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THE PASSING OF JUDGE ROBERT L. BARNET

Muncie Indiana – The Prosecutor’s Office is deeply saddened to have learned of the death of Retired Delaware County Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Barnet. He will be missed by many. We will keep Judge Barnet and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Judge Barnet is a widely respected jurist in Indiana. He had a lengthy and distinguished career as a trial judge. Indiana law books are filled with cases that Judge Barnet presided over which includes most of Delaware County’s highest profile cases in recent history. He knew the rule of law and he unapologetically enforced it. It was well known that inside his courtroom, he did not tolerate any nonsense from anybody.

I am fortunate and grateful that as a young lawyer I was able to cut my teeth prosecuting cases in his court. I will always remember the lessons Judge Barnet taught me over the years. Just before Judge Barnet retired, Jeff Arnold and I had the privilege of trying the last trial of Judge Barnet’s career - the murder trial of Tony French.

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