

## CHARLES HOFFMAN

Charles Hoffman, who was born over his parents' store on Dauphin Street and went on to become Alabama's oldest practicing attorney, died August 10, 2006 at the age of 97, at home surrounded by his family.

Charles Hoffman was born August 1, 1909 to Morris and Mary Hoffman, Romanian-Jewish immigrants who opened a dry goods store on Dauphin Street that became Hoffman Furniture. Charlie graduated in Murphy High School's first graduating class—the class of 1926. He then attended Georgia Tech and Emory Law School. He started practicing law in 1931 and handled every type of case in all of the courts of this area. He entered the military service in World War II and during that time, served two years with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

In 2004, the 1931 Emory Law School graduate was honored by the Mobile Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar as the city's and state's oldest practicing attorney. Charlie Hoffman, in his suspenders, bolo tie and wingtip shoes, was a vital and sociable presence in courtrooms. He enjoyed a wonderful career and a profession he relished, having been president of the Mobile Bar Association in 1971.



A lover of books, movies, travel, boating, telling jokes, and dancing, Charlie Hoffman was, above all, devoted to his family. His cherished wife of 67 years, Evelyn, passed away in August 2003. He is survived by his children, Sherrell Hoffman Grean, Becky Hoffman, Robbie Hoffman Nadas and Roy Hoffman; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

—M. Kathleen Miller,  
Mobile Bar Association

## JUDGE FRANK M. DE BELLIS

Judge Frank M. De Bellis died February 23, 2006 at the age of 77. A native of Italy, he embarked on a ship in Naples and came to this country via Ellis Island at age six. He was almost blown off the ship, but a man saved him, an event he remembered all his life.

He grew up in New York. He was a high school dropout, but enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served his country for two years. After fulfilling his military obligation, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill and enrolled at New York University. He graduated in 1952 with a degree in accounting and proceeded to work as an accountant. In short order, he met Roslyn, his future wife. They were married May 16, 1954.

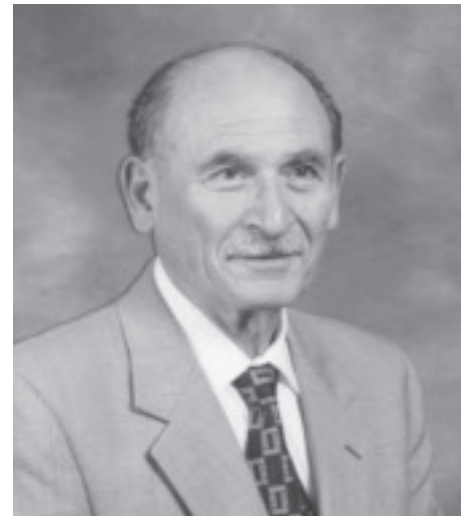
Subsequently, Judge De Bellis garnered a New York State War Service Scholarship to fund his law school education. He attended law school at NYU in one section of Manhattan and business school also at NYU in another part of Manhattan—all while working fulltime. He obtained his MBA in 1958 and his LL.B. in 1959 and was admitted to the New York State Bar Association in 1959.

Judge De Bellis served as the attorney for the Town of Pelham, New York for 19 years, a source of great pride to him. He also served as adjunct professor of business at St. John's University in New York for several years.

In 1990, he became a United States Administrative Law Judge. His first assignment was at the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration in Montgomery. Shortly thereafter, he returned to New York City, but the lure of the South brought him to Mobile in 1993, where he served as judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals for 13 years. He worked until the day before he went to the hospital and was looking forward to presiding at hearings the next week.

Among his peers, he was a source of advice and support. His fellow judges, the staff attorneys in his office and other staff members all felt his kindness and humility. He had a wonderful sense of humor and an intellect that permitted him to converse on a broad range of subjects. He was noted as a craftsman, very much interested that his decisions be understood by the claimants who appeared before him. He ran his hearings efficiently, but without sacrificing the notion of due process and fairness owed to the claimants. The attorneys who practiced before Judge De Bellis were struck by his dedication and civility.

Judge De Bellis cared about his profession. He was a member of the Mobile Bar Association and the American Inns of Court. He took his work very seriously, but not himself.



He led a full life. He indulged in his family. In addition to his wife, Roslyn, and his two children, Mark and Marlene, he is survived by his granddaughter, Amy Katherine, his brother, Michael, and his sister, Carmela. He was a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church. He and his wife traveled extensively. He was a devotee of classical and symphonic music—he knew his composers. He was an avid reader.

Judge De Bellis was a tribute to his family, his profession, his adopted community of Mobile and his country. On his tombstone in the Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola are two words: "Integrity and Perseverance"—how fitting. He lived the American dream.

—Benjamin T. Rowe,  
Mobile Bar Association

## JULIA CHRISTIE GLOVER

On October 2, 2006, Julia Christie Glover, a member of the Mobile Bar Association, died at a local hospital. Mrs. Glover was born in Mobile on January 10, 1961 and was a lifelong resident of this city. She graduated from Birmingham Southern College in 1983 and then received her law degree, with honors, from Tulane Law School.

She practiced law with her identical twin sister, Lynn Miller, for the past ten

years in the firm of Glover & Miller. Her law practice focused on domestic and family law and she represented her clients well. Her sister, Kitty Miller, and sister-in-law, Barbara Christie, are also employed with the firm.

