

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
Fourth Judicial District

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**Special Session:  
Annual Hennepin County  
Bar Memorial**

Convening of the Special Session  
of Hennepin County District Court  
Chief Judge Peter A. Cahill  
Presiding

Invocation  
The Honorable Pamela G. Alexander  
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Musical Selection  
Soloist Leah Carver

Recognition of Deceased Members  
Paul M. Floyd, President-Elect  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker  
Kimberly A. Lowe, President  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address  
Eric J. Magnuson  
Partner, Robins Kaplan LLP  
Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, 2008-2010

Musical Selection  
Dolce Wind Quintet

Memorials Presented to the Court  
Howard B. Tarkow  
Chair, Bar Memorial Committee

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Music by Dolce Wind Quintet

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association

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The Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial has been honoring deceased lawyers and judges in Hennepin County for many decades.

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April 30, 2014 . . . . .	Lewis Remele
April 17, 2013 . . . . .	Chief Judge Michael J. Davis
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April 28, 2010 . . . . .	Susan M. Holden
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May 7, 2008 . . . . .	Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sam Hanson
May 2, 2007 . . . . .	Dean Jon M. Garon
April 26, 2006 . . . . .	Retired Judge Marianne D. Short
April 20, 2005 . . . . .	Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum
April 21, 2004 . . . . .	Byron E. Starns
April 16, 2003 . . . . .	Judge Joan N. Ericksen
April 17, 2002 . . . . .	Daniel S. Kleinberger
April 18, 2001 . . . . .	Sheryl Ramstad Hvass
April 19, 2000 . . . . .	Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson
April 21, 1999 . . . . .	Dean E. Thomas Sullivan
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 May 22, 1975 ..... David R. Brink  
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 May 24, 1972 ..... Judge Philip Neville  
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 May 27, 1965 ..... William H. DeParcq

# INVOCATION

Dear Lord,

We have gathered today to pay tribute and give honor to our friends and colleagues, all of whom have given of themselves and in service to this community. We give honor to the contributions they have made to the bench and bar as we celebrate and uplift their lives and in turn uplift the legal profession as a whole.

We collectively grieve the passing of these lawyers and judges who have contributed much to our county and state by their service and commitment to excellence. Their service to others crossed the gamut, they represented businesses, non-profits, corporations, individuals, families and children, and indigent people. They worked in government offices, corporations, law firms big and small, and non-profit agencies. Each of the attorneys and judges we celebrate today served with enthusiasm, gave of their talents, spread their legal knowledge and uplifted this community in many ways and we are eternally grateful for their commitment to our profession.

I know that the families of our colleagues and friends will miss them dearly as we will but know that they are missed by all of us and their bright light will shine on in you. The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that we can all be leaders because we can all serve, and this group represents the embodiment of service to others. They each have given countless hours to serving this community and the people in it, they have given of themselves in big and small ways daily and consistently and we were blessed to have them in our midst.

Their valuable contributions to this profession will never be forgotten and we will cherish their memories today and always.

Amen

## MEMORIAL ADDRESS

May it please the Court, honorable judges, fellow members of the bar and special guests, including the family and friends of those whose lives we have gathered to recognize.

I will start with an observation from that noted philosopher, Jack Lemmon—“Death ends a life, not a relationship.”

Others who have pondered the meaning of death and its impact on those who remain behind have expressed similar thoughts.

Let us be honest with death. Let us not pretend that it is less than it is. It is separation. It is sorrow. It is grief. But let us neither pretend that death is more than it is. It is not annihilation. As long as memory endures, the departed's influence will be felt. It is not an end to love—humanity's need for love from each of us is boundless. It is not an end to joy and laughter—nothing would less honor a departed soul than to make our lives drab in counterfeit respect. Let us be honest with death, for in that honesty we will understand the departed better and ourselves more deeply.

—Source Unknown

Remembering is a vital part of death. Each of us has only so much time on this earth. We are born, we live and we die. And in the course of living, we learn, we grow, we touch and are touched by all the people we meet – family, friends, acquaintances, foes and strangers. In other words, we live our lives, and in the end, there is one thing that is certain – we live on in the lives of those that we have touched. Our words of wisdom, our humor, our kindness, whatever inspiration we may have provided, are like ripples on a pond. They constantly stir gently the waters that are the lives of those around us.

Members of the legal profession are especially prone to cause ripples in the waters of life. It is our job to interact with others in a way that touches some of the most important aspects of their lives. Few people come into contact with a lawyer unless they have a problem; and sometimes those problems are life altering. A lawyer not only counsels and guides his or her own client, but in many instances, a lawyer will have a direct and immediate impact on the lives and future of the other parties and their families, businesses and acquaintances.

Lawyers do their work after swearing an oath that bears repeating:

"You do swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and that of the state of Minnesota, and will conduct yourself as an attorney and counselor at law in an upright and courteous manner, to the best of your learning and ability, with all good fidelity as well to the court as to the client, and that you will use no falsehood or deceit, nor delay any person's cause for lucre or malice. So help you God."

"Upright and courteous." "Good fidelity." When done well, advocacy is often coupled with compassion and grace, and even the losing party can come away from the dispute feeling that they were respected and treated fairly. Hard-fought battles are at times necessary in life. Battles that are hard fought, but fairly fought, engender respect for all who are involved in the process. Whether the lawyer functions as a scrivener, a negotiator, or a gladiator, they bring to each arena a reasoned and principled approach to solving the problem at hand. In doing so, they are often able to provide a resolution that enhances the process, and the participants. When done well, the art of lawyering can have an even more profound impact upon the lives of those who are involved.

So as we gather today, we honor not just men and women that we have known, loved and lost, but we honor members of our profession who have left an indelible imprint on their community. It is our responsibility, indeed our honor, to remember them overtly, to pause and reflect together on what they contributed to the law, to society, and to all of us who knew them, as they toiled in the fields of the law. Remembering, in a formal way such as this, helps us all. It sharpens our recollections, deepens our hearts, and reminds us of how important it is to live life with others in mind.

So it is fitting that we gather together today to share our memories, our thoughts and our emotions. We say once again thank you. We say that we miss you. And we say, either out loud, or in our hearts, thank you for your contributions to the law and justice.



I will end with something from Ralph Waldo Emerson, which reminds us that those who have died are not gone, but live on in each of us who have been touched by their living. The lawyers and judges here today are a reflection of our departed colleagues, who live on in that reflection,

“All Return Again,”

It is the secret of the world that all things subsist and do not die, but only retire a little from sight and afterwards return again. Nothing is dead; men feign themselves dead, and endure mock funerals and mournful obituaries, and there they stand looking out of the window, sound and well, in some new strange disguise. Jesus is not dead; he is very well alive; nor John, nor Paul, nor Mahomet, nor Aristotle; at times we believe we have seen them all, and could easily tell the names under which they go.

**ERIC J. MAGNUSON**  
**Partner, Robins Kaplan LLP**  
**Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, 2008-2010**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD ALLEN**

June 1, 1930 - July 28, 2015

*"Do more than is required of you."*

-General George S. Patton

Dick Allen was a lawyer's lawyer, who in every matter truly did more than was required. He loved the practice of law, and enjoyed telling stories about his practice.

As Dick told it, his legal career began in former University of Minnesota Law School Dean Maynard Pirsig's office. Dick had taken an aptitude exam and was waiting for the dean to give him the results. According to Dick, the Dean spoke very slowly, leading to one of Dick's famous punch lines, "I wanted to say, 'Spit it out, Dean!'" Fortunately for all of us, the dean said "I think you'll be just fine," and Dick embarked on a lifetime in the law, which would lead to an even greater legacy of stories.

After graduating from "the U," Dick began trying cases as a first lieutenant in the JAG division of the Air Force. Following his service, he returned to Minnesota, eventually establishing his own practice. Dick's solo practice would span 50 years, until his final days, and covered a variety of matters including complex litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and trusts and estates. Dick took a profound interest in his clients, developing personal relationships over multiple generations.

For Dick, it was truly a life in the law. He championed his client's causes around the clock, and even, as his health failed, turning his hospital room into a working office.

Dick's diverse practice allowed him to hone his story telling, and his children and grandchildren enjoyed his tales of faulty tractors, fires, airplanes, poisoned trees and creative ways to handle soldiers who fall asleep on watch.

Dick was admitted to the U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Military Appeals. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Dick lived on Lake Minnetonka for years before moving to Edina later in life. He enjoyed boating, household projects, and all things General George S. Patton.

Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sue Ann Maris Allen; children Melissa, Christopher (Rebecca), and Maris Allen Venable; brothers Bill (Donnis) and Jim (Elaine); and grandchildren William and Henry Venable. He is preceded in death by his brother, John S. Allen, Jr. (Marge).

**THE FAMILY OF RICHARD D. ALLEN**

IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN “JACK” BELL**

October 14, 1938 - November 19, 2015

Jack Bell passed away on November 19, 2015, with his family by his side, after a five-year battle with Alzheimer’s disease. He was 77 years old.

Jack was the longtime senior general counsel for GELCO Corporation, at one time the largest fleet leasing company in the U.S. It was acquired by General Electric Credit Corp. in 1987 for \$414 million. Jack joined GELCO in 1969 and worked there until 1983. Prior to joining GELCO, Jack worked at General Mills in its transportation department, where he managed the company fleet. GELCO was the fleet lessor for General Mills. Jack left GELCO in 1983 and subsequently worked in a law firm and several other non-fleet related positions. In the late 80s, Jack joined Circuit Research Corporation, a specialty chemical manufacturing company that has since been sold to Seacole in Plymouth.

Jack retired in 2003, but continued to be involved in politics, most notably working on Norm Coleman’s political campaigns. (Coleman, who was elected as a U.S. Senator from Minnesota, served from 2003-2009.) In addition, during retirement, Jack worked as a legal business consultant for a number of various companies.

Jack served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959 and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Jack is survived by his wife Bev and four children (John, Mike, Molly & Tom) and seven grandchildren (Avery, Tanner, Abby, Murphy, McKenna, Samantha and Kendalyn).

Jack will always be remembered as a great man, who would always be willing to help anyone in need. One of Jack’s favorite phrases, even while in hospice, was Semper Fi —Always Loyal. Until we see you again... Semper Fi, Jack.

**TOM BELL**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**STEPHEN J. BURTON**

**August 14, 1951 – July 15, 2015**

A partner at the law firm of Felhaber Larson, Steve spent his entire career with the firm after graduating with honors from William Mitchell College of Law in 1977. Steve supported numerous clients, including the Greater Metropolitan Automobile Dealers Association and the Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, guiding them through labor contracts and negotiations. Steve was a master of his craft who ensured that at the end of contract negotiations both sides would walk away from the table feeling like they got a fair deal.

Steve was an outstanding attorney and a great friend. He placed a great deal of value in his relationships with his family and his peers. There was nothing he liked more than grabbing a drink after work with his friends or spending time with his family up at Gull Lake. He would often remark that his favorite times were sitting outside, looking out at the lake, while having a beer and a cigar.

Steve is survived by his mother, son, daughter, and two grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his many loved ones, friends, and colleagues.

**STEVE BURTON**

IN MEMORIAM  
**THAYER A. BUTLER**

May 16, 1958 – November 13, 2015

Thayer Ann Butler was born in Duluth. She was the oldest of four daughters born to John and Barbara Butler. As a child, Thayer enjoyed camping and spending time on her family's boat on Lake Superior. Many summers were spent either camping or boating in the Apostle Islands near Bayfield, Wisconsin.

Thayer graduated from Duluth East High School and then went on to attend Hamline University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in history. Thayer loved her time at Hamline and kept in close contact with many of her classmates. During her time at Hamline, her love of history and sense of adventure led her to travel to Israel to work on an archeology dig.

Her experience in Israel was formative and gave her a broader view of the world in general, and the hardships faced by many. After Thayer graduated from college, she worked for a few years, but quickly discovered she wanted to do more. She decided to attend William Mitchell College of Law. She obtained her law degree and soon found her passion for fighting for social justice and the underdog. Thayer specialized in bankruptcy law and was extremely passionate about social justice and equality throughout her career.

She loved animals and the outdoors, especially Lake Superior. Thayer loved the city she grew up in and was quick to take trips to Split Rock Lighthouse or Gooseberry Falls. She loved the North Shore along with the big lake. She would often take the longer, more scenic route while traveling and was always on the lookout for the "old road"—just like her father!

Thayer had three children: Scarlett, Erik, and Peter. She was very proud of her children and loved them deeply. She was especially proud of her two adorable grandsons, Silas and Killian. She was quick to post pictures of them on Facebook and describe her latest activities with either of the two boys. She will be missed by many, but mostly by her mom, sisters, children, and grandsons. Taken from this world too soon, her gentle nature and big heart will be missed by all.

