## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOR DANIEL A. ROBY

## October 18, 2021

Life's journey for Dan Roby began on August 16, 1941 in Anderson, Indiana and ended on September 12, 2020 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This journey which lasted 79 years, saw Dan making a legion of friends and achieving an impressive list of accomplishments.

Dan grew up in Chesterfield, Indiana – a small town located outside of Anderson, Indiana. He graduated from Anderson High School, Indiana University (with honors), and the I.U. Law School in Bloomington where he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. For three semesters, following his law school graduation, Dan remained in Bloomington teaching Business Law at the I.U. School of Business. In 1967 he moved to Fort Wayne joining the law firm of Korn, Wyss, Mc Cain, Mochamer and Waterman as a general practice attorney doing a large volume of criminal defense work. During his first week at Korn, Wyss, Dan made twenty-five dollars.

As time went on, Dan began to enjoy plaintiffs' personal injury work. He started to plan for a time when he could practice this type of law exclusively and someday operate his own law firm. These aspirations began to achieve a high degree of reality when Tom Ryan joined the Korn, Wyss firm. During the 1970's into the early 1980's, Dan and Tom operated a firm within a firm concentrating heavily, but not exclusively, on plaintiff's personal injury cases. When Tom Ryan became Judge of Allen Circuit Court in 1983, Dan and a college fraternity brother formed the law firm of Roby and Hood devoted exclusively to the practice of plaintiffs' personal injury cases.

During more than fifty years in the practice of law, Dan Roby rendered outstanding service to the legal profession and was the recipient of numerous honors. These included being named as "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association followed by his election as president of that organization. In addition, Dan served eight years on the Allen County Judicial Nominating Commission. In this position, he helped ensure the continued maintenance of the high quality of judges that we have enjoyed in Allen County. During Dan's many years on the Legislative Committee of ITLA, he was a leader in securing the passage of meaningful laws by the Indiana General Assembly including Indiana's Survival Act, Underinsured Motorist Statute and the Child Wrongful Death Act. With all of his accomplishments, Dan was never too busy to help other lawyers. He spent countless hours assisting attorneys in all parts of the state with various issues and concerns regarding the practice of personal injury law.

Over and above honors and accolades received, Dan Roby was a high quality person. Honest, generous, hardworking, never confrontational, seldom saying an unkind word about anyone and able to put a positive spin on even the bleakest situation. Dan's strongest attribute was the relationship that he was able to establish with his injured clients. Many of these relationships were of long duration existing for significant periods of time after the case had been concluded. These relationships resulted in thank you cards, Christmas cards, and even invitations to the weddings of various daughters and sons.

People like Dan Roby do not often come our way. More than one year after his passing, Dan is still missed everyday by those who knew and loved him.

Dan is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Kerilynn; sons, Don and Colby; grandson, Connor; great grand-daughter, Evelyn Sue; brother, Richard and several nephews

WHEREAS, we shall miss him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Daniel A. Roby.

BE ITFURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Allen County Indiana Bar Association to the members of the Roby family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record and become a part of the permanent online records of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and the Bar for their departed friend, Daniel A. Roby

Dated this 18th day of October, 2021 at Fort Wayne, Indiana

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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Sarah Lorraine Schreiber, President

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The Honorable Andrea Renee Trevino

Judge, Allen Superior Court

Resolution presented by G. Stanley Hood