

CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION DUBOIS BROTHERS AWARD

As much as they resembled brothers in appearance, Josiah, Herbert and Madison DuBois enjoyed accomplished, but in many ways very different, careers. After each graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1934, 1936 and 1939, respectively, they embarked on initially divergent paths before they joined each other in the Camden law firm known now as DuBois, Sheehan, Hamilton, Levin & Weissman.

Josiah ("Joe") was an attorney at the U.S. Dept. of Treasury working under Secretary Henry Morgenthau in the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. During the holocaust, Joe was appalled at the United States' failure to aide Jews trying to escape Nazi Europe and put his career at risk by writing the scathing Report to the Secretary on the Acquiescence of This Government in the Murder of the Jews. Secretary Morgenthau presented this report to President Roosevelt which led to the establishment of the War Refugee Board in 1944. Joe was appointed General Counsel of that board and then was assigned as deputy chief counsel for War Crimes where he spent two years in Nuremberg, Germany prosecuting I.G. Farben, the company that supplied the Nazis with the deadly chemicals. Joe, who was not Jewish, has been included in many documentaries about the holocaust and has been honored for saving the lives of countless European Jews.

Herbert ("Herb") DuBois began practicing law as a solo practitioner and developed a specialty in real estate law. Indeed, during his career he estimated that he represented clients in more than 10,000 real estate closings. Like Joe, Herb served his country with distinction during World War II. After graduating from Officer Candidate School, Herb was a leader of rifle platoon combat in northern France. He later became a legal officer advising on policies and procedures for military government financial control of occupied Germany. Herb received many military ribbons and certificates of merit. Upon returning home, Herb and Joe became law partners, with Joe serving as a litigator and Herb spending most of his career working with and for home builders, both as a developer of apartments and houses, and individually as a founder of both a title company and the mortgage company appropriately named Builders Mortgage Company.

Madison ("Matt") DuBois was the quiet younger brother who served our country fighting in the trenches in Italy as the Allied Forces freed that country from the grip of Mussolini and the Nazis. He initially practiced law with a Philadelphia law firm before he joined Herb and Joe at DuBois & DuBois in 1950. The focus of the practice for the firm's first four decades was real estate, and Matt served as primary outside counsel for several of the largest home builders in southern New Jersey, most notably Scarborough Corporation, one of the most influential developers in the region. Real estate was an area of the law Matt embraced and one to which he dedicated most of his career.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

A scholarship of \$1,000 to be given to a student of any Delaware Valley law school. Applicants must show a bona fide intention to practice law in South Jersey as well as exhibit professionalism and high character in their personal and academic lives. Applicants should also demonstrate genuine financial need.