts on a wide variety of cases. Mr. Raub was an unsuccessful candidate for Judge in 1953.

Jacob A. Raub, Jr., was married to Margaret Young Raub, who survives him, and never had any children. Mr. Raub was an active member of the First Reformed Church of Easton and served on the Consistory for many years and provided the legal service which the church required. He was a veteran of the First World War and a past Commander of the Brown & Lynch American Legion Post. In addition, he was one of the organizers of the Exchange Club of Easton, and held various offices in that organization over the years.

The Committee feels that the mere recital of these facts does not present "Jake" in a way best known to his clients and friends. As a political lawyer of a majority party, Jake was known all around the County. His services were available to a wide variety of people, and, as indicated above, from the time, he was admitted to the Bar at a very young age. At the time of his death last year he had been practicing for over forty-six years. He was born one block South of the Court House, and he died one block North of the Court House. His last office was just across the street. On very few business days from 1920 to 1967 did Jake fail to appear at the Court House in connection with some business affair or other. As a matter of fact, he had appeared before the Court on the morning of his death.

Mr. Raub was a very thorough lawyer and prepared his cases with a great deal of minuteness, and, when trying a case, always tried to wrap up all the loose ends. A significant part of his legal practice dealt with land titles, because he represented several financial organizations. As a title man, his very careful and, at times, tedious work paid off, not only in personal satisfaction of work well done, but in the recognition of him by his fellow lawyers as being about the best in the profession. If there were questions on title work, Jake was often asked, and, if he didn't know the answer, it usually

turned out to be insoluble. He had been trained in the old school of the profession, and it was a privilege to know him and to practice with him. To him a lawyer was a professional, and he expected lawyers to recognize their obligations as members of a profession.

Mr. Raub's personal life was exemplary, exhibiting a pattern of service worthy of emulation by any attorney who desires to be recognized as a worthy member of a noble profession. The death of Mr. Raub removed from the list of attorneys of Northampton County one of its best known members and one of its ablest advocates. The Bar of Northampton County will miss Jake, and the Community will remember him as an outstanding citizen and civic leader.

RESOLUTION

This Committee, therefore, presents the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that this report and these proceedings be filed in the records of the Prothonotary of Northampton County and further that a copy of this report and the record of the proceedings be forwarded to Mr. Raub's family.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when this Court adjourns this day, it be done in honor and in memory of Jacob A. Raub.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

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