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HONORABLES

1958 was a very special year.

You were admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, and...

- Dwight D. Eisenhower was president, and Richard M. Nixon was vice president.
- James E. Haggerty was the 23rd president of the State Bar of Michigan, and the chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court was John R. Dethmers.
- The federal minimum wage was \$1/hour; a gallon of milk cost \$1.01; a loaf of bread cost 19 cents; gasoline was 30 cents a gallon; a new car cost \$2,200; a new house cost \$18,000; and a postage stamp cost 4 cents.
- The United States launched its first satellite, Explorer I, on January 31.
- President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Alaska Statehood Act into United States law.
- National Airlines debuted the first domestic jet airline passenger service between New York City and Miami, beginning the age of U.S. air travel.
- Puppeteer Jim Henson founded Muppets, Inc. (The Jim Henson Company), whose lovable puppet characters would go on to entertain children of all ages worldwide.
- On July 29, The U.S. Congress formally established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) “for the benefit of all.”
- The 1958 Academy Award winners were:
 - ★ **Best Motion Picture:** *Gigi*
 - ★ **Best Actor:** David Niven, *Separate Tables*
 - ★ **Best Actress:** Susan Hayward, *I Want to Live!*
 - ★ **Best Song:** *Gigi*, from *Gigi*
- At the movies: *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Peyton Place*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Old Yeller*, *No Time for Sergeants*, *The Vikings*, *South Pacific*
- On the radio: “At the Hop”—Danny and the Juniors, “Tequila”—The Champs, “The Purple People Eater”—Sheb Wooley, “Hard Headed Woman”—Elvis Presley, “Poor Little Fool”—Ricky Nelson
- On television: *Candid Camera*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Gunsmoke*, *The Real McCoys*, *Wagon Train*, *The Rifleman*, *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*
- On March 24, the U.S. Army drafted Elvis Presley, transforming the “King of Rock & Roll” into private #53310761.
- In sports, the 1958 champions were:
 - World Series**—NY Yankees defeated the Milwaukee Braves (4-3).
 - NBA Championship**— St. Louis Hawks defeated the Boston Celtics (4-2).
 - Stanley Cup**—Montreal Canadiens defeated the Boston Bruins (4-2).
 - NFL Championship**— The Baltimore Colts won 23-17 over the New York Giants during overtime in a match later called the “greatest game ever played.”
 - United States Chess Championship**—14-year-old Bobby Fischer became the youngest person to ever win in tournament play.
- Most Popular Books: *Doctor Zhivago*—Boris Pasternak, *Anatomy of a Murder*—Robert Traver, *Lolita*—Vladimir Nabokov, *Around the World with Auntie Mame*—Patrick Dennis. Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1958 for *Doctor Zhivago*, but declined the award to avoid controversy with Soviet authorities unhappy with the political views expressed in the book.