**REBECCA BUTLER  
ROBIN EDGERTON  
BARBARA BLOOM**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JOHN A. COCHRANE**

March 29, 1922 – October 1, 2015

Our dad, John Cochrane, a proud member of the Minnesota legal community for more than a half-century, would have deeply appreciated this remembrance by the colleagues he greatly esteemed. He was passionate about the practice of law and believed that the courthouse served as the great equalizer for the everyman.

His career, often called auspicious, spanned from high-profile criminal defense cases to pioneering class-actions. He was known as a tenacious litigator with an encyclopedic knowledge and a witty sense of humor. Combined with his unique physique (likened to a “refrigerator with eyebrows”), he made a lasting impression on those he met. Humorously audacious anecdotes from his career have been passed down by colleagues as legend.

Dad was famed for his work on antibiotics price-fixing litigation in the mid-1970s. He also won class action verdicts against the Dalkon Corporation, whose contraceptive device injured many users, and against ExxonMobil over its devastating 1989 oil spill in Alaska. He maintained lifelong friendships with both co- and opposing counsel, which included Peter Dorsey. During the antibiotics litigation, Peter relayed, Judge Miles Lord told Dad that that he would believe his argument when he believed in the Easter Bunny. Soon after, a 300-pound, furry-white, floppy-eared Easter Bunny with bushy eyebrows hopped into the courtroom.

In his earlier criminal defense career, Dad represented Norman Mastrian, a former prizefighter accused of accepting payment from T. Eugene Thompson in exchange for murdering Thompson’s wife. The 1963 trial was one of Minnesota’s most notorious and longest on record. When Mastrian’s guilty verdict was returned, he turned to Dad and said, “What do we do now?” To which our father purportedly replied, “Well, you’re going to jail and I’m going to the bar.” Dad also tried the shortest murder trial on behalf of a mother who threw her child into the Mississippi. He put only one witness on the stand, a psychiatrist who simply testified, “Any woman who kills her kid is nuts.” She was found not guilty in less than two hours.

A native son of St. Paul, Dad boasted that he graduated last in his class at St. Paul Central. His education was interrupted by service in the Merchant Marine during and after WWII, but he ultimately graduated from William Mitchell College of Law. He paid for his second semester with winnings from a \$1,000 bet that he couldn’t get through the first semester, along with bartering his services as a certified steamfitter to keep the school’s failing boiler running during the winter. His friends in St. Paul spanned the humble to the high, and he cherished them all.

Dad passed six days after our adored mother, Carolyn Cochrane, lost her battle against cancer. Their 50-year marriage was one filled with love and mutual respect. On their 40th anniversary, Mom—the only woman in her graduating class at William Mitchell College of Law—was awarded a “purple heart” for putting up with her eccentric husband. To which she responded, “I wouldn’t trade a minute of it.”

**JOHN COCHRANE**  
**KATY COCHRANE CAREY**  
**LIZ COCHRANE REID**

IN MEMORIAM  
**KENNETH FRANCIS DANIELS**

March 9, 1932 – May 22, 2015

Kenneth Daniels practiced law for more than four decades as a personal injury attorney. He got his law degree by taking night classes at William Mitchell College of Law while he worked for the gas company to support his wife Edna and the first three of their eight children. He started his own practice and eventually became the lead partner of Daniels, Johnson, Bix, O’Keefe and Daniels, which practiced law in Golden Valley. Ken was an aggressive advocate for his clients. His competitiveness in the courtroom was mirrored by the way he conducted himself on the basketball court or golf course.

A member of Hazeltine National Golf Club, Ken was an avid golfer. He traveled to his paternal home of Ireland for golfing vacations, and he held the course record on the back nine at Mahogany Run Golf Course for many years. But it was not only golf that Ken enjoyed. He was a very competitive handball and basketball player. He shared his interest in athletics by coaching the various teams on which his children played, and by taking his children with him to the Minneapolis Athletic Club every Saturday morning.

Basically, Ken loved life, and he took an active part in it. When he was not meeting with clients, negotiating with opposing counsel, or participating in some athletic activity, he oftentimes had a record, V8 tape, or cassette playing loudly. He listened to a variety of music: Cole Porter; Harry Belafonte; the Chad Mitchell Trio; Peter, Paul, and Mary; Vickie Carr; and Frank Sinatra. Ken was also a big supporter of Gopher athletics. He had season tickets to the basketball games at Williams Arena for many years. I think he genuinely enjoyed being around people and was happy to share his passions with both friends and family. I have already mentioned that Ken and Edna had a large family—four boys, Tim, Pat, Mark and Jim, and four girls, Lisa, Jill, Mikki and Katie—whose memories growing up were further enlivened by the assortment of pets that were always welcome in the Daniels’ home.

Ken was a generous, outgoing father and friend, who worked diligently on behalf of his clients and to create a secure future for his kids. As just one example of the devotion that Ken displayed both professionally and in the home, I thought I’d write about my first day of Kindergarten. On my way to Clara Barton School, which was located a few blocks from where we lived at the time, Ken walked with me from school to show me the way home, but he was a little concerned that I might forget the path in the excitement of my first day at school. For that reason, he got some colored chalk and drew arrows from immediately outside the school yard all the way to our front door. Even with this precaution, I somehow winded up getting lost, but he certainly tried to make things easy for me. I believe my father will be missed by everyone who knew him, which in Ken’s case is a very large universe of people indeed.

**TIMOTHY DANIELS**

IN MEMORIAM

**RAYMOND J. DITTRICH, JR.**

February 17, 1932 - August 2, 2015

Raymond J. Dittrich, Jr., age 83 of Wayzata, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children on August 2, 2015. He attended Cathedral High School in Duluth, excelled in academics and numerous sports, and was an Eagle Scout. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame (with honors) and law degree from the University of Michigan, where he was editor of the law review.

Ray served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired as lieutenant colonel. Ray had a distinguished 40-year legal career, which included time as a corporate attorney for Cargill, and as vice president and general counsel at Pillsbury and Medtronic. He was president of the Minneapolis Aquatennial in 1984.

Following retirement, Ray and his wife of 55 years, Paula, resided in Stuart, Florida.

Ray was an extremely outgoing and engaging person who embraced life to the fullest. He loved to spend his free time outdoors with his family and good friends in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota. He also enjoyed playing golf and birding. From the time he was a Boy Scout, and for the next 50 years, he camped, hiked, canoed, fished, and studied birds in the BWCA. He always felt at peace in nature.

One of his most thrilling moments was when he and his two sons spotted a bald eagle's nest high in a pine tree on a small island in the BWCA. There were a couple of eagles soaring around the nest for hours. At the time, eagles were on the endangered species list and nearly extinct. Ray was a pretty good photographer, and he took hundreds of photographs of those eagles. He was absolutely thrilled to see such majestic birds in their pristine, natural environment.

When Ray wasn't outside enjoying nature, he engaged in intellectual pursuits such as reading political biographies, studying history, and volunteering his time to support political campaigns.

He was an avid sports fan, had a great passion for Notre Dame football, and coached his sons' Little League teams.

He loved to spend time with his grandkids, and was their greatest supporter and cheerleader.

Ray was a devout Catholic who gave much of his time to his Catholic community.

He was preceded in death by his wife Paula, and daughter Julie Marie. He is survived by his children Lisa Wurst (Tom), Claire, David, and Mark (Connie); grandchildren Colin and Erin Wurst, and Natalie, Margeaux, and Will Dittrich; and brother Paul (Beth).

**THE CHILDREN OF RAYMOND J. DITTRICH, JR.**



IN MEMORIAM  
**CHARLES W. DUFRESNE**

November 27, 1951 - August 13, 2015

Chuck DuFresne was the smartest, wittiest, and best read person I have ever known. After graduating from Richfield High School, where he was an all-conference football player and class president, he was a humanities major at Macalester College. He went on to the University of Minnesota Law School, where he was a law review editor, graduating in 1978, cum laude.

Chuck loved transactional law, especially negotiating real estate deals. He turned down offers from some of the best large firms in the area and joined Druck & Associates out of law school. (He was the only associate.) He then moved on to real estate development, first at the Lincoln Companies, then at Zeman Construction, and finally at Gleneagles Development. He also was a commercial property tax consultant, negotiating tax reductions for major corporations across the country.

But, Chuck never lost his love for the humanities. He was a voracious reader, especially of history and philosophy. He loved all kinds of music: classical, old-time rock and roll, opera and country. He had other passions as well: woodworking, writing poetry, cooking fabulous meals for family and friends, and playing golf (very well). He could speak beautifully and, sometimes, profanely.

Chuck is survived by me, his wife of thirteen years. He never had children of his own, but he had stepchildren who adored him—Darci Lambert and Molly, Andy and Ben Steenson. He is also survived by what he termed his "pseudo-grandchildren", Jack, Maddie and Sam Steenson and Fiona Lambert, as well as his sister Sharen Hilliard and his brother Tom DuFresne and their families.

Chuck died too young and will be missed, not only by his family, but by his friends and law school buddies who held a celebration of his life at Lyon's Pub. RIP Chuck.

**THE HONORABLE MARY STEENSON DUFRESNE**

IN MEMORIAM  
**MARK JOHN GINDER**

April 26, 1953 – March 10, 2015

Mark was best known for his dry sense of humor, integrity, sensitivity, and loyalty to friends.

Mark was born and grew up in Austin. He graduated from St. John's University in 1975 and from William Mitchell College of Law in 1981. He began working at Dorsey & Whitney during law school, and he stayed there until he retired in late 2014 as the result of the onset of Lewy body dementia. Mark spent his career as a litigator for Dorsey and prided himself for practicing with integrity and with the highest ethical standards.

Mark was a devoted father, brother, husband, and friend. The most important things in his life were his wife Debbie and their daughters, Martha and Millie, and sons, Alex and David.

In order to spend time with his children, Mark took up soccer, a sport he had never played, and became a longtime youth coach. During that time, he coached all of his children in the sport. Mark loved Robert Frost, good card games, family dinners, and performing card tricks for children.

Mark cherished his friends that he developed throughout his life, whether they were high school friends from Austin, college or law school friends, Dorsey friends, friends he met through tennis, or friends in the neighborhood; once a friend of Mark's, always a friend.

Mark was also an avid tennis player and once while losing a doubles match to a younger, more talented duo, he asked his partner "What's the Latin for 'it's not over until the fat lady sings'"? The response was "Dum spiro spero"—While I breathe, I hope.

Although Mark and his partner lost the match, the phrase became a motto and part of a tongue-in-cheek crest for Mark. The phrase became poignant during Mark's difficult illness. As he did with so many things in his life, Mark bore his illness with grace and dignity until the disease took its final toll.

His love, humor and kindness are missed by his family and friends.

**PETER GINDER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JOHN DOUGLAS GOULD**

April 12, 1927 – May 13, 2015

John D. Gould, a gifted attorney and one of the founders of namesake firm Merchant & Gould, was a pillar in the field of intellectual property law and respected lifelong resident of the Twin Cities.

In a note to his children in his memoir, “Legal War Stories”, John expressed his approach to life in one word: gratitude. John was a hardworking, resolute leader with an iron will, but at the same time defied the lawyer stereotype by being famously gracious, friendly, and kind. He was known for possessing goodwill, a sense of humor, volunteering and helping those in need.

John was born in Minneapolis to Edward S. and Florence Ainsworth Gould. After graduating as valedictorian of Marshall High School in 1945, John enlisted in the Navy and served 13 months as a radio technician. Returning home at war’s end, he enrolled in the electrical engineering program at the University of Minnesota, where he received a bachelor’s degree in physics in 1950. This technical education paved the way for a career in patent law and all its inherent intricacies. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953.

Fresh from law school, John was hired as the first law clerk at the new Honeywell Corporation. On April 1, 1954, Ralph Merchant recruited John to join his small family firm: Merchant & Merchant. John remained there for the next six decades, eventually serving as managing partner, president and board chair. Under his leadership, the firm, which now bears his name, grew to become a national, full-service intellectual property firm with over 100 lawyers and offices in eight states. During his tenure, John represented clients of all types—from Minnesota companies like 3M, Honeywell, and Medtronic, as well as individual inventors and other major corporations. He served as an arbitrator and court-appointed mediator, and in 2000 received the Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association. In 2013, he was awarded the Minnesota Law Review’s Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of 60 years of outstanding legal achievement.

No story about John’s life would be complete without Mary, the love of his life. Fellow students at Marshall High, their fate was sealed five years after graduation at a chance meeting in Ivey’s Soda Shop. Mary left for a job in Manhattan, but John successfully argued his first and most important case in convincing Mary to return to Minneapolis and get married, which they did on March 27, 1951. They were an inseparable team in their 64-year marriage, raising five children and doting on grandchildren. John and his family were actively involved in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Minneapolis and then St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Edina. He passed away peacefully at the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul surrounded by family.

John Gould is survived by his wife, Mary Ravlin Gould; his daughter Cara Holmberg (David); four sons: Henry (Sarah), James (Barbara), William (Grizelle), and Michael (Norlva); 10 grandchildren: Alexander, Amanda, Benjamin, Iñigo, Joseph, Julia, Molli, Monica, Nina (William), and Phoebe (Khaled); and one great-grandchild, Sophie.

