Lawrence Reuben was born in Akron, Ohio on April 5, 1948 to Albert and Sara Reuben. He was a graduate of London School of Economics, 1969; Indiana University, 1970, and Indiana University School of Law in 1973.

During the Bayh Administrations, Lawrence served in various positions for the State of Indiana and operated a private law practice for many years.

Lawrence was a champion for the underprivileged and he served on numerous boards and service organizations as well as authoring several publications. He was a frequent presenter at law conferences and was well recognized for his accomplishments. Among these accomplishments he was appointed as a Sagamore of the Wabash, ranked as one of Indiana’s Top Lawyers and received the L.L. Goodman Leadership Award by the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Larry was involved with the JCRC, the BJE, and JFS at the Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center. He taught classes in Jewish ethics at IHC and he believed in his Jewish heritage and a strong Jewish education.

Larry Reuben was a big picture thinker. He was brilliant, educated, and caring. He was proud to be Jewish and made his decisions with a “Jewish Kup.” Larry was a giant in philanthropy and a transformational figure for all the organizations he touched. He didn’t just give money; he truly cared about the impact of his investments and honoring the legacy of his parents, Albert & Sara, of blessed memory. He supported the elderly, the underprivileged, women’s rights, civil rights, the homeless, animals, and public television. One of the most notable kudos in Larry’s career as an attorney was his triumph of the Civil Rights case at the Riviera Club in Indianapolis and Candy and Emily continue to carry on his dedication to the community.

His goal was to make the world, Indianapolis, and the Jewish community a better and more helpful place and never looked for self-recognition. As much as he’d hate it, we are honored to present Larry’s family with the Hoosier Jewish Legends Award.