

Tribute

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Many people think of the law as a cold, impersonal, intangible thing. Many view the law merely as printed words on paper. In fact, the law is very human, as it is all about people.

Laws are drafted by people, enforced by people, violated by people, and ultimately interpreted and applied by people. Unfortunately, the legal community lost one of its best people recently. Irv Curry passed away last week, and he was the epitome of the human aspect of the law.

This summer Mr. Curry was to receive an achievement award from the State Bar recognizing his 50 years of practice in Wisconsin. During that half-century, helping people was the focus of his practice. Mr. Curry worked with manufacturing clients to ensure their products were safe to prevent injuries. He represented people who were injured or wronged in some way to make sure they were justly compensated for their loss.

Mr. Curry helped businesses plan for their future, so their owners would know their legacies would live on for their families and employees. Similarly, he helped families plan for their own future so parents could rest assured knowing their children would be taken care of should something happen to them. Mr. Curry also used his expertise to give back to his community by volunteering for countless charities.

I had the distinct privilege of practicing with Mr. Curry. We practiced together for exactly one month, because he waited to retire until after I graduated from law school. See, I not only had the privilege of practicing with Mr. Curry, my family has the honor of being treated as though we're part of his wonderful family.

While Mr. Curry was an excellent attorney, he was an even better man. He will be sorely missed by his clients and his colleagues, but even more so by his many friends and family. He was so loved because of his warm humanity, which he also brought to the law. Essentially, Mr. Curry was the kind of person that everyone, especially lawyers, should aspire to be.