**THE LAW FIRM OF MERCHANT & GOULD**

## IN MEMORIAM

# LLOYD GRAVEN

May 31, 1936 – March 23, 2015

Lloyd Graven was a man of character, intelligence and humor. When he died at 78 on March 23, 2015, he left a deep void in the lives of his family and friends. His memory will always be a blessing.

Lloyd was a 1954 graduate of Greene High School in Greene, Iowa, attended Wartburg College, and graduated from St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota Law School. He was the son of a federal district court judge. His early career included work at the Minnesota State Attorney General's office, service as a JAG officer in the United States Air Force (retiring as a captain), and program director with the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education. He spent most of his professional career as an economic researcher in private practice. He loved family, food, and world travel. He will be remembered by all as a rum Manhattan enthusiast.

To say Lloyd was smart is an understatement. He was a voracious reader who had a photographic memory. He read the entire New York Times daily. He read The Economist from cover to cover on a weekly basis. His book reading was legendary. He used his knowledge and intelligence to converse, to educate, and to persuade, but always in the most respectful and understated way.

Politics! No time with Lloyd was complete without a discussion of politics, policy, and current events. He was a proud liberal who skillfully presented his positions. For example, he felt strongly that the study of the military and war was wrong. In his view, it glorified one of the most negative aspects of humanity. And, he would have been horrified by the 2016 Republican presidential candidates.

What a friend! Lloyd was witty, loyal, and loving. Bridge was a passion. He was a Life Master who won tournaments across the country, often with his best friend Paul Klaverkamp. He was a founding member and czar (meaning he was in charge of food!) of a ragtag group of rubber bridge players called the Dalles House Bridge Club. For more than 30 years, he organized regular games, which included playing, drinking, and eating lots of well-done rib roast. Lloyd played the game the same way he lived his life: calmly, gently, verbally, and analytically, while enjoying everything.

Lloyd loved to travel with Lori, his wife and best friend. In addition to global adventures, they traveled across the country in their trusty minivan to visit children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Lloyd Graven was preceded in death by parents, Henry and Helen Graven, and brother, the inimitable David Graven. He is survived by wife, Lori; four children, Paul and wife Susan Graven (Andrew, Henry), Sylvia Grismer (Ally, Kaelan, Davis), Peter and wife Rebecca Graven (Elliot, Amber), Marie Graven and husband Noel Swinburne; brother, Stanley Graven and wife Mavis; and numerous extended family and friends whom he considered family.

CHARLES NAUEN

## IN MEMORIAM

# ALAN ARTHUR GROVE

June 19, 1932 – December 26, 2015

Alan Grove was born in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, a town he fondly described as the “garden spot of the Midwest.” He was the youngest son of Dr. Arthur F. Grove and Diana Uline Grove. Al received his undergraduate degree in business administration, as well as his law degree from the University of Nebraska. He then began a 37-year business career as an attorney in Minneapolis.

For 25 years, he was general counsel and corporate secretary for North American Life and Casualty Company, which later became Allianz Life Insurance of North America. He began his 40-year membership in Rotary in 1978 and was president of the Minneapolis Rotary in 1989 and 1990. He served on the board of directors and as board president for the American Cancer Society. Al was also active with the Boy Scouts of America as a board member of the Viking Council and as its president from 1996 to 1998. He earned the BSA’s Silver Beaver Award in 1993.

After retirement, he and his wife Ann (Holt) moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1999. There Al continued his involvement with Rotary and led an annual project to Mexico to introduce elementary school pupils to computers donated by Rotary. He earned the Service Above Self Award in 2004. He and Ann were active in mentoring high-risk students from South Tucson through middle school, high school, and some even into college. They traveled widely and also enjoyed and supported the symphony orchestras in Tucson and Minneapolis, and various local theaters.

An annual highlight of Al’s year was his fishing trip with his sons and grandchildren to Minaki, Canada—he missed only one trip in 20 years. In his own words, he claimed to have played tennis for 67 years with great enthusiasm, with a love for the game, and with remarkably little skill.

In 2015, he and Ann moved to La Jolla, California, where they hoped to enjoy many years of retirement living. His family and friends credit him with an uncommon interest in others, particularly young people and their education. He was known for his wonderful quick wit and love of banter, and will be remembered by countless friends for his insight, intelligence, kindness, integrity, and his smile. He feared his many friends in France (a traditional autumn destination for almost 10 years) will also remember him for his questionable French.

Al died at the age of 83 of complications from a stroke. He will always be remembered, loved and missed.

**ANN GROVE**

**PATRICK T. GROVE**

**CHRISTOPHER A. GROVE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THOMAS FRANCIS HANDORFF

July 1, 1963 – March 30, 2015

Tom Handorff was born in Fergus Falls, the 12th of 13 children. His parents, Fern and Donald Handorff, moved the family to Seattle, Washington, when Tom was just a baby, but he considered Minnesota to be his home. He was always interested in science as a child and loved the outdoors. He spent many hours hiking, camping, and fishing with his father and brothers. Later in life, Tom and his wife took canoeing trips in northern Minnesota.

When he was a teenager, he started a band with his brother Peter after seeing the band KISS play. He played music all of his adult life. He would play at local retirement communities near his home when he had extra time in the evenings. Tom played the guitar and sang.

Tom was very well-educated. He attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, from 1984 to 1986, where he majored in music performance and composition. He then attended the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Structural Engineering. He then went on to complete his Masters of Science in Aeronautical and Structural Engineering in 1992.

Always missing Minnesota, Tom returned there in 1994. He then attended William Mitchell College of Law and received his Juris Doctor in May of 1998. He was then admitted to the Minnesota State Bar later that same year. He was employed at Eckman Strandness & Egan until 2001. He then moved to Bremseth Law Firm, where he stayed until 2004. He opened up his own practice, Handorff Law Offices, PC, in St. Louis Park, in May of 2004, and worked there until 2014. He became a senior attorney at Access Justice, PSC, in Minneapolis until his death.

Tom loved the law. It was so much a part of his life. He always believed in the truth, and never minded giving out advice to people who could not afford an attorney, or to other attorneys who had a question on a case. Tom was also very active in his community. He had belonged to the Wayzata Lions Club since 1998. He had been active in the Hennepin County Misdemeanor Defense Project and Self Represented Litigant (SRL) Service Center. He also served as a board member on the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition, as well as the Minnesota Justice Foundation.

He was an avid golfer. Some of his most memorable times were spent on the golf course studying the next shot. He could shoot 300 yards accurately. Tom also loved to read, and his favorite authors were Joseph Conrad and Noam Chomsky. He was always thinking, and considered the New York Times Sunday editorial section light reading.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Fern; brothers Paul, Greg, Tim, and sister Amy. He is survived by his wife of eleven years, Sheree, and beloved dog, Jade. His zany sense of humor has been missed by his family and friends. His ashes are scattered on the 12th tee of his favorite golf course.

**JOAN PENALOZA**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JOHN R. HANLON

October 28, 1951 – March 6, 2015

John Robert Hanlon was born October 28, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas. He grew up in Rochester, where he graduated from Mayo High School in 1969. He attended and graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and received his law degree from Hamline University in St. Paul. He has a son, Samuel, born in 1988. John practiced law in Minneapolis for many years, including a multi-year stint at Yost & Baill where he, among other things, served as the department head for our auto subrogation unit. After leaving Wasserman and Baill, he started his own firm at which he continued to practice law in the Twin Cities, until moving to rural Stewartville in 2008 and the Rochester area sometime thereafter.

I first met John when he applied for an attorney position at Wasserman & Baill, and he was offered and accepted that position. When he left it was to open his own shop (which departure was completely amicable), whereupon John went on to specialize in real estate and business law.

Thereafter I didn't see John as much as I would have liked, but I would bump into him from time to time, at which serendipitous encounters we would reminisce about old times and talk about our work, children and personal lives.

I ran into John in the skyway about a month before his untimely death. At which time I asked him if he would like to join me for a cup of coffee so that we could spend a little time catching up. It was a delightful reunion in which we shared information about our families and law practices. He seemed to be in a good place and sounded very happy. If memory serves me correctly, he told me he was getting ready to retire and was looking forward to travel and pursuing his other interests, which included hiking, bird watching, fishing and turkey hunting with his son, Samuel.

After his unexpected and untimely death, I wrote his ex-wife, "Even though we did not often speak or meet, I will always fondly remember our time together. He will certainly be missed by me and everyone in my office who knew him. I, personally, will always remember John as a fine lawyer, and a gentleman with a good heart and a wonderful sense of humor (not to mention his infectious laugh)."

John's passing on March 6, 2015, was quite a surprise and a great loss to his family, many friends and colleagues.

**LARRY BAILL**

IN MEMORIAM  
**CHRIS HEFFELBOWER**

February 3, 1975 - June 3, 2015

Chris Marie Heffelbower died far, far too young, at the age of 40, from colon cancer. Despite a life cut short, Chris left behind an enduring legacy of advocating on behalf of others even while she was fighting her own battle with cancer.

Chris was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, and graduated magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Following law school, Chris joined the law firm of Larkin Hoffman in Bloomington, where she developed an expertise in employment law. She also worked for a brief time at Ogletree Deakins in Minneapolis before she was diagnosed with advanced stage colon cancer in May 2012.

Chris loved being a lawyer, and there is no doubt that she was an exceptional attorney. Chris was bright, intellectually curious, and devoted to making a difference in people's lives. Chris also had a strong pragmatic side. She could readily sum up a situation—including her own—without flinching.

Chris described herself as a “colon cancer warrior on a crazy cancer adventure.” After persevering through the roller-coaster cancer ride and entering remission, Chris wanted to help others. True to her advocacy nature, she joined the Fight Colorectal Cancer organization and lobbied Congress to provide more funding for research and to find a cure for colon cancer. She also joined Cancer Legal Line, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing legal resources to cancer patients. Chris began work there as a volunteer, but was asked to join the staff as Senior Attorney and Partnership Ambassador shortly thereafter. Undaunted by her own illness, Chris generously made the time and directed her talents toward helping others navigate the myriad legal issues that accompany living with cancer. Chris would have it no other way.

Of course, anyone who met Chris knew within five minutes that the most precious people in her life were her beloved husband, Adam, and her darling daughters, Sophia and Juliette. Chris was very much aware that her legal career often took her away from her family, but she also wanted to serve as an example to her daughters and encourage them both to dream big, so they could see it was possible for them to be whatever they wanted to be if they followed their dreams. Through her kind words and generous heart, Chris inspired both her family and her friends to reach higher, to be the best we could be.

In addition to her husband and children, Chris is survived by her parents Dave and Maureen Mulloy, sister Katie (Darin) Capalungan, niece Gwendolyn, and grandparents Tony and Frances Frigo.

Chris Marie Heffelbower left this earthly world much too soon. We miss her bright smile, her boundless energy, and her selfless passion for helping and caring for others. The world is less without her.

**CARRIE ZOCHERT**



IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE  
RICHARD CADWELL HEFTE**

**March 15, 1931 – May 31, 2015**

Richard Cadwell Hefte, who died on May 31, 2015, can legitimately be described as a Renaissance man. He had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer and a judge, but he was also a superb athlete, military veteran, musician, churchman, philanthropist, public servant, and valued community member. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Richard Cadwell Hefte was born on the Ides of March, March 15, 1931, in Caledonia to Inoh and Marie (Cadwell) Hefte. He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1949, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated from Luther College in 1953 with a degree in English. At Luther he was captain of the basketball team, and he finished his career with over 1,000 points scored. Upon graduation, he joined the military during the Korean War, and spent 18 months overseas. After his discharge from the military, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating in 1958. While in law school, he married his college classmate Christine Ann Rotto. Following graduation, Richard and Christine moved to Fergus Falls, when Richard joined the law firm of Rosengren, Rufer & Blatti.

Richard had a distinguished career as a lawyer in Fergus Falls, and was also an active member of the community. He was a member and served as president of First Lutheran Church. He played clarinet in both the Carlisle Band and the American Legion Band. His philanthropic contributions were many, but he took the most pride in being a founding member of Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA), a nonprofit organization that supports education projects in Tanzania. Together with journalist Jim Klobuchar and others, Richard walked across the African Rift in Tanzania to raise money for OBA.

In 1993, Governor Arne Carlson appointed Richard to be a judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals. Along with Judge Steven Wheeler, who is also remembered this year, Richard was part of a designed effort of Governor Carlson to upgrade the professional standing of that court. Richard served that role well. By the time he retired from that court, appeals of decisions to the Minnesota Supreme Court had been reduced to less than one-third of what they had been in the past. He played a key role in what was one of the Governor's stellar accomplishments.

His longtime partner Richard Pemberton described Dick as a man displaying extraordinary grace in all that he did, whether on the racquetball court, in the office, or in the court room.

