IN MEMORIAM: THOMAS F. BROSnan

Tom, who served as President of our Bar Association in 1979-80, passed away on November 16, 2015. He was 94 years old.

After Naval service in World War II as a PT Boat Commander, Tom entered private practice, representing numerous natural gas companies, pipelines and utilities. He was a talented attorney who learned his clients’ business, and often served as their business adviser. Tom always treated every person with kindness and respect, no matter their station in life.

Tom was a strong supporter of our Bar Association. He encouraged new lawyers, especially women attorneys, to join and take active roles. He also played an important role, as President, in providing assistance and encouragement in the founding of this Journal. Tom was proud of his longtime association with our Bar and the Journal, and how they offered opportunities for education and networking.

In the wider community, Tom and his wife Margaret were active in reinvigorating Old Town Alexandria after World War II.

Tom enjoyed life and a good laugh. He will be remembered with affection by all whose lives were touched by him.

Tom Brosnan wrote the following in the first volume of the Energy Law Journal:

*With this Journal, the Federal Energy Bar Association inaugurates a new publication with the potential for becoming a significant legal periodical in the field of energy law.*

*More than 1,000 lawyers specializing in all aspects and applications of energy law are members of the FEBA. From this considerable reservoir of talent and experience, we have the resource to produce a continuing flow of scholarly and provocative articles for future editions. Certainly, there is no lack of subject matter; it grows almost exponentially.*

*The reports of several FEBA committees have been, to date, the Association’s most enduring work. Many lawyers find these excellent annual summaries of administrative, judicial and legislative developments a convenient reference for research in the substantive matters assigned to the committees. We hope that including these reports in the Journal will give them permanence and accessibility in your library.*

*The authors of the articles in this Journal deserve our thanks for their time and efforts. Also, this first volume of the Association’s Journal would not have been possible without the dedication of William A. Mogel, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee on Publications, to the project.*