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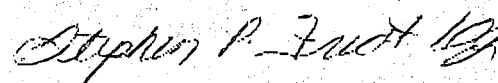
Re: Stephen P. Friot - Western District of Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

I enjoyed speaking with you this morning. Per our conversation, the following is a list of community leaders and prominent lawyers. I believe that all of these individuals would react quite favorably to the news of my nomination. All of the individuals named below are lawyers except Ann Felton. Ann Felton is a prominent community leader.

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A Tribute To The Human Spirit

President's Column

Stephen P. Friot



Kittie Sturdevant died in October, 1986. The remarkable thing about her is that she was born in 1890, was admitted to the Oklahoma bar in 1912, and practiced law for 74 years. She practiced law in her office in the First National Building until a few months before she died. (A Datatimes search indicates that she filed her last pleading — a notice of hearing on the final account in a probate matter — on February 26, 1986.)

Not much was said or written about Kathryn Clyde Sturdevant (she was always known as "Kittie," even in her pleadings) when she died. This is a bit of a curiosity, because, according to impeccable sources such as Jack High (who was born the year Kittie Sturdevant started practicing law and has now been a lawyer for 55 years), there was certainly nothing about Kittie Sturdevant's comportment as a lawyer which would make her one of those individuals whose passing causes one to feel a vague sense of relief. (I'm sure you know the type.) Her career deserves more notice than it got.

I did not know Kittie Sturdevant well, but I knew her well enough that, in her own way, she was an inspiration to me. Not only did I see her practice law until she was in her mid-90s, I saw her go about her business with an indomitable spirit which

shamed me whenever I felt waves of laziness washing across me at 4:00 in the afternoon. In the last few years, she walked with the aid of a four-legged walker. That slowed her down, but didn't stop her. I once saw her picking up her mail on the ground floor of the First National Building on a morning when a foot of new snow had kept most lawyers snug at home. She always held her head high. Even though my passing acquaintance with her was based only upon a few brief conversations in Judge Traub's anteroom, she never failed to smile at me when our eyes met. After she died, I lamented the fact that (to my knowledge) no one had thought to record this remarkable woman's reflections upon a legal career that spanned parts of eight decades.

Kittie Sturdevant's advice to a young woman just starting out in the practice of law would have been interesting. The year after Kittie Sturdevant entered the practice of law, Professor Alexander H. Robbins (a professor of advocacy and legal ethics) published his work entitled *A Treatise on American Advocacy*. (Central Law Journal Co., 1913.) A passage in this book helps set the stage for the birth of Kittie Sturdevant's legal career. Professor Robbins had this to say about women in the practice of law:

"Her peculiar temperament probably fits a woman for the duty of gathering evidence and preparing the details of a case. Her intuition will suggest means of securing witnesses and overcoming difficulties. But the clash of wit and the incidents of intense provocation arising in the actual trial of a cause are usually too severe for the sensitively nervous organism of a woman. So while

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woman's success in almost every other line of endeavor, including the profession of medicine, has hitherto been quite notable, her lack of success as an advocate stands out in vivid contrast as one very important exception. Probably the future has for us some great woman advocate who will yet tread, triumphantly, the halls of justice and at whose remarkable self-control, clear logic and convincing words courts and juries will be won and the rights of clients vindicated; but that time has not yet

arrived and until some such brilliant example appears upon the horizon we are not justified in holding out much hope for success to the young woman starting out with the ambition to be a great advocate."

Today, some lawyers would say this passage is tripe; some would say that this is but a candid commentary on the natural order of things. We will never know whether Kirtie read this passage or anything like it, but I will venture to say that the Professor's views wouldn't have daunted Kirtie Sturdevant.

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