Richard is survived by his wife, Christine Rotto Hefte; his beloved daughters, Carrie Hefte (Jim Hanton), Rachel Hefte (Sean Gosiewski) Barbara Hefte DiBlasi, and Sarah Hefte (Scott Kuzma); sister Ruth Ellison; brothers John Hefte (Sandy) and Art Hefte (Bev); several grandchildren, numerous brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert, and sisters Audrey and Ione.

**STEPHEN F. RUFER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**LEE A. HENDERSON**

June 1, 1955 - April 30, 2015

Lee A. Henderson, an attorney and a shareholder with Hessian & McKasy for nearly thirty years, passed away suddenly on April 30, 2015. Lee is sorely missed at the Hessian & McKasy firm where his quiet calm demeanor and creative problem solving set the tone for the firm.

Born on June 1, 1955, in Champaign, Illinois, Lee grew up in Madison, Wisconsin. While attending Madison West High School, Lee met Polly in his high school band class. They married in 1976. Lee graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1977. After college, Lee and Polly moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where Lee earned his law degree at George Washington University. At the same time, Lee interned at the Office of the Counsel to the President (the White House Counsel's Office) during the Carter Administration. Lee was involved in a number of high-profile issues including the Iran Hostage Crisis, the boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, and the debate on the constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget.

Lee and Polly moved to Minneapolis in 1980 to begin Lee's legal career and start a family. Lee's distinguished career was characterized by his methodical and relentless pursuit of positive outcomes for his clients. He could be pragmatic or zealous in representing the interests of clients as the circumstances warranted. He achieved multi-million dollar settlements on behalf of clients and carefully crafted transactions to protect clients and meet their objectives. He maintained client relationships that spanned three decades, a testament to providing service and value to his clients.

Lee was active in the Twin Cities community and may best be remembered for his tireless advocacy in helping resolve the 16-month-long Minnesota Orchestra labor dispute. Minnesota Orchestra President and CEO Kevin Smith recognized Lee's tireless efforts, stating "Lee Henderson was a great music lover and an outstanding voice in support of the Minnesota Orchestra who was willing to extend himself in so many ways on behalf of the Orchestra." Jon Eisenberg of Save our Symphony Minnesota wrote, "Lee was very much a free thinker on orchestra matters and also very much at the forefront. He worked quite independently, but still was influential. He made an amazing amount of difference in helping to save and restore the orchestra."

Lee also served as church council president at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and executive committee member for the American Symphonic Advocacy Project. Lee was a lifelong advocate for classical music and a successful fundraiser in support for the Minnesota Orchestra. His other passions included traveling with family and friends, playing golf and basketball, keeping up with new technologies, and rooting for Minnesota basketball teams, especially the Lynx.

Being a good father was important to Lee, and it is evident that he was one. Together with Polly, they raised three daughters who have been successful each in their own right, and all in a humble and nurturing way.

Lee is survived by Polly and their three daughters, as well as a large extended family.

**WILLIAM CUMMING**

IN MEMORIAM  
**GENE HENNIG**

November 22, 1947 - August 25, 2015

In April 2014, while waiting at an airport in Bangalore, India, Gene Hennig jotted down 15 things for which he was thankful. "What a good life it has been!" he concluded. Gene, who had been diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013, died 16 months later. He was 67.

Gene practiced law for nearly 40 years, earning a reputation for diligence and integrity. His humanitarian work stretched from Lake Street in Minneapolis to South India. The son of Lutheran missionaries, Gene grew up in Tamil Nadu, India, where he completed high school at the Kodaikanal International School. He returned to America to attend engineering school at Valparaiso University. He became a mechanical engineer and briefly trained as a Navy pilot before attending law school at Valparaiso. He received his J.D. in 1974, clerked for the Hon. Walter F. Rogosheske of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and spent three years teaching law at Valparaiso.

While at Valparaiso, Gene met his wife, Kristie. They were engaged three months after their first date. They later married and had three children. After teaching law in Indiana, Gene came to Minneapolis and joined Rider Bennett Egan and Arundel. He moved to Gray Plant Mooty in 2007, where he practiced the rest of his career, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance.

Gene served the Minnesota business and legal communities in numerous roles, culminating in his service as one of Minnesota's commissioners to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. In 1987, Gene co-founded the Bethania Kids Foundation, a Christian mission that supports the needs of more than 1,000 destitute children in India. He also co-founded the Chicago Lake Legal Aid Clinic, which offered free assistance to disadvantaged locals. He was a longtime active member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

When Gene was not practicing law, he was often pursuing his love of teaching, both at the William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

In 2014, Gene was honored with a Lifetime Service Award from the Minnesota State Bar Association Business Law Section. He was also honored with an Excellence in Professional Preparation Award from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, a Lifetime Achievement Award and the Alumni Community Service Award from the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, and the Margaret Eddy Award from Kodaikanal International School.

Gene pursued his love of world travel. He visited more than 60 countries. He trekked in the Himalayas, and summited or attempted a number of the world's highest mountains: Matterhorn, Kilimanjaro, Mont Blanc, Fuji, Rainier, St. Helens, Popocatepetl, and Aconcagua.

As Gene's family said of him, "Among his many wonderful attributes, he was a man of faith, integrity, loyalty, adventure, silliness, and compassion. He was a well-respected attorney, Uniform Law Commissioner, professor, and mentor. He also devoted much of his life to nonprofit work, especially benefiting the children of India, a country very dear to his heart. He loved to travel, hike and climb mountains, canoe and camp ruggedly, and worship his God."

**KRISTIE HENNIG**

## IN MEMORIAM

# KARL J. HERMAN

December 2, 1933 – February 14, 2015

The legal profession, and in particular the real estate bar, lost a good colleague, accomplished practitioner, advocate, and mentor when Karl J. Herman died on February 14, 2015.

Karl Herman was born in St. Paul on December 2, 1933, to the late George W. Herman and Grace Martineau Herman. Raised in the Highland neighborhood, he graduated from Cretin High School and then the University of Minnesota, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Law (BSL) in 1955 and a Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) in 1957. After graduating from law school and passing the Minnesota bar exam in 1957, Karl joined the Army, where he trained as a private, was commissioned a lieutenant, and after three and a half years of service, was discharged with the rank of captain. Karl enjoyed and was proud of his Army service. It was during this time that he formed a lifelong friendship with fellow soldier Hank Borg and his wife Barbara, and an enduring affection for the American Southwest and Mexico. He traveled to this region many times later in life.

After leaving the Army, Karl returned to Minnesota to work in the Office of the Attorney General in the Highway Department during the halcyon days of the building of Minnesota's interstate highway network, where he went on to spend many years. This assignment led to the development of his lifelong expertise in real estate law and real estate finance. During this time, he mentored many lawyers, including the author of this memorial. He left government service in the late 1960s to work as counsel for Pentom, a prominent residential developer. In 1974, he returned to government service and went to work for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. After 25 years at the MHFA, he returned to work at the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, and then retired in 2001.

Karl was a good friend to many and a good person to spend time with. He was fun, easygoing, companionable, and a great raconteur. He was always ready with a good story. He liked big cars, travel, socializing with friends—especially dining out for an evening at a nice restaurant. A lifelong bachelor, Karl is survived by his beloved sister, Georgianna Herman, and many good friends.

**JUSTICE PAUL ANDERSON (retired)**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JAY BRENDAN KELLY

August 12, 1930 – March 14, 2015

Jay Kelly, friend to all, purveyor of Irish wit, beloved family man, unrivaled tax lawyer, died March 14, 2015, at the age of 84. He was sharp until the very end of his life, and planned to celebrate St. Patrick's Day 2015 with a shot of Irish whiskey. His last days were spent at the Sholom Home East—where he gladly was the resident “Irish Jew.”

Jay was a graduate of St. Thomas Academy, the University of St. Thomas, and Georgetown Law School. He began a career practicing tax law in 1959. He practiced at what is now the law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen for several years in the 1980s, and then continued his very busy tax practice in St. Paul for the rest of his career.

Because of his devotion, it appeared that Jay put work ahead of self-interest. In the days before the Internet and cell phones, no family vacation occurred without a last minute trip to the office, which often turned into an hours-long trip. (But, who hasn't done that?!) During tax season, his clients came first. Tax preparation for family likely included an extension. He was known for complete client loyalty and his refusal to give up, no matter the odds.

Jay enjoyed his attorney lunch group that met at the Saint Paul Athletic Club for many years. He did extensive pro bono work for clients as part of his commitment to his community. In later years, he was an active volunteer for, and much beloved at, Listening House, where he was known for his “tough love” for the clients.

And, of course, there was his inimitable laugh. You knew when Jay was nearby based on the guffaws. At the annual chili parties (where Jay's chocolate chili was a perennial favorite!), he would regale the group with stories, jokes, and fun. He had countless stories and got much joy and humor out of life.

Jay is survived by his beloved wife, Maureen; children Mary Jo Kelly Nosal (Roger), Katharine Kelly Crowley (Cornelius), Patricia Kelly, Brendan Kelly (Jane); and grandchildren Caitlin, Meghan, Shannon, Ryan, Erin, Jack, Marina, Ally, and Edmond. His grandchildren were the light of his life. No one could have been a prouder grandpa.

May we offer an Irish prayer to Jay's memory: *May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

CHARLES NAUEN

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**TERRY CLARK KLAS**

**February 20, 1934 – April 19, 2015**

Terry Clark Klas was born on February 20, 1934, in Austin to Lynn C. and Marion Clark Klas. Surrounded by his loving family, he died on April 19, 2015, in Belle Plaine.

Because of family moves, Terry attended several boys' military academies and graduated from Breck High School in 1952. In 1958, he received both a B.A. and a law degree from the University of Minnesota and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar that same year. Having been the cadet colonel of the Army ROTC at the University, Terry continued in the military. Rising to the rank of colonel, he served with distinction for 35 years and retired as the commander of the Army Reserves Judge Advocate General Corps at Fort Snelling

Terry had a successful career as an attorney for Allianz/North American Life and Casualty Insurance Company. For 20 years, he was active in the International Claimants Association and served as its president. Both as an attorney with Allianz/NALAC and as commander of the Fort Snelling Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General Corps, his staff and command knew he would always get the job done, and that it would be done well.

Terry was a reserved, self-effacing, and even-tempered person of substance—a genuinely “nice guy.” Well-liked and respected, he enjoyed being around people and treasured “building community” whether on family camping trips, Christian fellowship at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Edina or singing in the choir and serving as the senior warden of the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church, Excelsior.

Terry was a fan of many sports and personally enjoyed golf, tennis and volleyball, plus playing cribbage, bridge and “yoss,” an ancient Wabasha card game, beloved by the Klas clan and unknown (and unknowable) to the rest of the world. An avid reader of a wide variety of authors, he even worked in some books on tape while driving in the car. Upon retirement, he was better able to satisfy his lifelong passion for travel, most notably with trips to China, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Ireland, England, Wales, Russia, India, and Israel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Catherine Louise (French); sons James (Joyce), John (Suratchanee), and Michael (Deborah); daughter Karen Blu Moll (David); and nine grandsons and one granddaughter!

**JUDGE MARY LOUISE KLAS (retired)**  
**DANIEL A. KLAS**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JASON A. KOCH

July 4, 1977 – June 20, 2015

Jason Koch was an excellent trial lawyer, brother, son, and close friend to many. His death on June 20, 2015, at the age of 37, was unexpected and incomprehensible. The loss of Jason is felt every day by those that knew him.

Jason grew up in St. James, and later moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After a brief stint in the Army, where he received an honorable discharge, Jason graduated from the University of South Dakota in 2000. He then graduated law school from the University of Minnesota Law School, cum laude, in 2003. Jason then went on to clerk at the Minnesota Court of Appeals for the Honorable Thomas J. Kalitowski. After a short time working at a plaintiff's law firm, Jason knew his nature was more closely aligned with defense work, and he took a job at Jardine, Logan & O'Brien. The hiring partner at the time had little hope for Jason's future at Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, but thought he would give him a try. A little over six years later, he made Jason one of his partners.

In a world where litigators' lives are measured in six-minute increments, Jason prided himself in his billing and challenged any associate who claimed they were "too busy." He often brought out his two-inch thick monthly billing reports that he had kept for 10 years. Jason was intelligent, worked hard, never complained and was always the first person to offer to help his partners. Jason was well-liked and respected by colleagues at other law firms for his ability to zealously advocate, but not fight solely for the sake of conflict.

For all of his wonderful traits as an attorney, it was Jason as a person who will be missed the most. Jason was treasured by all that knew him, and he would be the first to wonder why. However, it only took a short time knowing Jason to understand. Jason had an unassuming nature and presence, coupled with a dry wit and easy-going nature that people were drawn to. Jason was at the center of countless lifelong friendships between people that were only brought together by knowing him. Jason was the self-appointed fun director at the firm, where he captained the broomball team. Jason loved Minnesota sports, camping, snow and water skiing and singing karaoke, especially to Frank Sinatra.

