

## ROBERT ALAN OLSHER MEMORIAL

This Memorial in honor of ROBERT ALAN OLSHER is prepared and respectfully submitted for filing in the records of the Circuit Court for Jackson County and Trempealeau County, Wisconsin and the Tri-County Bar Association and is presented to the Bar's membership on August 25, 2005.

Bob was born on March 15, 1945 in Chicago, Ill. to William and Gladys (Rasmussen) Olsher. At the age of 12, Bob moved with his family to Waupaca where he graduated from Waupaca High School. He attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

After graduation from the University, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and served in Naval Intelligence. While serving in the Navy and stationed on Long Island, N.Y., Bob met his wife, the former Betty M. Greene. The couple was married on August 8, 1973 on Staten Island. Bob and Betty lived in Madison while Bob attended law school at the University of Wisconsin where he graduated in 1976.

Following his graduation from law school, Bob became employed with the law firm of Sherman, Stutz and Lister of Black River Falls. In 1982, Bob became a partner in the firm and retained his affiliation with Sherman Olsher & Sherman until he opened his own office in October of 2003.

Shortly after his arrival in 1976, Bob was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Jackson County and served in that capacity until 1981. He also served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for Jackson County until 1979.

In addition to his private practice, Bob was employed as the City Attorney for the City of Black River Falls for a period of seventeen (17) years. Even though he didn't have a vote on the Council, he left his mark on the legislative and administrative functions of the City as Black River grew and flourished. He also served as the Village Attorney for Merrilan and was also employed as an attorney by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

He was a member, liturgist and former trustee of the Black River Falls United Methodist Church. He was also a member and past president of the Tri-County Bar Association and a member of the Wisconsin Bar Association, where he had served on numerous committees.

Bob was very proud of being both an Eagle Scout and a Navy veteran. As an Eagle Scout, he was involved in the activities of the Boy Scouts of America. Bob was a member and past commander of the Miles-Hagen American Legion Post 200 and had served as the post's Judge Advocate for many years.

He was a member and past president of the Black River Falls Rotary Club and a member and past president of the Black River Falls Chamber of Commerce. He was an Ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce and was associated with Habitat for Humanity.

Bob was a long time member of the Campfire Council and coached Little League for his daughters. Each year Bob also performed magic for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Gebhardt Elementary School as part of the Junior Achievement program.

Bob was a consummate practitioner in his profession. He took great pride in his work and applied the Scout motto, "Be Prepared", to achieve a thorough understanding of the legal issues before him. One could always tell that Bob was in Court by spotting his license plate "BRF LAW" in the vicinity of the courthouse. Bob was a competent advocate and litigator for his clients in many areas of law and he truly relished the prospect of a challenging trial.

Bob was extremely dedicated to his varied duties as a citizen. It was important to him that he participate in many community and civic organizations, donating many hours of time to serve those organizations, both as a volunteer and in the capacity of providing free legal advice. He was also very active in his church community.

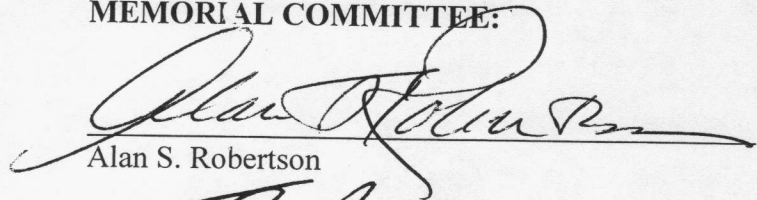
As much as Bob devoted his life to his work and his citizenship, a still greater priority in his life was his family. He was a loving husband, father and grandparent. His daughters have many fond memories of Bob's support and involvement, especially in their sports activities. Bob succeeded in being more than a by-stander; he actively encouraged, practiced and coached. He understood the principle that hard work leads to success and supported Ann-Margret, Andrea and Amanda in all their efforts. He understood that perfection was difficult to attain, but worthwhile to pursue. Bob always had Betty in mind and he and Betty were always totally supportive of each other. His voice remains on Betty's answering machine. He was proud to be a grandparent and helped his grandchildren in any way that he could.

We all know how much Bob could talk. All that talk could even become overbearing if you didn't stop to think of the concern, compassion and care lying behind the need for Bob to expound on those issues or things important to him. If Bob was your attorney, you truly had an advocate.

Robert Alan Olsher died January 21, 2004. His passing left a vacancy in the lives of his family, and a void in the hearts and minds of his colleagues, clients, friends and acquaintances. May we cherish our memories of Bob Olsher as we honor him as one of our own.

Respectfully submitted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005.

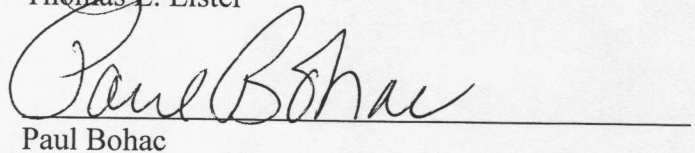
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