

G. Wray Gill, N.O. Lawyer, Dies at Home

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G. Wray Gill, a prominent New Orleans criminal lawyer, died at his home this morning.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Jacob Schoen and Sons Funeral Home, 3827 Canal St. Interment will be in the Park Lawn division of Metairie Cemetery.

A native of Crowley, Mr. Gill came to New Orleans to attend Loyola Law School and was graduated in 1927 with honors.

He established a practice in New Orleans concentrating on criminal law and during World War II was active in military trials.

Mr. Gill was a member of the Louisiana State, American, New Orleans and Criminal Courts Bar Associations, the Shriners and the Masons.

Mr. Gill's first wife, the former Margarite Adele Powers, died in 1956.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Dian Sens Gill; a daughter, Mrs. Julia Wagner, a son, G. Wray Gill Jr., one brother, Robert; four sisters, Mrs. Mamie Saal, Gueydan; Mrs. Ruby Bergeron, Crowley; Mrs. Margarite Fischer, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Earline Clynes, Lafayette; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



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Winsberg Case Figure Sent To Prison

A judge today revoked the probation of a key figure in the corrupt influencing case against Criminal District Judge Jerome Winsberg and ordered her sent to the State Penitentiary to serve a 2½-year sentence on a drug conviction.

Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert ruled Charlene Saia, 25, was in violation of terms of probation as a result of her arrest Aug. 7 on a charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Miss Saia, convicted of attempted sale of cocaine, had received a suspended 2½-year sentence.

Judge Winsberg, then in the private practice of law, represented Miss Saia in that case.

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury indicted Judge Winsberg on a charge he offered Pershing O. Gervais \$5,000 to influence the outcome of Miss Saia's case and two others.

Judge Winsberg has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Judge Bagert said today he will issue written reasons for his decision to revoke Miss Saia's sentence.

Miss Saia's attorney, George Hesni, filed written notice of his plans to request a review of Bagert's ruling before the Louisiana Supreme Court. He has 30 days to act.

Bagert ordered Miss Saia held in Parish Prison until the Supreme Court rules.

The judge gave Miss Saia credit for the time she has spent in jail since her arrest.