Jason is survived by his parents, Jim and Ruth Koch, his sister, Jamie (Mike) Kuno, his niece Janessa, extended family, close friends, co-workers and his partners at Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, all who miss him terribly.

**ELISA M. HATLEVIG**

IN MEMORIAM

**PETER J. KRIESER**

July 11, 1946 – November 2, 2015

Of all of his titles and accomplishments, Peter Krieser was most proud of two: husband and father.

Peter practiced law for 13 years with his wife, Susan. They specialized in civil trial law, with an emphasis on health care matters. Despite a busy law practice, he made each one of his daughter Katherine's dance performances and proudly made videos of all of them. He loved life and was an eternal optimist, despite his health challenges. He loved to spend time with his family and was an expert downhill skier, a talented sailor, and an avid football fan.

He was born in Mankato and grew up in Golden Valley. He graduated from Benilde High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota and his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. Peter was an advocate for the underdog. He applied his zealous legal advocacy and courtroom moxie to help real people with real problems. As an attorney in private practice for 27 years, he had a special focus on helping patients who were injured by negligent health care providers. His father was a doctor, and health care cases combined Peter's twin passions: medicine and law.

It was a natural transition for Peter to become an advocate for all Minnesotans when he was appointed an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Minnesota in 1999. As a member of the Health Licensing Division of the office, he protected the public by prosecuting disciplinary cases against health practitioners who engaged in substandard care or unethical or unprofessional conduct. As a colleague of Peter's, I saw first-hand his dedication to the people of Minnesota, his compassion, and his immense talent as a civil litigator.

Peter was a "lawyer's lawyer." He understood the important role that lawyers play in a just and fair society. In 1984, Peter received the Member of the Year Award from the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association for his outstanding advocacy. He strived to improve the profession and mentor the next generation of attorneys. He was appointed to the State Board of Legal Certification by the Minnesota Supreme Court. He served on the Hennepin County Bar Association's Governing Council and the Minnesota State Bar Association's Board of Governors. He served on the Board of Governors and the education, executive, certification, malpractice, and public relations committees of the MTLA.

Peter is missed by many both in and outside of the legal profession. But his legacy continues on in the many people whose lives he improved as a lawyer.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL LORI SWANSON**



## IN MEMORIAM

# JOHN “MAC” LEFEVRE

September 15, 1944 - June 11, 2015

Mac graduated from Williams College and University of Michigan Law School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a JAG officer and then worked for Legal Aid in Rochester, New York. In 1977, he joined the Minneapolis firm of Kennedy & Graven and enjoyed a 35-year career there as a trusted advisor and friend, and as a highly respected eminent domain, employment, and litigation attorney. As one of his law school classmates noted, “You’ll find no finer man.” Mac will be remembered most for his beautiful smile, quick sense of humor, and love of family and friends.

I met Mac in 1985 when we were on the opposite sides of a case. Mac won. We became law partners four years later. Mac was everyone’s “go-to” guy. When one of my clients was sued based on a contract provision that I had drafted, there was no question about whom I wanted to handle the case. (Yes, Mac won.)

Mac ran. He ran countless races, including the Boston Marathon. But Mac ran marathons like no one else, not with his eyes gazing down at the pavement ahead of him, but weaving from side to side. Why would he do that, you ask? Simple, Mac had to high-five as many spectators as possible along his 26.2 mile journey.

Mac joked. One of Mac’s favorite lunchtime runs took him through Loring Park. One day, Mac fell on the wet grass there. While Mac was on the ground trying to regroup, several geese that frequented the park started pecking away at him. Mac was finally able to fend them off and finish his run. When he returned to the office, our firm’s receptionist asked him how his run went. “Fine,” Mac replied, “except that I got goosed in Loring Park.”

Mac loved. For over 44 years, Mac loved his wife Marsha. He loved David, Dan and Michelle, David’s wife Kristen, and his four grandchildren. Most of all, Mac loved life. During one of my last visits with him, he was lying quietly in bed with his eyes opened. He suddenly sat up and firmly grasped the bed railing with both hands. Becoming a little concerned, Marsha walked over and asked if anything was wrong. No, Mac said, “I’m just holding onto life.” Cancer took Mac long before he was ready to leave. Right until the end, though, Mac loved life.

Mac hugged. We thought it would be difficult when Mac visited the office for the first time after his cancer diagnosis. What do we do? What do we say? Not to worry, Mac put us all at ease. As I reached out to shake his hand, Mac would have none of it. “Life is too short for handshakes,” he said. We hugged. Those words became his mantra.

And finally, Mac smiled. Mac’s death leaves a huge void in the lives of all who knew him. Mac will be missed for many things. But most of all, we will miss his smile.

Shalom and Semper Fi, my friend.

**JAMES THOMSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JIMMY A. "JIM" LINDBERG

April 21, 1952 – July 10, 2015

Jimmy A. "Jim" Lindberg, age 63 of Cambridge, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2015. Jim was born on April 21, 1952, in Braham, to Wilbert and Dorothy Lindberg. Jim was proud of the fact that he went to a one-room school in Grandy prior to attending Cambridge High School. After high school, Jim graduated from St. Cloud State University and attended William Mitchell College of Law, where he graduated cum laude in 1978. After finishing law school, Jim and Connie returned home in Cambridge where Jim continued to practice law for 37 years.

For the last few months of his life, Jim enjoyed working for his son Grant W. Lindberg at Lindberg Law Office. He loved the fact that he was no longer the boss. He was happy he could help Grant establish his practice. Jim took great pride in his law practice and when asked what kind of law he practiced, he would proudly announce that he was a "dirt" lawyer. Jim was a Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Real Property Law Specialist, and he was extremely proud when Grant became certified as well—a rare feat for both a father and son to accomplish.

Beyond his law practice, Jim loved his family. Jim was extremely proud of his three children Grant, Anna, and Jennifer. Jim also loved collecting Model A Fords and their accessories. Jim bought his first Model A Ford before he was 16, and his second on the day he graduated from high school.

In June of 2015, the 1930 Coupe he purchased after high school was used by Jim and Connie for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Maine for a national Model A tour, traveling over 750 miles. Jim loved to travel. He led many family vacations to Walt Disney World, trips to California, weekend road trips to the other side of the country to pick up a recent car related purchase, trips to various national Model A conventions, goose hunting trips, and fishing trips to Canada.

In recent years, Jim and his son Grant had become avid Muskie fishermen. They spent many fun hours in the boat trying for that fish of a lifetime. Jim especially loved his October fishing trip with Grant and his sons-in-law. Jim loved playing baseball and fastpitch softball, starting with the Grandy Indians and the Bluejackets. Jim loved the Minnesota Twins and was proud of the fact he attended all three All-Star Games held in Minnesota.

Jim took pride in all he did. He strived to do the best job he could for his clients. He had a gift for explaining the legalities to them in a way they would understand and was always willing to work hard on their behalf.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Connette (Connie) Lindberg, son Grant (Korey) Lindberg, daughters Anna (Arturo) Barcenas and Jennifer (Chris) Sayavong, and grandchildren Brendan and Elliott Lindberg, Audriana and Arturo Barcenas, and Chloe Sayavong.

**CONNIE LINDBERG**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**RONALD H. LINMAN**

**July 22, 1928 - August 20, 2015**

Ron developed the idea of being a lawyer at an early age. He would tell stories of how he loved going to the library as a youth to check out Perry Mason mystery novels. He really enjoyed reading and watching shows that had a good mystery plot. Ron grew up in North Minneapolis, where he attended Henry High School. He would ultimately go on to further his education by attending the University of Minnesota, where he completed law school in June of 1955.

Before going to law school, he served in the Army with a tour of duty in Korea. One thing he used to mention was how cold Korea was, and he claimed to make a personal promise to himself that he wouldn't live in a cold place after that experience. However, that changed when he finished law school and began his career working as an attorney for the city of Minneapolis in September 1959. He would go on to spend the next 33 years working there until his retirement. He really enjoyed his time with the city of Minneapolis, where he made some lasting friendships.

Ron's other passion included travel. He visited many places during his lifetime. One favorite destination seemed to be Mexico, since he went there often and collected different works of art from his travel there. Another thing he really enjoyed was taking his family and friends out for dinner. This was his way of connecting to others to find out what was happening in their lives.

Ron has left many lasting memories with his family and friends.

**THOMAS LINMAN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**FRED MCNEILL**

May 6, 1952 - November 2, 2015

Fred McNeill was a giant both on the gridiron and in the lives of his family, friends, teammates, and professional colleagues. Many will remember Fred as a mainstay of the fabled Minnesota Vikings Purple People Eaters defense of the 1970s and 1980s. While his designated position was linebacker, he could be found all over the field, making over 1,000 tackles in his 12-year professional career. He played in two Super Bowls and was the first person ever to block a punt of the Oakland Raiders Hall of Famer, Ray Guy. He excelled in all sports, especially football, basketball, and track. He was also a top student throughout his academic career. Fred made First Team All-American in football at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and was inducted into UCLA's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012.

Fred was more than just a superb athlete. While still with the Vikings, Fred entered William Mitchell College of Law and then completed his J.D. after retirement from playing football. In 1983, while with the Vikings, he met the love of his life, Tia Bordenave McNeill, with whom he had two loving sons, Frederick Jr. and Gavin. After passing the Minnesota Bar, Fred joined the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney. He subsequently joined the Zimmerman-Reed law firm in Minneapolis, where he attained partnership. In 1999, Fred passed the California Bar, moved back to Los Angeles, and joined the law firm of Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt. He later started his own solo practice.

Unfortunately, the athletic career which provided Fred and so many teammates with such success and fulfillment took its toll on him. He was forced to retire after only 20 years of law practice due to the effects of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease which impacts athletes in high contact sports. Despite this disability, Fred continued giving back by becoming a spokesperson for former players suffering from early dementia and other cognitive problems.

Fred will be most remembered for his infectious smile, joyful spirit, and overall zest for life. Everyone was drawn to him. He had a lot to brag about, but remained humble and down to earth. He was always quick to volunteer his time and energy to help others. He loved coaching his own sons in every sport they participated in, not only to teach them the fundamentals of the game, but also how to be a team player on and off the field.

Fred's roots are in Durham, North Carolina, where he was born the seventh of nine children to Robert H. and Julia Mae Scarlett McNeill. He is survived by his wife, Tia; his two sons, Frederick Jr. and Gavin; granddaughter Peace Marie and grandson Frederick III (Max). We are grateful and humbled to have known and been touched by such a wonderful man.

**MARK BLOOMQUIST**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JOHN W. MOOTY

November 27, 1922 - April 17, 2015

John William Mooty was born in Adrian on November 27, 1922, and died on April 17, 2015. He was the oldest son of John and Genevieve Mooty. John and his only sibling Melvin were longtime law partners. Dad graduated first in his class from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1944, where he served on the editorial staff of the Minnesota Law Review and was a recipient of the Order of the Coif award.

While chairman of the Young Republicans, Dad met and married the chairwoman of the Young Republicans, Virginia Mae "Ginny" Nelson in 1952, and they had three sons: David, Bruce, and Charles. Ginny died in 1964. In 1972, Dad married Ginny's sister, Jane Nelson Glaser, whose first husband, Ken Glaser, died in 1970. Family was always Dad's highest priority.

After law school, Dad joined the law firm now known as Gray Plant Mooty where he actively practiced business law for 70 years. He served as a managing officer for more than 20 years. He was a representative on the Uniform Laws Commission, and co-authored the initial publication of Minnesota Practice Methods. He worked on numerous significant business transactions, including matters for National Car Rental, International Dairy Queen, the Minnesota Vikings, Culligan, and Schwan's. He was uncanny at developing practical, win-win solutions.

In addition to being an outstanding lawyer, Dad had great business acumen. He saved a near-insolvent International Dairy Queen and served as its chairman of the board from 1976 to 1997. He also served on the boards of numerous other corporations. Dad was a general partner and driving force in the development of the Rio Verde, Tonto Verde, and Vista Verde adult communities in Arizona and a director of the Faribault Woolen Mill. In 2003, he was the first lawyer inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame.

Dad's service to the community included: acting state chairman of the Minnesota Republican Party and state chairman for presidential, gubernatorial, senatorial and attorney general campaigns; delegate to Republican Party National Conventions; past president of the Minneapolis Rotary Club, the Citizens League, and St. John's Lutheran Church; chair of the Citizens League committee that provided the impetus for the Minnesota Zoo; chair of a Blue Ribbon Committee to review multiple problems involving the Hennepin County District Court; chair for the Polio Plus Campaign for the Minneapolis Rotary; co-chair for the establishment of a church in Rio Verde, Arizona; chair of the board of Friendship Village; chair of the Governor's Task Force on Education; national president of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association; and chair of the Capital Fund Campaign for the University of Minnesota Law School. He received the Alumni Service Award, Outstanding Achievement Award and Regent Award from the University.