She was an avid University of Alabama football fan and a great fan and supporter of the New Orleans Saints. She was an active member of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church and served on the

Board of Directors of the Church Child Development Center.

Julia Christie Glover is survived by her husband, William J. Glover, Sr.; one son, William J. Glover, Jr.; two sisters, Virginia Kathleen Miller, and Mobile attorney Lynn C. Miller; and one brother, Frank Russell Christie, Sr. She was well known to all as a loving mother, wife and sister.

—M. Kathleen Miller,  
Mobile Bar Association

## PETER JOSEPH PALUGHI, SR.

On July 29, Peter Joseph Palughi, Sr., a member of the Mobile Bar Association, died. Peter Palughi, Sr. was born in Mobile on August 12, 1930 and remained a life-long resident of this city. He graduated from Gulf Coast Military Academy and then went on to Notre Dame for his undergraduate degree, where he received his bachelor of arts in accounting in 1954. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and worked with counter-intelligence during most of his tour of duty. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1956.

At that time, he entered the University of Alabama School of Law, from which he graduated second in his class in 1959. At the University of Alabama, he was

honored with membership in the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence.

During his 42 years of practice in Mobile, he served for a while as a prosecutor for the City of Mobile. At all times he was active in local politics. According to his peers, he was a fierce competitor, but a true gentleman. He never backed down from anything he really believed in. He was known as a “salt of the earth” kind of guy and as a watchdog for the people and as an attorney of integrity who could be wholly trusted.

Mr. Palughi is survived by his four children, Peter Joseph Palughi, Jr., David Nicholas Palughi, Amy Willene Lapalme and Holly Christina Palughi; one brother,



Joseph Patrick Palughi, Jr.; one sister, Mary Ella Palughi; and five grandchildren.  
—Benjamin T. Rowe,  
Mobile Bar Association

## JOSEPH M. POWERS

Joseph M. Powers, a member of the Mobile Bar Association, died August 23, 2006. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina on May 19, 1927 and served with the United States Coast Guard in World War II and later with the U.S. Navy in the Korean War. He came to Mobile to attend Springhill College. After graduation, he attended the University of Alabama School of Law, from which he was graduated in 1955.

During Mr. Powers's many years of active law practice in Mobile, he participated in numerous civic endeavors, including the American Legion, Mobile Theater Guild and the Knights of Columbus. He was the first Grand Knight of Council 1899 of the Knights of Columbus at Springhill College and was

a past faithful navigator of the Archbishop Toolen Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and, at all times, a devout Catholic.

During his legal career, Mr. Powers was very successful in taking cases to the court of criminal appeals. He worked closely with many of the troubled youth at the Juvenile Court, improving their lives. He was always available to lend support to young lawyers and often took up for them during court proceedings. He often counseled with young lawyers and no question was too trivial for him to answer. He was, in fact, a consummate professional.

Mr. Powers is survived by his wife, Dorothy Neece Powers; five children, Martin J. Powers, Mary Belle Scott, Thomas J. Powers, Anne Guinn, and



Mobile attorney Jean M. Powers; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother, William B. Powers; and a daughter-in-law, Mobile attorney Susan Powers.  
—Benjamin T. Rowe,  
Mobile Bar Association

## JAMES WILFRED SHREVE

James Wilfred Shreve was born April 18, 1922 in Andalusia and lived in Mobile since 1955. He died June 22, 2006.

Mr. Shreve graduated from St. Bernard's College and later attended Auburn University. Subsequently, he graduated from the University of Alabama and from the University of Alabama School of Law.

He was a distinguished combat veteran of World War II, having served in the

Asia-Pacific Theater, in New Guinea and in the Northern Solomon Islands where he earned various decorations, including two bronze stars.

At the time of his retirement, Mr. Shreve was district claims manager for Argonaut Insurance Company. During his service as an attorney and businessman, Mr. Shreve was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the

Alabama State Bar, the Mobile Bar Association and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 60 years, Mavis Widney Shreve, eight children, 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

—Benjamin T. Rowe,  
Mobile Bar Association

**Allen, Bibb**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1950  
Died: March 17, 2007

**Bailey, Jefforey Craig**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1987  
Died: March 7, 2007

**Brewer, John H.**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1954  
Died: January 31, 2007

**Cheatham, Vincent Taylor**  
Bessemer  
Admitted: 1982  
Died: September 22, 2006

**Dickerson, Mahala Ashley**  
Anchorage  
Admitted: 1948  
Died: February 19, 2007

**Duffee, Cecil Gravlee, III**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1975  
Died: March 29, 2007

**Hall, Carl Bynum**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1950  
Died: April 10, 2006

**Hughes, Claude Bentley, Jr.**  
Trussville  
Admitted: 1947  
Died: March 11, 2007

**King, John Thomas**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1951  
Died: January 24, 2007

**Langford, Charles D.**  
Montgomery  
Admitted: 1953  
Died: February 11, 2007

**Robertson, William Elbert, Hon.**  
Talladega  
Admitted: 1969  
Died: February 5, 2007

**Sullivan, Patrick Martin**  
Dyer, Indiana  
Admitted: 1985  
Died: December 8, 2006

**Vreeland, Albert Loring**  
Tuscaloosa  
Admitted: 1976  
Died: March 7, 2007

**White, Don Odell**  
Mobile  
Admitted: 1975  
Died: February 22, 2007

**Wright, John Curtis**  
Gadsden  
Admitted: 1960  
Died: December 26, 2006