

JOHN C. McHOSE
(OF COUNSEL)

John C. McHose was born in Massachusetts and spent his boyhood in Ohio. He came to California to enter Stanford, where he was active in student affairs and in athletics. He was a four-star letterman in basketball, and captain of the varsity. He was named a charter member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame.

After obtaining an A.B. degree in 1925, he worked his way through Law School, as sports columnist for the San Francisco Call, special writer for the Scripps-Paine Newspaper Syndicate, waiter at the Delta Gamma sorority and tennis coach at a Palo Alto girls' school.

He received a J.D. degree in 1927, took the California Bar examination and applied to Ira Lillick for employment, as he wanted to practice admiralty law. After a pleasant interview, he was told no additional lawyers were then needed. He suggested he might carry on his writing and work in the Lillick office without compensation, and that when there was an opening (suggested as possible in a few months), he might be accepted. Lillick said he would like to think it over. On the following day, he called McHose in and told him he would be employed, but would be paid a salary. It was \$75 per month.

McHose has been a Lillick lawyer ever since, although he spent three years during World War II as Legal Representative and Assistant Regional Director for the South and Southwest Pacific areas for the United States War Shipping Administration with headquarters in Australia.

McHose has specialized in maritime law, although for a period of time after his return from World War II he did a substantial amount of work in the entertainment field, doing work for many of the clients mentioned in the Hollywood office section.

He is a member of the American, California, District of Columbia, International and Maritime Law Bar Associations. In the maritime field he has been a member of the Admiralty Committee of the American Bar Association; Associate Editor of American Maritime Cases; a member of the United States Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Admiralty Rules; a member of the Board of Governors and president of the Propeller Club, Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach; and vice president of the Propeller Club of the United States. He was president of the Maritime Law Association of the United States in 1970-72. He is a Titular Member of the Comite Maritime International.

He has been active in civic affairs, and was a director and vice president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Los Angeles Marine Exchange. He was a member of a Los Angeles Trade Mission which visited principal ports in Europe in 1961. He was general chairman of Los Angeles World Trade Week in 1955.

He has been a director of a number of corporations, including the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation; the Republic Petroleum Corporation; the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of San Jose; the Quaker State Coca-Cola Bottling Company; and is presently a director of The Mitsubishi Bank of California. He is also active in the Japan America Society of Southern California; and has served as vice president and presently as Counselor.

He has maintained his interest in Stanford University and was a member of the Executive Board of the Stanford Alumni Association, president of that Association and a member of the Stanford Athletic Board.

He has been an ardent golfer and was once champion of the Wilshire Country Club. He is also past president of Wilshire, the Southern California Golf Association, the Senior Golf Association of Southern California and is presently a member of the Board of Governors of the California Seniors' Golf Association.

Although he took "of counsel" status in 1975, he continues on substantially a full-time basis to help carry on the Lillick firm.



JCM presenting a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Maritime Law Association to Warren Magnuson for his outstanding service in the advancement of maritime law and its administration.

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John C. McHose; Founding Partner of Major Law Firm

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John C. (Nip) McHose, a West Coast pioneer of maritime and international law and the last founding partner of the major California law firm Lillick & McHose, died Thursday. He was 88.

McHose died of cancer at San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, the firm announced.

Until he became too ill in late August, McHose had appeared for work at 6 a.m. daily in the firm's Los Angeles office he opened more than 60 years ago.

Fresh out of Stanford University Law School, McHose had sought work with Ira Lillick's San Francisco firm, offering to work for nothing to learn the field of maritime and international law from a master. Lillick, who died in 1967, hired him for \$75 a month, and in 1929, sent him to Los Angeles to create the firm's southern base.

Lillick & McHose, which has more than 250 lawyers, will become the second largest law firm in California on Jan. 1 when, partially through McHose's efforts, it will merge with San Francisco's Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro.

"McHose exemplified civility and integrity. I felt personally blessed to be his partner and to enjoy his mentoring and his friendship," said 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Pamela Ann Rymer, who formerly practiced in McHose's firm.

A noted trial lawyer, McHose also represented entertainment and sports celebrities, including Ruby Keeler, Dale and Roy Rogers, and the Los Angeles Rams football team and its former owner, Dan Reeves.

He was one of the first American lawyers to represent Japanese business interests in California. Active in the Japan America Society of Southern California, McHose in 1975 received the society's diamond pin award for "outstanding contribution to promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States."

Born in Springfield, Mass., Sept. 19, 1902, and brought up in Ohio, McHose moved west to attend Stanford, where he earned the nickname "Nipper," later shortened to "Nip," and demonstrated the determination that later helped him build his law firm. McHose, only 5 feet, 4 inches tall, became Stanford's first All-American basketball player.

He was also a charter member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame, and was later awarded the Stanford Athletic Board's annual Distinguished Achievement Award. In 1955, McHose was elected president of the Stanford Alumni Assn.

Nationally, McHose served as president of the Maritime Law Assn. of the United States, a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Admiralty Rules and a member of the International Maritime Committee.

In Los Angeles, he was president of the Propeller Club of the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach and chairman of its World Trade Week, president of the Chancery Club, director and vice president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Wilshire Country Club, the Southern California Golf Assn., the Senior Golf Assn. of Southern California, and the California Senior's Golf Assn.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Tedrowe McHose; his son, Terry Jon McHose of San Francisco, and a sister, Marian McHose Buzard of Arcadia.

Thank you, Sheryl and Jim.

