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Born January 18, 1925, in Athens, Ohio, the son of the late Francis A. and Belle Schloss Lavelle. Married to the former Marion Yanity in 1954, the parents of two sons (Frank A. and John P.) who were both admitted to the Ohio Bar in November 1982, and now practicing law in Athens, Ohio, and two daughters, Lydia, who was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1993, is in private practice in North Carolina and on the Faculty of the College of Law of North Carolina Central University, and Amy Lavelle McCualsky, a 1985 Journalism graduate of Ohio University. He has one grandson, William H. Lavelle, born September 26, 1993. Marion died on February 10, 2002. He married Ann Channell Olsen on October 12, 2002; he has two stepchildren, Kurt Olsen and Kristen Kisor, and six step-grandchildren, Ryan, Caleb and Adrienne Tevis; and Randi Olsen, Kelsey Kisor, and Karl Kisor.

Raised on a farm near Athens, he graduated from Athens High School in 1943, where he played football and was selected as the Athens High School representative to Boys' State.

Served in the United States Army, 86th Infantry Division, in both theatres of war, World War II.

Graduated from Ohio University, 1949, where he worked his way through by driving a school bus and working with his brothers as a partner in the Lavelle Brothers' Dairy Farm.

Graduated from Ohio State University's College of Law, 1952. He has been admitted to practice in all Ohio Courts, the United States Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Opened his private law practice in Athens, Ohio, in 1952, and practiced there until he became a Judge on February 9, 1991. He was the senior partner in Lavelle Law Offices, A Legal Professional Association, a general "small town" law practice, concentrating on estates, real estates matters, divorces and engaging in extensive trial work. For the most part he was placed on the plaintiff's side of personal injury litigation, the defense side of criminal cases, and represented organized labor in labor disputes. He has been a long-time member of the American, Ohio and Athens County Bar Associations. He is a Fellow of The Ohio State Bar Foundation, the American Bar Foundation, a past President of the Athens County Bar Association, a former member of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and The American Judicature Society. He has participated in several seminars at the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada at Reno, Nevada. He has held the highest rating given an Attorney by the Martindale-Hubbell Attorney's Referral Publications for many years. He is listed in WHO'S WHO in America and WHO'S WHO in American Law.

He was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association's Council of Delegates 1986-1989 and in 1989 was

elected to its Board of Governors for a three-year term.

In 1991 he was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute, an affiliate of the Ohio State Bar Association. In 1993 he was elected Chairman of that Board.

He is presently a member of the Probate and Trust Law Section's Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association.

In 1994 he was appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio as a member of the Court's Commission on Certification as Attorney Specialists.

He is a member of the Elder Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association, and of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

He has served as Solicitor for the City of Nelsonville and the Villages of Albany, Chauncey, Coolville, Glouster, Trimble and Zaleski; counsel for the Margaret Creek Conservancy District, Le-Ax Water Distribution Corporation, and Sunday Creek and Hollister Water Associations.

He served as Chairman and Democratic Member of the Athens County Board of Elections, 1967-1980.

He served Ohio University as a Member and Chairman (1981) of the Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1981.

Since 1992, he has taught Estate Planning at Ohio University's Community Education Program.

He served as Chairman of the State Personnel Board of Review of the State of Ohio from 1983 to 1991.

In November 1990, he was elected to a six-year term as Judge of the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Probate/Juvenile Division which he started on February 9, 1991.

In February 1994, Judge Lavelle resigned his judicial position and worked part-time on assignment from the Supreme Court of Ohio as an assigned judge. He opened his new law office for the private practice in November of 1994. His practice emphasizes Estates, Estate Planning, Trusts, and Wills.

William Lavelle is a member and past president of the Athens Symposiarch Club. He was named Symposiarch of the Year in May 1996. He is a member of the Athens Cotillion Club, Athens Country Club, Athens Rotary Club, VFW, American Legion, AM-VETS, Redmen, Sons of the Union Veterans, Ohio University's Trustees Academy and Ohio University's Green and White Club.

His hobby is the breeding, raising, riding and driving of Tennessee Walking Horses. In 1990 he acquired an interest in some thoroughbred horses that raced in Ohio. *These were sold in 1993.*

He is a former Athens County and Ohio Democratic Party Chairman and Member of the Democratic National Committee. He was the 10th Congressional District Democratic Committeeman for 20 years, and is a member of the Athens County Democratic Executive Committee for more than 40 years. He has been a Delegate to six Democratic National Conventions (1956, 1960, 1968, 1972, 1976 and 2000).

A leader in many Athens community activities, Lavelle was Co-Chairman of the O'Bleness Hospital Special Gifts Construction Fund Drive; Director and a 1979 Fund Drive Co-Chairman of the Athens United Appeal; District Chairman for four years of the Hock-Hocking Boys Scout District; Member of the Board of Directors of the Athens Rotary Club, the Athens Chamber of Commerce, The Hocking Valley Bank and the Athens Small Business Center. He was the unpaid Attorney for the Athens County Habitat for Humanity.

A life-long member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Athens, he has served on the Parish Finance

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Committee, Parish Council, School Board, and the Diocesan Board of Lay Consultors. He was a choir member there for over 40 years and has been a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd and 4th Degree. He is a member of the St. Francis Society at St. Paul's at the present time.