

## **IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE J. MEIBURGER**

George J. Meiburger, past President of the Energy Bar Association, died on April 9, 2009, at the age of eighty-seven. George received a B.A. from Saint Louis University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School. A long-time partner in the law firm of Gallagher, Boland and Meiburger, George spent virtually his entire legal career involved with various aspects of energy law.

Born in Argyle, Missouri, George was the oldest of three children and found it necessary to work at a young age in order to support his family during the Great Depression. After entering the seminary to begin his studies to become a priest, George eventually decided to direct his life to a different calling. A tireless advocate for his clients, George always remained the consummate professional in his legal representation. George was not only a highly regarded attorney but also a man of integrity, warmth, and compassion. George was a wonderful mentor to younger lawyers and loved recounting his early days at the firm when he would be adamant about expressing his views on a particular legal issue, to which the senior partner would often reply: "There you go again, Meiburger -- quick, certain and wrong."

George also had an uncanny ability to recall specific cases (whether from a few years before or thirty years before) that would always be right on point to the specific question at hand. During a career that spanned over forty years, George represented interstate natural gas pipeline companies in numerous complex proceedings. George was the lead attorney for Northern Natural Gas Company in the successful resolution at the Commission and in the courts of matters involving purchasing practices, open access under Order No. 436, and area rate clauses (a case that lasted more than a decade).

In retirement, George gave his countless talents to various pro bono activities, including work on behalf of the D.C. Government. In addition, he volunteered many hours providing meals to those in need. A devoted family man, George is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Joyce, seven children, and eight grandchildren. George will be greatly missed for his friendship and his wisdom.