*Remarks of
Edward A.
Person
9/13/2004*

On behalf of the over 200 partners, attorneys and staff of the Los Angeles and Century City offices of Pillsbury Winthrop, it is my great privilege to welcome you to our Firm's Diamond Anniversary celebration of its establishment in Los Angeles in 1929.

Having spent my entire 25-year career with the Firm, fully a third of its existence in Los Angeles, I have been assigned the task of placing in context the import of tonight's celebration.

The portrait to my left is that of the founder of our Los Angeles office, John C. McHose. In 1929, Mr. McHose, then a young lawyer, was chosen by Ira Lillick, a member of Stanford University Law School's first graduating class

in 1897, classmate and life-long friend of then President Herbert Hoover and founder of the West Coast's preeminent maritime law practice in San Francisco, to travel to Los Angeles and establish an office to serve the needs of the developing ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Imagine the City of Los Angeles of seventy-five years ago. It was a city of only a million residents, a quarter of its population today.

The city was proud of its sparkling, new City Hall that anchored downtown's growing financial, business and legal communities. Ground had just been broken on the new Pacific Stock Exchange Building, ironically only a week prior to the Great Wall Street Crash of 1929.

Vast open tracts of land, many still harboring orange groves, characterized the ride from downtown on the Red Car or the drives along Wilshire or Santa Monica Boulevards to the beach. Charles Lindbergh took off from Glendale's Grand Central Airport to inaugurate the first commercial air passenger service from Southern California to the East Coast. Later that year, the first building, Hangar One, was constructed at LAX.

The *fourth* shell at the Hollywood Bowl, up in the Cahuenga Pass, had just been completed (and lasted 75 years until it was replaced by this season's brand new fifth shell).

UCLA moved to Westwood and Los Angeles City College opened its doors for the first time.

The first Academy Awards were presented at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel (for you film buffs, Adolf Zukor's *Wings* won Best Picture). And Judy Garland debuted as one of the Gumm Sisters at Loew's State Theater on South Broadway.

By the way, you could buy a Gumm Sisters album for 39¢, milk for 50¢ a gallon, and a gallon of gas for 14¢. A beer and a steak sandwich at The Pacific Dining Car set you back \$2.25.

That was the City of Los Angeles that the 27-year old John McHose encountered when he established the Firm's first offices on Spring Street. Mr. McHose was not daunted by the challenge of establishing a law practice in this city that was bursting at the seams.

His competitiveness had been honed on athletic fields and in gymnasiums in his native Springfield, Massachusetts, and Stanford University, culminating in Mr. McHose's selection, despite being only 5 feet 4 inches tall, as the first All American collegiate basketball player from the West Coast.

A charter member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame, Mr. McHose later served as President of the Stanford Alumni Association, Maritime Law Association, Propeller Club of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Wilshire Country Club and the Southern California Golf Association. He was a founding director of the Japan America Society of Southern California.

By the mid-Thirties, the Firm was the dominant maritime law firm in Southern California.

It also began to diversify into the representation of interests in the entertainment industry. The Firm opened its first Hollywood office in 1936 and represented the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the time of its formation.

We also represented NBC, ABC and KFI in procuring the establishment of Mount Wilson as the telecast center for Southern California.

Clients of the Firm included Walter Winchell, Ruby Keeler, Al Jolson, Dale and Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Johnny Weismuller, Dorothy Lamour and the Los Angeles Rams.

Drawing upon its maritime expertise, the Firm represented the interests which constructed the replica of the *H.M.S. Bounty* captained by

Marlon Brando in "Mutiny on the Bounty" and which chartered the Norwegian tanker that transported King Kong to New York in the remake of that film.

Following World War II, the Firm further diversified its practice into the representation of international business interests. As a result of its decades long relationships with Japanese and European shipping lines, the Firm was introduced to the shipping companies' affiliated banks, trading companies and manufacturers.

Consequently, we have had the distinction of establishing the U.S. subsidiaries of Nissan Motors and Mitsubishi Corporation as well as forming or representing the United States branches or affiliates of over one hundred foreign banks with principals in Japan, Mexico, Thailand, India, Switzerland, France and Spain.

It is this legacy that we celebrate today and it is the challenge of following in the footsteps of our founding partner and his colleagues that invigorates each and every one of the attorneys and employees of Pillsbury Winthrop in Los Angeles and Century City.

I recall, as a first year partner in 1985, Mr. McHose' introduction to the obligations of partnership: "Those that have come before you have built these roads, not for you just to drive upon, but to improve for those who follow."

We are immensely proud of the diversity of our office and its litigation, corporate, public finance and intellectual property law practices.

We are also immensely proud of our commitment to this Los Angeles community, exemplified in our work to enhance and

improve the quality of life for its residents and, in particular, its youth and its poor.

We have partnered with the Los Angeles Unified School District to establish and provide tolerance education and violence prevention programs to students in its third and fifth grade classrooms.

We support the works of the In-N-Out Burger Foundation in providing assistance for the victims of child abuse.

Our attorneys and staff are significant and active participants in Public Counsel, Bet Tzedek, the Alliance for Children's Rights, the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Para Los Ninos and the United Way.

Our civic contributions include service on boards or executive committees of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the Central City Association, the Los Angeles Headquarters Association, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, the Japan Business Association of Southern California, the Japan America Society of Southern California and the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, among others.

Since 1929, we have established a commitment to the development and continued growth of this Los Angeles community.

We pledge our continued dedication to that effort. Thank you for your unwavering friendship and support during the past 75 years. We look forward to seeing you at our Centennial Celebration in 2029.

I would now like to introduce to you my partner, Marina Park, the Firm's Managing Partner from our Palo Alto office.