

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JOHN D. KITCH, III

WHEREAS, we assemble here today to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, John Daniel Kitch III, who passed away on May 21, 2024, at the age of 51.

John was a native and long time resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born to John D. Kitch Jr. and Sarah S. (Scheiman) Kitch on April 11, 1973.

John graduated from Bishop Luers High School in 1991 - then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from DePauw University in 1995. John went on to earn his law degree from Valparaiso Law School in 1998.

John began his legal career with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis, and would later return to Fort Wayne to work in the Allen County Prosecutor's Office as a Deputy Prosecutor in that office's felony trial division.

In 2008, John was named Magistrate of Allen County Circuit Court where he proudly served until 2020. John's intellect enabled him to handle a high volume of cases very efficiently. It could also lead to a mercurial presentation on the Bench. Accordingly, the Allen County Bar Association's Grid Iron honored John with their first annual 50 Shades of Red award.

Over the years, John also worked in private practice and at the Allen County Public Defender's Office. Most recently, John was working as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

John possessed a keen and very quick wit, along with a unique perspective that he shared with those fortunate enough to know him well. He had a delightfully dry sense of humor.

John's love of music was well known and infectious. He loved attending concerts and collecting vinyl, and his tastes crossed multiple genres, from Tom Petty and Warren Zevon, to De La Soul and a Tribe Called Quest, to Guns-n-Roses and Blackberry Smoke.

John also enjoyed a lifelong love/hate relationship with golf - though he always adored his fellow duffers.

But most of all, he loved spending time with his family and was extraordinarily proud of his daughters, Ashley and Ava. Those that knew John knew about Ashley and Ava, because John couldn't finish a conversation without talking and bragging about his brilliant, beautiful daughters.

John was a deeply beloved father, uncle, cousin, brother, son, and friend. To John's surviving family, including Ashley and Ava, his former wife, Cassie; his father, John D. Kitch, Jr.; brothers, Mike (Leslie) and Bill (Ashlie) the Allen County Bar Association extends our deepest sympathy and condolences.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of its sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of John Daniel Kitch, III;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted by the Allen County Bar Association to the members of Kitch family;

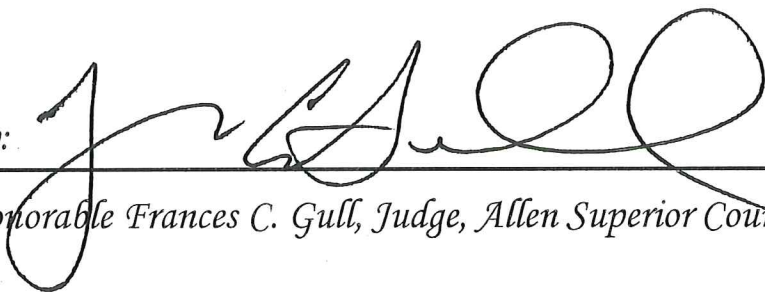
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread of record and become a part of the permanent online records of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their dear, departed friend and colleague, , John Daniel Kitch,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

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024 at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

Andrew L. Teel, President, Allen County Bar Association

By: 

Honorable Frances C. Gull, Judge, Allen Superior Court

Resolution prepared by Anthony S. Churchward and David B. Le Beau



A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

In Memory of

John D. KITCH III

Upon the passing of John D. Kitch III, the Whitley County Bar Association adopts the following resolution:

John D. Kitch III was born on April 11, 1973 to John D. Kitch Jr. and Sarah S. (Scheiman) Kitch in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he spent his formative years. He was a graduate of Bishop Luers High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from DePauw University, and his Law Degree from Valparaiso University. John passed away on May 21, 2024. The Whitley County Bar Association desires to honor him for his contributions to the practice of law and his friendship.

John began his legal career in Indianapolis, at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Later, he returned home to practice law at the Allen County Prosecutor's Office. In 2008, John was named Magistrate of the Allen County Circuit Court, where he proudly served until 2020. John was known for his poker face from the bench, which caused varying degrees of anxiety for those before him (particularly new attorneys). After his time on the bench, John established a private practice, and worked in the Allen County Public Defender's Office. Most recently, John worked as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Whitley County Prosecutor's Office.

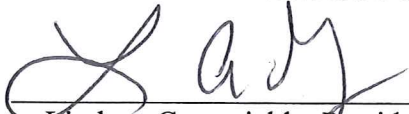
Outside of his legal career, John was an avid music lover with an eclectic taste from the Rolling Stones to Miley Cyrus. His collection of vinyl was ever expanding, and he was always searching for his next favorite find. John dreamed of being a much better golfer, but enjoyed the game regardless of his abilities. John was best known amongst his friends and colleagues for his wit and humor. There were no dull conversations.

Most importantly about John was his love for his girls – Ashley and Ava. Ashley showed John how to be a dad, and according to John, she gave him a run for his money. Her attitude and sense of humor is 100% Kitch. Ava's smile and love of music is 100% Kitch. He loved his time with Ava, and would often say how easy she was to parent. John would say his girls were his greatest accomplishment. The Whitley County Bar Association extends to them our sincerest condolences.

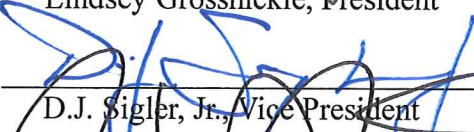
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whitley County Bar Association that the memory of John D. Kitch III be honored and recorded in perpetuity by spreading a copy of this Resolution on the order books of the Whitley Circuit and Superior Courts, and that copies be presented to the family of John D. Kitch III.

Dated this 16 day of Sept., 2024.

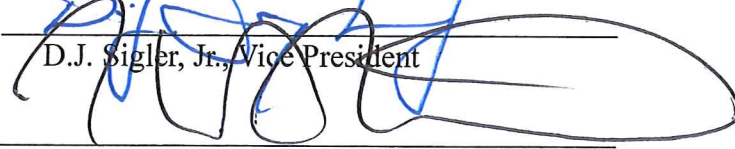
WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

Lindsey Grossnickle, President

By: 

D.J. Sigler, Jr., Vice President

By: 

Matthew J. Rentschler, Treasurer

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