Dad was known for his integrity, intelligence, character, kindness, wisdom, creative problem-solving, sense of humor and respect for everyone. A product of the Great Depression, he had a phenomenal work ethic, a deep dedication to excellent service, a commitment to stewardship and a generous spirit. Despite all of his successes, Dad was incredibly humble and always valued people far more than things.

**BRUCE MOOTY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**GERI NAPUCK**

September 9, 1956 - October 20, 2015

When you had Geri Napuck's attention, you were the only one in the room. She gave the same kind of laser-like focus to her many family law clients over the years as she did to her friends and family in the throes of a discussion or story. Her beautiful smile belied the force of nature-like advocacy she would display for causes she believed in, those she loved, and people who entrusted her with their family law needs.

Geri was born in September of 1956 in Neenah, Wisconsin, to Beverly and Dan Napuck. Geri became a big sister to Caryn in 1959. A lifelong, uniquely deep and abiding connection began that day. Academics were important to Geri, but sports activities ranked equally important in her youth. Her adventurous and athletic spirit continued into adulthood with a love of rollerblading, basketball, and hiking. She relished vacations where she could parasail and snorkel.

She graduated from Neenah High School in 1974 and went on to pursue her degree in advertising and marketing from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Her first official post-graduate job was at the Des Moines Register newspaper in the advertising department. However, her passion for the law never quelled, and she went on to graduate from Hamline Law School in 1985. A highlight of her career at Hamline was meeting a group of women who became lifelong, dear friends.

An early professional opportunity came to Geri after she graduated from Hamline in 1985 when she received a clerkship for Judge Daniel Foley with the Court of Appeals. The emergence of Allie, a Border Collie/Australian Shepherd, gave Geri a level of balance during some intensely busy years; they remained exceptionally close. Other legal ventures followed, and in 1991, she married Tom Westermann. It was a hard-earned milestone when Geri founded Napuck Law Offices PA. After the birth of her son Sam in 1997, Geri took some time off, but the call of the law and her drive to tirelessly work for her clients provided her the outlet for her tenacity to be channeled.

Geri's hallmark style of preferring to mediate family law-related issues outside of court whenever possible, along with her distinctly honed people skills to address the individual needs of clients, provided her with a successful practice for many years. The inclusion of pet mediation in Geri's practice was indicative of her compassion for animals. She enjoyed many professional affiliations and was named a Super Lawyer in the area of family law in 2014 and 2015. Geri expressed her passion for preserving the environment with tireless volunteer work on behalf of Birch Island Woods in Eden Prairie. This thriving protected sanctuary benefited from Geri's time and efforts.

Geri is missed beyond measure by her family, cats TJ and Rico, friends, colleagues, and clients. She left an indelible mark on all of us. The beauty of her smile and contagious laugh live with us all.

**CARYN NAPUCK CASEY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**ARTHUR SUND NELSON**

May 31, 1929 - April 10, 2015

Arthur Sund Nelson was born in Minneapolis, the son of Attorney Arthur T. Nelson and Vahlborg Sund Nelson, an English teacher at South High School. After graduating from St. Louis Park High School, Art went on to enroll at the University of Minnesota, where he graduated from the law school in 1953.

His first position out of law school was a year-long clerkship for Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Leroy E. Matson. In handling various cases, Judge Matson expected impeccable research and accuracy, as well as an understanding and respect for the people involved. Because Art's mother expected him to know the intricacies of the English language, Art had the best training to hone his talent at becoming an excellent writer and communicator. This, combined with his respect and thoughtfulness towards people, allowed him to become a very effective counselor.

Art started out in general practice with his father. He married Jacquelyn Curtis in 1959, and in 1962, had two young children at home, when, unfortunately, Art's father died suddenly, placing Art in the immediate position of managing a mature practice by himself. Art persevered through those difficult years, and stayed in general practice for the rest of his career.

A committed family man, Art had three children—two boys and a girl. His greatest gift to his family was his time, thoughtfulness, and attention. He encouraged participation in all sports, but especially team sports. Art coached baseball, softball, basketball, and football over the years—whatever it took to allow the development of talent.

Additionally, because he loved the complexity and camaraderie of competing with a team, he played basketball two times a week at the downtown YMCA right up to the age of 65, despite having bad knees from sports injuries over the years!

With interest in serving his community, Art donated much time to various boards and organizations over the years, namely, the Minneapolis Jaycees, the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, the Sister Kenney Institute, the Memorial Blood Center, and the YMCA. He was particularly close to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis, where he held various volunteer positions, starting as a deacon, then becoming an elder, and finally serving as clerk of session for 16 years. He used his legal skills to help the leaders of the church navigate many changes over the years.

A lifelong student of learning and a well-rounded person, Art had diverse interests, some of which included ballroom dance, history (especially the Civil War), astronomy, politics, and old-time jazz music.

Art maintained his independent practice in downtown Minneapolis for 60 years, to the age of 83. His paralegal of many years stated that, "Art was always caring and willing to go the extra mile to make sure his clients were cared for." His optimistic spirit, strength of character, stability, thoughtfulness, and warm smile will be deeply missed.

**THE CHILDREN OF ARTHUR SUND NELSON**

IN MEMORIAM  
**ANN KAREN NEWHALL**

March 23, 1951 - November 4, 2015

Ann Karen Newhall, age 64 of Minneapolis, passed away in her home on November 4, 2015, after an eight-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Ann was born in Fairmont to Marney and Bill Newhall and grew up on a farm in Pelican Rapids with brothers, Mark and Lee. She attended St. Olaf College, where she studied political science, history, and math. In defiance of an early teacher who thought that women couldn't be lawyers, she graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1977. Ann met Rick Schleuss while studying abroad at Oxford University in 1972, they married in 1974, Ben was born in 1980 and Amanda in 1986. She was an attorney for 23 years at Moss & Barnett, made partner in 1980, and served as president her final year, which made her one of the first female law firm leaders in the Midwest. While at Moss & Barnett, Ann focused her practice on businesses in telecommunications and other regulated industries. She was highly valued for her experience with tax matters, financing, and mergers and acquisitions.

In 1999, Ann joined Rural Cellular Corporation as senior vice president and general counsel. In 2000, she became executive president, chief operating officer, secretary and director. Ann was an integral part of the company's operation since its inception in 1990. She assisted with the formation of the company, was instrumental in taking it public in February 1996, and was closely involved with all negotiations and acquisitions. In 2008, she organized and negotiated the sale of RCC to Verizon for \$2.67 billion. Since 2003, she also served as a director for Interstate Power and Light Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Co. and Alliant Energy Corporation of Wisconsin.

On April 4, 2013, Ann received the title of grandmother when Maren Leigh was born to Ben and wife Breia. Throughout her life Ann loved to travel, read and enjoy the arts. Recent trips included Peru, Bhutan, France, Italy, Turkey, Costa Rica, England, and Morocco. She supported both local and national nonprofits, serving as the founding chair of the board of directors for Global Rights for Women and creating the Newhall-Schleuss Family Foundation. Ann always fought for fairness and against bullies. She could bake a pie from scratch and control a boardroom. She's given life-altering counsel and made up goofy songs for her granddaughter. We love her and miss her dearly.

**BEN SCHLEUSS**



IN MEMORIAM  
**WAYNE H. OLSON**

December 5, 1924 - October 2, 2015

Minnesota lost one of its most distinguished public servants when Wayne H. Olson died on October 2, 2015, at the age of 90. Wayne is missed by his family and his many friends, but his distinguished legacy of service to Minnesota survives him.

Wayne H. Olson was born on December 5, 1924, to Martin and Sinnie Samuelson Olson in Swanville Township. He was the 12th of 13 children. He graduated from Upsala High School and soon thereafter joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. While in the Air Corps, Wayne served in the Pacific theater, flying 25 combat missions as a navigator on a B-24 Liberator with the 530th bomb squad of the 380th bomb group. It was during this service that Wayne earned the right to be called a member of what many refer to as our country's greatest generation.

Following his discharge from the service, Wayne attended Macalester College, earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, and in 1953 was admitted to the bar. In 1955, he began his career in public service as a special assistant attorney general. A year later, he became a trial lawyer for the State Highway Department. Later that year, he moved to the Minnesota Welfare Department, where he served as assistant attorney general. The following year, he became deputy attorney general and head of the conservation department legal staff under then Attorney General Miles Lord. Wayne later served with distinction as chief deputy attorney general from 1962 to 1963, after which he was appointed commissioner of conservation by then Governor Karl Rolvaag.

In 1966, Wayne joined the private law firm of Mastor & Mattson, which later became the Minneapolis law firm of Olson, Gunn & Seran. Practice as a private lawyer did not curtail Wayne's continuing service to Minnesota. In the 1970s he served as special counsel to the attorney general and the Minnesota Department of Administration during the establishment of Voyageurs National Park. He also served as hearing officer for the Department of Natural Resources and the Pollution Control Agency for joint hearings on the issue of reserve mining tailings disposal in Lake Superior. He was also special counsel to the attorney general and the Department of Natural Resources in litigation relating to state jurisdiction in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. From 1977 to 1989, he represented the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

Wayne provided dedicated service to the boards of several of Minnesota's leading civic organizations. These included: the Citizens League, the Minnesota chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Minnesota Environmental Services Foundation, State Parks Council, and the Voyageurs National Park Association. Wayne loved to travel and ski, both nationally and internationally. He was active in Minnesota's DFL party since 1947 and was delighted to be on the National Mall to personally witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama on January 20, 2009.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, six sisters and special friend, Thomas J. Redmond. He is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

**WALTER F. MONDALE**  
**WARREN SPANNAUS**

IN MEMORIAM  
**WILLIAM M. ORTH**

January 11, 1947 - December 12, 2015

William M. Orth died peacefully at home in St. Paul, on December 12, 2015, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

If Central Casting got a call for the epitome of a trial lawyer, they would send Bill Orth. He was our in-the-flesh Gregory Peck. Bill was always dressed in a custom tailored suit, crisp white shirt, and perfectly shined shoes. He exuded confidence born of unequalled preparation and passionate belief in his client's cause. He was always able to find something he loved about each one. He dedicated his life to justice, ethics, and fair play.

Bill never took a shortcut. He was old school. He was the lawyer we all dreamed we would be as we slogged through law school. Regardless of how strongly he believed in his client's cause, and how passionate he was to see justice done in a case or in the world, he never lost his wonderful sense of humor, his optimism, his sense of fair play or his ethics. He was a warrior, but a benevolent one. He showed kindness, generosity and respect to all.

Bill was a deep thinker who cared about the world. Bill was ever the champion to those with no voice. But, Bill did more than philosophize. He was actively involved in making our world a better place. He volunteered as a teacher in the grade schools of North Minneapolis for many years. He helped establish and then taught at an orphanage created for kids with AIDS in Tanzania.

Bill was enlightened and learned, a Renaissance man. He knew geography, history, psychology, religion, literature, several languages and current affairs. He was a licensed pilot.

It was not surprising to learn that he had spent over a decade in the Carmelite Seminary, but left just before ordination. One of his fellow students from the seminary was the priest at Bill's funeral Mass. That priest, overcome with emotion during portions of the service, related several hilarious stories about Bill as a seminary student. After leaving the seminary, Bill was a teacher for many years before becoming a lawyer. He remained close to his students.

Bill's life was a legacy of selfless service to others. Bill had hundreds of friends, and a loving family. None of us will get over his untimely death, but all of us remain inspired by his example.

**GARY R. WOLF**

## IN MEMORIAM

### H. KELSEY PAGE

December 18, 1952 – May 23, 2015

H. Kelsey Page was born in Michigan on December 18, 1952, and raised in Greenwood. He grew up in the Minnesota education system starting at Minnetonka High School, then to the University of Minnesota for a degree in sociology, and finally receiving his Juris Doctorate from Hamline University School of Law.

Kelsey spent more than 35 years practicing law. He started out as a solo practitioner and soon moved on to be vice president and legal counsel for two family businesses in Dassel, Minnesota. Upon the sale of the family businesses, he returned to Minnetonka to join a small firm and then ended his law career as a solo practitioner, having the best year of his career.

He took pride in his hard-nosed way of practicing law and helping his clients in every way he could. He represented clients in real estate, small business, wills and trusts, family law, criminal defense and more. He loved the daily variety of work that came from a career in law.

Kelsey was also active in his community including Rotary, the city of Greenwood, the Minnesota Planning Commission and Council Member, the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District and Beacon Bank Board.

He was an avid boater, water skier, tennis player, downhill skier and martial artist. He lived for the simple life of enjoying the lifestyle and lakes of Minnesota. His office was always a short 10 minute drive from home, so he could always enjoy the activities he loved to do.

Kelsey Page will always be remembered as a tough attorney and loving father by his friends and three sons, Max, Buc and Louie Page. He will never be forgotten and will live on with them.

**WILLIAM HENNEY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MARK D. PETERSON

November 22, 1958 – February 21, 2015

Mark passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack while doing something he loved—playing pond hockey with friends in Maryland. He touched the lives of friends and family in his 56 years and will be remembered dearly forever. Mark had an infectious laugh that filled any room and unconditional love for his two daughters and his extended family. He was passionate in both his work as an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., and in his pastimes as an aspiring author, true Minnesota-born lifelong hockey player, outdoor sports enthusiast, and loving father.

