

# United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Our colleague Judge Terence T. Evans died last night, a victim of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and acute respiratory distress syndrome. He was only 71 years old and until recently had been playing golf regularly. His sudden decline was a shock to all who knew this athletic, outgoing, and witty man. People can reasonably debate whether he was better at golf or at law; his friends know that he did both very well indeed.

Terry Evans was educated at Marquette University (B.A. 1962 , J.D. 1967). After graduation, and a year as law clerk to Justice Horace Wilkie of Wisconsin's Supreme Court, he became an assistant district attorney for Milwaukee County. Private practice and the state bench followed. In 1980 he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. His service there, including a stint as Chief Judge, ended in 1995 with his promotion to the court of appeals. He took senior status in 2010, after 30 years of active service to the federal judiciary, so that he could spend more time with his family and his golf game, but he continued to hear a substantial caseload. While on the district court he selected Diane S. Sykes as a law clerk; she became his colleague on the Seventh Circuit in 2004.

What his colleagues remember of him, in addition to his energy and his commitment to equal justice under law, was his joie de vivre. He was irrepressible, which lifted everyone's spirits. His opinions were apt to include details about popular songs pertinent to the litigation, or the number of college football teams with the nickname "Bulldogs." *Crue v. Aiken*, 370 F.3d 668 (7th Cir. 2004) (counting 53 "Eagles", 43 "Tigers", and only 40 "Bulldogs"). A trademark suit about toilet paper offered irresistible opportunity for irreverence, without being any the less analytic. *Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products, LP v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, 2011 U.S. App. Lexis 15558 (7th Cir. July 28, 2011). And despite what the Supreme Court said in *PGA Tour, Inc. v. Martin*, 532 U.S. 661 (2001), Terry Evans was firm in his belief that walking the course is a central element of the game of golf. See *Olinger v. United States Golf Ass'n*, 205 F.3d 1001 (7th Cir. 2000).

All of his colleagues mourn his passing and convey sympathy to his family.

The court will hold a formal memorial service in the coming months.

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