



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Criminal Law Section

Whereas:

The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan notes with great sadness the passing of a founding member, the Hon. Terrance K. Boyle.


Judge Boyle, Terry to his many friends in the Section, helped to establish the Bar's Criminal Law Section in 1972 as a group of criminal practitioners from both the prosecution and defense perspective, dedicated to finding common ground in the interest of improving the criminal justice system. He served on the Sections Council for many years and in many capacities, including as its Chair for the 1983-84 bar year.

As a Recorder's Court Judge in Detroit from 1985-99, Judge Boyle was known for being well prepared and unfalteringly fair. Judge Boyle served with the Wayne County Prosecutors Office both before and after his time on the bench. He first joined the office in 1968 and quickly worked his way up so that before becoming a judge he had been the Deputy-Chief of the Criminal Division and served as Chief of Trials and Appeals. He is credited with being the driving force behind many of the successful efforts to professionalize the office through recruitment, never-ending continuing legal education, the elimination of patronage in hiring through institution of an examination and review process, the creation of internships and clerkships, and collaboration with other offices through the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Judge Boyle played key rolls in the drafting of Michigan's Criminal Sexual Conduct laws, (especially in provisions for the protection of rape victims), the Citizens Grand Jury Law and the drafting of Michigan Rules of Criminal Procedure. He also willingly shared his expertise as a frequent lecturer in countless forums, including as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Law School and a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University law schools.

Resolved:

The Section extends its deepest condolences to Supreme Court Justice Patricia Boyle, who shared Judge Boyle's love of the law, and to his four sons and five grandchildren as together they constitute the only thing he loved even more.


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