Mark was born in St. Paul and spent his early years in Arden Hills, where he attended Mounds View Public Schools. He attended both St. Olaf College in Northfield, and the University of Oxford, in England, where he focused on philosophy studies, after which he earned his law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law. Soon thereafter he moved to Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he lived and worked for the remainder of his life. As an attorney with the FTC, he worked in the Antitrust Division and later in the Office of the General Counsel, which honored him posthumously for his years of dedicated service.

At a memorial gathering in Chevy Chase, about 200 people filled his former home, including not just attorneys, but also paralegals and support staff, which really spoke to his character. He was also honored at this event by the presence of approximately 30 men he played hockey with in Maryland and a few dozen budding young hockey players he had coached, who arrived with red ribbons pinned to their hockey jerseys, with their grateful parents in tow. The same thing happened at his memorial service in Minnesota, where childhood and college friends showed up to remember a wonderful, kind, funny and big-hearted man who left his mark indelibly upon those who knew him.

In addition to spending time with his beloved daughters, playing and coaching hockey, and practicing law (in that order of priority), he was in the process of writing a book about international political intrigue. Maybe one day it will be published through one of his daughter's efforts—there are rumblings of the sort—and that would be his dream come true. If he could tell the story, he would remind us all to, "Do more of what you love."

**KAREN PETERSON KEPPLER**

## IN MEMORIAM

# RAYMOND C. PLOETZ

June 3, 1929 - August 3, 2015

On August 3, 2015, having lived a life with total trust in his Lord, Raymond Charles Ploetz, age 86, embarked on the last and greatest adventure of his life. He was born in 1929, the son of a Lutheran minister and a registered nurse.

He was able to attend college by working many part-time jobs, and taking a heavier course load in order to graduate from the University of Minnesota and its law school in five years. Ray entered private practice in the Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka areas. He also acted as village attorney for Mound. He was a pioneer in family law. He served as chairman of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Family Law Section, founder and second president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and was a member of the governing council of the American Bar Association's Family Law Section.

Ray conceived, drafted, and secured bar association endorsement and lobbied to enact many family law related revisions of statutes, including the 1971 complete revision of the law of paternity. He won several precedent-setting cases, including *Willmore v. Willmore*, which was won at trial, and successfully defended a point of law in the Minnesota Supreme Court, and in the U.S. Supreme Court. He wrote the Minnesota Family Law Desk Book, which was published in 1972 by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education. He wrote other contributions and lectured on family law related subjects both in Minnesota and nationally. He was noted for urging family law attorneys to avoid increasing or calcifying the antagonisms between parties so as to promote workable settlements. He was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Drugs and Drug Abuse and drafted the "Nature and Extent of the Problem" chapter of the commission report (used as Governor Wendell Anderson's special message to the legislature). Ray was listed in Naifeh & Smith's Best Lawyers in America, 1983, and retired from practice in 1994.

He was one of Minnesota's first custodial fathers, and he successfully raised his four children while practicing law full-time and serving in the Army Reserves. After the raising of his children, Ray's most rewarding career was his service in the Army. Denied admission to the Naval Academy in 1947 due to a heart murmur, Ray enlisted in the Ft. Snelling Army Band. At the beginning of the Korean War, he transferred to the Military Intelligence (MI) Branch. His last assignment was as contingency commander of the U.S. Army Special Security Group. He was retired in 1984 as a colonel and was awarded the Legion of Merit, which is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

Ray enjoyed music. While in college he played chimes in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" under Antal Dorati with the Minneapolis Symphony and sang in a chorus under Leonard Slatkin with the Minnesota Orchestra in Mahler's "Creation" Symphony. He also sang with the Minnetonka Choral Society, served as its president, and was noted for his one-liners. A bit of a Renaissance man, Ray was also a single-engine and sailplane rated pilot and enjoyed a score of other hobbies topped by beekeeping, gardening, woodworking, and winemaking.

He is survived by his wife, three children (he was predeceased by one son) and their spouses, and four grandchildren. Ray looked to the future when, as their times come, he will greet each of his friends and loved ones with a hello to which there will never again be a goodbye.

LYNNE PLOETZ  
ALAN PLOETZ

IN MEMORIAM  
**JACK L. PRESCOTT**  
April 23, 1927 – March 4, 2015

Jack Prescott had a long and distinguished career of over 50 years in the law. He was well known to both his colleagues and the public for his expertise in bankruptcy law. His renown was due in part to his appearing in his television commercials, which began to run in 1986. His ads included the now-famous line, "This is all we do, and we do it well."

Jack was born in Ashland, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1927, to Loren and Marie Prescott. He grew up in St. Paul, graduating from Wilson High School, attended Hamline College and then went to law school at the St. Paul College of Law (now called Mitchell Hamline School of Law) studying law at night. While in law school he worked for his father's collection agency during the day, serving papers and making collections. After graduation in 1951, he was drafted and served two years in the Army.

After serving in the Army, Jack returned to St. Paul to practice law. He started his career by doing legal work for a finance company, but ultimately shifted his practice to one that did only bankruptcy. Jack's brother, Scott, also worked for the "Prescott" firm from 1958 until his death in 1970. In 1983, I joined his practice and we formed the law firm of Prescott & Pearson, a law firm that has continued even after Jack left the practice in 2009. We purposely located our law office in New Brighton, which is midway between the bankruptcy courts in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Jack loved practicing bankruptcy law, in large part because of the human stories and drama that went with nearly every case. Jack once said, "Bankruptcy is a bit like a confession. Making the decision to come see us is the hardest part. Usually, when they walk out of here they have a smile on their face." In our adversarial system of law that can quickly become overly contentious, I never knew Jack to be antagonistic but always a facilitator. If you were dealing with Jack, he was your friend and confidant. He always had a quick smile, a joke, and some words of wisdom to throw out to alleviate a client's tension, a trustee's unease, or a creditor's enmity.

In the early 1990s, Ernest Peake, an attorney with another law firm that frequently dealt with Jack's clients said "You can't talk about bankruptcies in Minnesota without talking about Jack Prescott." Without question, Jack's presence in the practice of bankruptcy law, with his kindness, quick wit, and deprecating manner, will be missed by many.

Jack Prescott is survived by his wife, Lisa; sons Scott, Craig, and Tommy; daughter Yun; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**RICHARD PEARSON**

IN MEMORIAM  
**WILLIAM J. QUINN**

May 8, 1911 - October 24, 2015

William J. Quinn, aged 104, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2015, at Vi at The Glen care center in Glenview, Illinois, surrounded by his family.

He was born to William and Celina Quinn on May 8, 1911, in St. Paul. Bill graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul in 1929 and then enrolled at the College of St. Thomas, where he was captain of the hockey team, and president of the senior class and the student council.

He twice won the Northwest Colleges Debate Tournament with his partner Robert Sheran, who would later become the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. He graduated summa cum laude from St. Thomas in 1933. St. Thomas had closed its law school Bill's senior year, so he and a select number of St. Thomas students were admitted on probation at the University of Minnesota Law School.

In 1935, he graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School with honors and entered private practice. At this time, he became a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association. In 1937, Bill became an Assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis. In 1940, he moved to the law department of the Soo Line Railroad. There he began a four-decade career as a railroad man.

In 1942, two important events occurred. While hospitalized for an appendectomy, he met nurse Floy Heinen, who would become his wife and mother of their eight children. He also joined the FBI as a counterespionage agent and later assisted in the capture of Germans in a submarine off the coast of Maine.

After World War II, he returned to the Soo Line Railroad and eventually became its vice president and general counsel. In 1954, Bill, Floy, and their four sons moved to the Chicago area. At this point in his career, Bill joined the Milwaukee Road Railroad as general solicitor. In less than four years, at age 46, he was named the youngest president of the Milwaukee Road in its history.

Four daughters were born in Winnetka, Illinois. In 1966, he walked across the street in Chicago and became president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Later, when that railroad and two others merged to become the Burlington Northern Railroad, he was named vice chairman of the new railroad. In 1970, he returned to the Milwaukee Road and became its chairman and CEO, a position he held until 1978.

Bill served on the board of directors of the College of St. Thomas from 1963 to 1994, when he stepped down as its longest tenured member. He also served on the board of directors of Loyola University Chicago from 1979 to 1992. Bill was very involved in civic and charitable activities in the Chicago area for many years.

He is survived by his children William (Mary Lee), George (Audrey Bomstad), Patrick (Judie), Richard (Ann), Floy (Jack Laverty), Maureen (Mike Moore), Michael (Allyn Hall), and Shannon (Jeff Norton) and 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**GEORGE QUINN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RUTH ALKEMA REISTER**

May 30, 1936 – May 18, 2015

Ruth Reister was a true pioneer in the law. At a time when the role of women in the legal profession was almost non-existent, Ruth had the vision, ambition, and commitment to take her place in the legal world. Although she never practiced law in the traditional sense, her entire life was built around the skills that she acquired in her legal training.

Ruth received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1958 and then graduated from the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration in 1959. Against the advice of some of her family—indeed the strong objections of some—Ruth applied for admission to the University of Michigan Law School. When she attended her first day of law school, she discovered that she was to be the only woman in the class. She graduated with a J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1964 and immediately moved to Minneapolis to pursue a career.

Once she arrived in Minneapolis, Ruth quickly discovered that there were severe limitations in getting interviews—much less offers—for associate positions at local law firms. So Ruth started her career in 1964 in the trust department of Northwestern National Bank, now Wells Fargo Bank. In 1970, Ruth moved to the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis where she worked in securities regulations. In 1981, Ruth moved to Washington, D.C. and was appointed deputy undersecretary of agriculture. When she returned to Minneapolis, Ruth served as president of the First Bank System Agricultural Credit Corporation until she retired.

In addition to her professional career, Ruth was engaged in a number of activities. She served on the board of directors of Herman Miller, Inc., for a number of years. Ruth also served as a member of the board of trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College, as well as chair of the board. Ruth was also a longtime member of the board of directors of Jones-Harrison Home, and she acted as president of the Jones-Harrison Foundation. She was also involved in numerous civic organizations, including the Minnesota Women's Economic Roundtable, the Minnesota Women Lawyers association, the National Women's Coalition, and the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation.

Ruth was married to Raymond A. Reister, who died in 2005. Together they traveled the world, always in search of new learning and experiences. Ruth was a lifelong student, interested in almost every area of learning and, in particular, she had a lively interest in the arts.

Ruth lived a full life and she leaves a legacy of strength and perseverance as a role model for younger women who can forge a meaningful place for women in the profession, if not within the practice of law, then in the wider world where legal knowledge can serve broader purposes.

**ROBERT J. STRUYK**



IN MEMORIAM

**DAVID SASSEVILLE**

April 4, 1956 – December 10, 2015

David Sasseville was born on April 4, 1956, and died on December 10, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters, Natalie Sasseville-Praska (David Praska), Madeleine (Jimmy) Adkins, and Julia Sasseville; grandchild, Clifton Adkins; siblings, Laramie Sasseville, Melanie (Jim) Lesh, Jon Sasseville, and Andrea (Fred) Sasseville; nieces, Elisa (Tom) Crow, Erika and Gabrielle Sasseville; nephews, John and Carter Lesh; and great niece, Pippa Crow. He is also survived by many other dearly loved extended family members and friends. David was a devoted father and spouse, loyal friend, and longtime partner at Lindquist & Vennum.

David was awarded the Hennepin County Bar Association Professionalism Award in 2013. In nominating him for that award, fellow lawyer ethicist Bill Wernz remarked: "Professionalism includes lawyering skills, public service, collegiality, and an engagement with the deep things that characterize all true professions. David's life and career embodied these traits."

David co-taught the Professional Responsibility course at William Mitchell College of Law for 12 years. He was mentor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law for five years, and a mentor to young lawyers at Lindquist & Vennum for decades. He was one of the first go-to sources that lawyers contacted when there was an especially complicated or difficult ethical problem.

David served as Lindquist's general counsel and ethics and loss prevention partner for 22 years. He was a leader in discussions among local lawyers on both fronts. David spoke powerfully, from personal experience, on the difficulties he faced and resolved when a partner of his own firm engaged in criminal misconduct. David did the right thing and, by sharing his experience, showed others the way.

David served as a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board member from 2003-2009. He made more than 75 CLE presentations. As chair of the HCBA, he had arranged for many more CLE programs.

David's life in the law was fascinating. He was a key witness in the Marjorie Caldwell murder trial as a 21-year-old bellhop. He helped collect over a one million dollar judgment against Stratton Oakmont (of "The Wolf on Wall Street" fame), which led to its bankruptcy. He gave the initial closing argument in the Tobacco Litigation jury trial.

