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David Brink

Celebration of Life

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The details and RSVP instructions are in the Star Tribune [obituary](#).

Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Mary Brink Watts, 315 Quantico Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55447.

We are honored that the Brink family has designated LCL for contributions in David's memory. We've created a [page](#) which provides additional information.

David R. Brink 1919-2017

It is with deep and profound sadness that we report that David Brink has passed away at the age of 97. He would have turned 98 a week later (July 28). David was a dedicated LCL volunteer including 2 tours on LCL's board. He supported others in their recovery and played a significant role in encouraging organizations and individuals to support LCL. While a board member, including while in his 90s, he attentively and conscientiously carried out the fiduciary responsibilities of that office and humbly served as a mentor to others. To see David talk about LCL in his own words, take a look at a [video about LCL](#).

David was a Past President of the Hennepin County Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. His involvement with the ABA was extensive, including service on the ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse and the Advisory Commission to the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs which he played a role in creating. In the past several months he contributed an endorsement to an ABA Report, soon to be published, called *The Path to Lawyer Well-Being: Practical Recommendations for Positive Change*. It will issue a call to action following the publication of new data regarding lawyers and mental health, including substance use, issues. The ABA has published a [story](#) about David and his work with the association.

David was a retired partner of Dorsey and Whitney where he was widely recognized as a leader in the area of Trusts and Estates. Dorsey and Whitney issued a [press release](#) and we are pleased that it noted David's lawyer assistance work. More recently he wrote and taught poetry and published a book of his poems, *Beyond the Delta*. He read from his book at LCL's 2016 annual meeting. As a member of "the Greatest Generation, he worked as a code breaker during WWII. Here's a nice 2011 [article](#) from the Star Tribune.

David was presented with a Help and Hope award at LCL's 35th Anniversary Celebration in 2011. He told us he did not need another plaque and we were delighted to surprise him with a copy of *The Book that Started it All* with notes from LCL friends written on the pages that were most meaningful to them. Of course friends of LCL come from many different places and there was a place in the book for all who wanted one. David was also recognized in 2014 with an outstanding service award from Minnesota Lawyer. David was a trusted advisor and dear friend to many inside and outside of LCL. We will miss him.

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