

PROMINENT ATTORNEY
JOINS L100 AND FULFILLS

Mr. Nicholas G. Manos, who served in London, England at the end of World War II as a legal officer for Admiral Hewitt, Commander of the Naval Forces in Europe, a trial lawyer in courts marshal proceedings and as the Admiral's courier to the Nuremburg trials and to the U.S. Naval Attaché in Greece, has joined Leadership 100 and fulfilled his pledge through a new law allowing distributions from certain IRAs. His experiences in Europe are the subject of a forthcoming novel which will be titled "Bow Street Magistrate". He also served, from 1955 to 1959, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, appointed by the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Manos joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 after completing his law studies at DePaul University Law School with a LLB Cum Laude at age 20, graduating first in his class. By reason of his language proficiency in Greek and French, he was assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence in Chicago. He attended U.S. Navy officer's training schools at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Notre Dame and received a commission as an ensign in 1944. He was then assigned to the navy's oriental language school in Stillwater, Oklahoma, to study Japanese for eventual transfer to the Pacific war theater of operations to act as a naval intelligence officer, but with the end of the war the navy elected to send him to the London assignment.

Upon his honorable charge in 1946 as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant, he attended Harvard Law School as a special graduate student under the G.I Bill of Rights. In 1947, he commenced his private practice of law in Chicago where, following his service as Assistant U.S. Attorney, he also served as president of the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; president of the Hellenic Bar Association and as a lecturer at Loyola University Law School.

When Cyprus was invaded by the Turks in 1974, Mr. Andrew Athens, who sponsored Mr. Manos in his Leadership 100 membership, and Mr. Manos arranged for a committee of Greek Americans to meet Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Washington D.C. to receive a report of why the United States had not intervened to prevent the disastrous events of the invasion. This meeting which occurred within two days of the invasion served as the catalyst for the formation by Mr. Athens of the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), where he served on the executive committee.

In 1975, he was appointed by the U.S. District Court in Chicago to serve as the Chief Reorganization Counsel for the Trustee of the bankrupt Rock Island Railroad. The court proceedings lasted for nine years during which Mr. Manos devoted all of his efforts on days, evenings and weekends to accomplish a Plan of Reorganization which was drafted by him and approved by the Court and the ICC in 1984.

Mr. Manos was born in 1922 and baptized at Chicago's Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Church. The first priority of his immigrant parents, George and Eustathia Manos, was to establish a religious, cultural and educational program for Nicholas and his older brother John. To accomplish this object they moved to Chicago's West side Austin neighborhood close to the newly built Assumption Greek Church, where the brothers could benefit from religious training and education in the Greek language.

In February 1953, Nicholas Manos married the former and Katherine Gianacakos at the Assumption Church. Two children, Stathia and George were born of this happy union. Nicholas and Katherine have celebrated fifty-three glorious anniversary years. They reside in Riverside, Illinois and are blessed with four beautiful grandchildren which keep them happily occupied.