

**STEPHEN B. JACKSON, JR.**

District Court Judge  
Sixth Judicial District of Iowa  
Linn County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 1468  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

November 14, 2014

Ms. Supawadee Jasmine Arthon  
2848 Plaza Rojo  
Santa Fe, NM 87507-5377

Re: Judge Walter Rothschild Memorial

Dear Ms. Arthon:

Enclosed please find a copy of your husband's memorial as was read to the members at the annual meeting of the Iowa Judges Association in November 2014. Please accept this memorial as a small token of recognition of your husband's service to the Judicial Branch of Iowa.

Very truly yours,

Stephen B. Jackson, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Iowa Judges Association

Enclosure

## **In Memory of Walter W. Rothschild**

Walter Wolfgang Rothschild was born in Constance, Germany, on March 15, 1932, the son of Alfred and Fanny Wolf Rothschild. Walt's father, Alfred, was a probate judge in Germany, but was removed from the bench by the Nazis in 1938 after the enactment of the Nuremberg laws, which barred Jewish office holders. Alfred was sent to a concentration camp at Dachau, where he was imprisoned for a year before being released and fleeing to England.

Walt's mother, Fanny, was also detained in Germany, but arranged with friends for Walt and his sister, Renate, to stay in an orphanage in Switzerland until the family was reunited in New York in 1939. The family later settled in Cedar Rapids, where a family member owned a clothing store. Alfred obtained a law degree from the University of Iowa and practiced law in Waterloo. Walt graduated from West High School in Waterloo. He received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1954 and his law degree in 1957, both at the University of Iowa. He joined his father in private practice in Waterloo with an emphasis on serving the poor and minorities. Walt served as general counsel for the Iowa State Tax Commission from 1960 to 1963. He later practiced as a solo practitioner in Waterloo and served as a judicial hospitalization referee and a juvenile court referee.

Walt was appointed as a district associate judge in Black Hawk County in 1987 and served until March of 2000 when he became a senior judge and moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, working for several years in Iowa during the summer months.

Walt was an active member of the Black Hawk Tennis Club in Waterloo and enjoyed cross-country and downhill skiing and swimming. He was an avid reader and master of the one-liner. He also enjoyed traveling. Some of his destinations included Paris, Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore. Walt passed away at his home in Santa Fe on September 28, 2014, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Supawadee Jasmine Arthon, a native of Thailand and a naturalized citizen of the United States. One of his nephews, David Nadler, is an attorney practicing in Cedar Rapids.

I move that this memorial be approved, spread upon the records of the Iowa Judges Association, and a copy provided to Judge Rothschild's surviving spouse, Jasmine.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Moothart