

In Memoriam

SARAH ROSLYN GENSLER SCHWARTZ

(April 15, 1901 - July 6, 1942)

**Hennepin County Bar Association
Hennepin County District Court
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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We gather to-day to pay the last, sad tributes of endearment and respect to our beloved brethern of the bar who have passed away during the preceding year.

To the lay friends and relatives of the deceased there comes at this time a sense of comfort and consolation in the thought that those they loved were also loved and honored by the judges and lawyers among whom they were numbered and with whom they shared their tribulations, their triumphs and their joys.

One of Alexander Woolcott's last and most beautiful stories was entitled "The Judge's Last Opinion." It was part of the life story of the revered and beloved Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. Mr. Woolcott quoted a letter written by Justice Holmes in reply to a resolution of farewell from the venerable justice's associates on the supreme bench. His letter read as follows:

" My dear Brethern:

You must let me call you once more. Your more than kind, your generous letter touched me to the bottom of my heart. The long and intimate association with men who so command my respect and admiration could not but fix my affection as well. For such little time as may be left me I shall treasure it as adding gold to the sunset.

Affectionately yours

O. W. Holmes."

And so it is with members of the bar. The long and intimate association with those who so command our respect and admiration could but fix our affections as well. It is thus that our memorial occasions "add gold to the sunset" and temper the sadness of farewell.

Among those who have left us during the past year was Sarah Roslyn Gensler Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz was born in Vienna, Austria, April 15th, 1902 (sic) , and came to the United States when two years of age, with her parents, Louis

and Rose Gensler. She received her grade school education in the Minneapolis Public Schools and her high school training at the old Central High School. She was graduated from the Minnesota College of Law in 1922 with the degree of L.L.B. after attaining the highest scholastic honor in a class of forty-eight, of which she was the only girl student.

Admitted to practice in the State of Minnesota in 1922, she was later admitted to practice before the U. S. District Court and the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Mrs. Schwartz was a member of the American Bar Association; the Minnesota State Bar Association; Hennepin County Bar Association; Honorable National Director Ex-Patients' Home Industries of Denver, Colorado; Women's Lawyers Association; T. P. C. Clubs; Institute of Arts of Minneapolis and the literary Club of Minnesota Business Women.

Mrs. Schwartz early acquired a very lucrative law practice extending not only to our state courts but to the United States District and Appellate Courts as well.

Possessed of a pleasing and gracious personality she quickly won the respect of judges, lawyers and clients. Being of an earnest and sympathetic character she struggled loyally for her clients and often bore the expense of appeal for poor clients in cases where they had met adverse results in the lower courts. She was considerate and helpful to all troubled souls with whom she came in contact and her charitable contributions were generous in the extreme.

She became ill the 21st day of February, 1941 and died July 6th, 1942, leaving as survivors her husband, Julius Schwartz, a son Lawrence Donald Schwartz, age 14, and several brothers and sisters.

Respectfully submitted


Elwood Fitchette

ADDENDUM

Schwartz was born in Austria on April 15, 1901, according to her Minnesota death certificate (1942-MN-020453).

She was admitted to the Minnesota bar on September 5, 1922. ▀



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