Ultimately, professionalism is best defined not by general terms, but by example. A young lawyer might ask, "What does professionalism mean? It's kind of an abstract concept." Over the years, experienced lawyers would say, "Watch how David Sasseville practices law. If you pay close attention, your question will be answered."

**TERRENCE J. FLEMING**

IN MEMORIAM  
**THOMAS K. SCALLEN**

August 14, 1925 - March 21, 2015

Thomas Scallen began his incredible journey through life in South Minneapolis on August 14, 1925. After becoming a proud graduate of Saint Thomas Academy, Tom served with distinction in the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II with his twin brother Raymond, a prominent Twin Cities physician. Both Tom and Raymond were awarded the Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious conduct in combat.

After returning from World War II, Tom, inspired by his father Raymond Scallen, a brilliant trial lawyer and a former Hennepin County Bar Association President, began practicing law first as an Assistant Minnesota Attorney General, and later in private practice as a founding member of Scallen, Evidon and Harder. While Tom was successful and thoroughly enjoyed his time practicing law, especially trying cases, he later transitioned into a one-of-kind business career.

Tom's business career began through his successful ownership and management of various banks throughout Minnesota. In the late 1960s, Tom answered a calling and shifted his focus to a business career centered in entertainment. To highlight, he acquired the Ice Follies, was the founder of the NHL Vancouver Canucks, served as a senior vice president of 20th Century Fox, and later became the owner of the Harlem Globetrotters and Ice Capades. He produced numerous network television specials and live Las Vegas headline shows in connection with his ice shows, and also a television special featuring the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.

Although Tom's business career principally evolved around live entertainment, he also owned or conducted business in film production, radio and television stations, advertising, transportation, real estate, the medical profession, printing, hotels, circus management, and agricultural products.

In the twilight of his illustrious career, Tom's business interests took on a more local flavor. He especially took great pride and satisfaction in his ownership of the Lexington Restaurant, and the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. He took special care and drew much satisfaction in maintaining their quality and reputations.

Tom was a showman extraordinaire and has been remembered by many as an old-school impresario. He loved show business and bringing entertainment joy to many varying audiences. And, although Tom's career was primarily in business, he never forgot his training and experience as a lawyer, which he utilized and successfully leveraged every day in his business affairs. He was very gratified that three of his six children have become successful lawyers. Tom received many accolades during his life, but one of his proudest moments was being honored as a 50-year member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He never forgot and always cherished his legal roots.

Tom was married to Mary Semsch, the mother of his six children. In addition to his children, Tom is also survived by his spouse Billie Jo, his brothers Raymond Scallen, Stephen Scallen, and Terrance Scallen, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**PATRICK SCALLEN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD J. SCHIEFFER**

March 29, 1936 – September 12, 2015

Richard J. Schieffer was born on March 29, 1936, on a small cattle farm near Crofton in northeast Nebraska, where he grew up alongside his 10 brothers and sisters. The farm and his tightly-knit family were the formative experiences of his life. Along with raising cattle, Richard's family farmed corn, oats, alfalfa, and other small grain; butchered and dressed their own beef, pork and poultry; and kept chickens and dairy cattle, separating the milk daily, churning their own butter, and selling the cream and eggs weekly.

For grade school, Richard and most of his siblings walked to and were taught in a one-room schoolhouse not far from the farm. Richard graduated from Crofton High School, which was about seven miles from the farm, but the bus ride took more than an hour because all of the kids at distant farms had to be bussed as well. Richard's family attended the local community church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which was in Constance, approximately five miles from the farm. In winter, when the snow was piled as high as the fences, they went to church with a team of horses and a grain wagon. Richard's mother was the church organist and choir director and all of the children were expected to sing in the choir when they became teenagers, and the family rarely missed Mass.

Richard's parents placed the highest value and emphasis on education, and all of their 11 children graduated from high school and went on to college or professional school. Richard received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and went on to earn a law degree from the U of MN Law School.

Richard began practicing in 1966 and completed nearly 50 years in various aspects of law. He loved the law and only considered retirement when his health began to fail. He never lost his love of farming. He spent many weekends searching local auctions for old tractors and other treasures. He lived on 26 acres of land where he loved to work outside and fix up his machinery.

The love of Richard's life was his family: his children Mary Beth (Richard) Scanlon, Anton Schieffer, Kevin (Mary) Schieffer, who sadly preceded him in death, as did Richard's infant grandson TJ; his grandchildren Noah, Isaac, and Natalie Scanlon, Daniel and Carly Schieffer, and their mother Dawn (Mark) Solberg; his life partner and soul mate, Becky Monson; as well as his brothers, sisters, and extended family.

His other loves were music and literature. Over his lifetime, Richard sang in many church and community choirs, and served on the boards of several musical groups, including The Lyra Baroque Orchestra.

**BECKY MONSON**

IN MEMORIAM  
**ROGER W. SCHNOBRICH**

December 21, 1929 - May 25, 2015

Husband, father, grandfather, attorney, businessman, athlete, and friend, Roger Schnobrich was born on December 21, 1929, in New Ulm. He was the third and youngest son of Arthur and Amanda Schnobrich. While in his teens, the Schnobrich family moved to St. Cloud. It was during his high school years where Roger's athleticism shined. He was a three-sport varsity player for the Cathedral High School class of '47. He donned No. 43 and that many years later, in 1990, he was inducted into the CHS Hall of Fame.

Roger attended the University of St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota. At the University of Minnesota, he excelled academically and athletically. Playing basketball for the Golden Gophers, he was named their captain. Roger continued on with his education at the U of MN and obtained his law degree. Roger spent 1954 through 1956 serving his country in the U.S. Army. In 1958, through a mutual friend, Roger met the love of his life, Angeline Schmitz. Roger and Angie were married on January 21, 1961. They made their home in Golden Valley, and raised four daughters, who were his pride and joy.

Roger was a founding partner of the Erickson, Popham, Haik and Schnobrich Law Firm, which later became Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman and Doty. In 1997, the firm merged with Hinshaw & Culbertson. Roger was an excellent and highly ethical lawyer who genuinely cared about his clients and colleagues. Honesty, trustworthiness, and dependability were traits that embodied Roger Schnobrich.

Roger retired from law, but he never retired from life. He enjoyed many years of service to charitable organizations and served as a board member for several companies. He also became active in senior living development. Along with his passion for business, Roger enjoyed traveling, golfing, and good times spent with family and friends. Roger cherished the times spent with Angie, his daughters, their families, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Roger was truly loved and respected by all who knew him, and is missed by the many people he came into contact with over the years. Being a very modest person, he was quick to recognize the accomplishments of others, but never called attention to himself. Roger will be remembered for his kind and generous heart, his enthusiasm for living, his exuberance and infectious spirit, his inspiring leadership, his honesty and integrity, and most of all, his love and devotion to his family. Roger passed away surrounded by his loving wife and family on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015. Roger is greatly missed, but we know he is our forever guardian angel in heaven.

**JULIE JOHNSON  
KATIE KUBINSKI  
JENNIE HOLMERS  
KAREN HOLETZ**

IN MEMORIAM  
**EDWARD L. SCHWARZ**

November 1, 1939 - January 12, 2015

Ed Schwarz was a friend, advocate, mentor and dedicated Christian until his death at age 75.

Ed was born and raised on a farm in Vernon Center. He attended Bethany High School and Bethany College. He graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Engineering and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Following graduation, Ed combined his interests of law, science, engineering, math and physics to pursue a career in patent law. He worked for Control Data where he specialized in mainframe and peripheral products as well as many non-computer projects—his favorite being those related to wind energy generation. Ed also worked for Honeywell where he represented the Home Division and where he mentored dozens of aspiring interns. In his final years, Ed switched from corporate to private practice and joined Nawrocki, Rooney & Sivertson, where he joyfully practiced until his death. Throughout his legal career, Ed also donated untold hours to clients seeking legal assistance for Legal Aid and Legal Advice Clinics.

Ed was a wonderful man with an enormous heart. He lived life with undeterred honesty and integrity. Ed had an alluring personality, filled with quirky energy, brilliance and constant intellectual, spiritual and physical motion. Ed stayed current on all aspects of world issues and enjoyed analyzing, debating and engaging others in lively discourse of social justice questions and political matters.

Ed led a very active physical life and was a city biking pioneer. He was an active member of the Calhoun Yacht Club where he sailed scows for over 40 years. Ed also raced with the Wayzata Yacht Club and, during the winter, sailed his iceboat “Ice-Cycle” whenever weather permitted. Ed was an active (and vocal) Minnesota Gophers fan and was an unwavering supporter of women’s athletics. Even though his physical presence is gone, his influence on others will live on as a result of the impression he made on others. Ed’s friends were friends for life. He worked hard to maintain his friendships regardless of distance, time or circumstances.

Most of all, Ed led a humble life of faith. His passing is yet one more reminder and an invitation to all to share the love in life. *“Live in such a way that what you give to the world exceeds what you take from it.”* –Walter Russell.

**WAYNE SIVERTSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# HAROLD JEROME "JERRY" SODERBERG

July 8, 1928 - May 6, 2015

Through skill, intelligence, and integrity, Jerry had a prominent legal career from the 1950s to 1993, culminated by his 20 years of ownership and management of Hessian, McKasy & Soderberg in downtown Minneapolis. With the approaching anniversary of his passing, he is greatly missed by his family and friends and remembered for his wit, big heart, old-school charm, and million-dollar smile.

Jerry's parents, Harold and Mildred Soderberg, founded Soderberg's Floral Shop on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. They valued education and supported Jerry's career path. Jerry attended St. Thomas Academy (graduating at age 16), the University of Notre Dame (during its golden era of football) and the University of Minnesota Law School. He proudly served in the military. From the 1950s to the early 1970s, he practiced with Robins, Davis & Lyons; the Minnesota Attorney General's office (under Attorneys General Miles Lord and Walter Mondale); and O'Connor, Green, Thomas & Walters. He felt privileged to have worked with many Minnesota legal legends in those years. He considered his specialty to be administrative law, but practiced in all three branches of government, including an appearance before the United States Supreme Court and several appearances before the Minnesota Supreme Court.

From the early 1970s until 1993, Jerry managed Hessian, McKasy & Soderberg, a mid-sized firm located in the IDS Center. The firm represented many of Minnesota's most prominent companies, financial institutions, and trade associations. He enjoyed mentoring the firm's attorneys, several of whom became Minnesota judges.

Jerry's passion was presidential politics. Based on respect and personal affinity, Jerry strongly supported various presidential candidates, including Senator Adlai Stevenson, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Vice President Walter Mondale and Senator Paul Simon. He was grateful for the many unforgettable memories from his involvement in those campaigns (including a reference in Forbes magazine as one of the preeminent political fundraisers in the United States).

A Renaissance businessman, Jerry's entrepreneurial interests included banking, apartment buildings and an equestrian center. He supported the Basilica Landmark Fund.

Jerry was married for 40 years to his beloved wife Marlys, the mother of their seven children and Jerry's invaluable partner in all of his business and political ventures, until her tragic death from cancer in February of 1993. He was extremely proud and supportive of each of his children's personal and professional accomplishments; three are lawyers and the other four pursued other business ventures or professions. Jerry married Janet Fischer in 1994. They lived a full and happy life together in Florida and summers back "home" included golf, bridge, and dancing. Jerry enjoyed excellent health until shortly before his passing at age 86. A cherished annual activity was the Soderberg/Fischer family get-together at Lake Vermilion in Cook, a tradition the family intends to keep.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; wife Marlys; daughter Noel Evans; and sister Gloria Sims. He is survived by his wife Janet; six children and their spouses: Jerry, Jim, John, Jeff, Sheri Cioroslan, and Tom; son-in-law Jack Evans; stepson Scott Fischer and his spouse; stepdaughter Elizabeth Nader and her spouse; twenty-five grandchildren/stepgrandchildren; brother Jim and his spouse; and numerous other relatives.

**THE SODERBERG FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JOHN WADE TACKETT**

August 22, 1966 - November 5, 2015

John Tackett passed away at the age of 49 on November 5, 2015. John was a high school graduate of St. Thomas Academy and college graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth. John was a member of the wrestling team in both high school and college. After graduating from UMD, John attended and graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1993.

In law school, John was drawn to the courtroom and especially the art of trial advocacy, both in the civil and criminal defense setting. After law school, and his work as a judicial clerk in Ramsey County District Court, John began a successful solo practice in 1993. John opened his first law office in Uptown, and then moved to the North Loop area in downtown Minneapolis in 1999. During his 20-plus years of private practice, John served numerous businesses and individuals in a variety of areas, including but not limited to: criminal defense, business-related civil litigation, construction litigation, and landlord/tenant matters. John truly cared about his clients, both big and small. John was extremely smart and quick on his feet in the courtroom, and he was not a person that would back down from his position easily, if at all. John was the quintessential tough trial attorney that his clients appreciated, and opponents respected. In 2001, John's advocacy skills led him to be one of the very few attorneys to argue a case in front of the full United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis, Missouri.

John enjoyed living in Bloomington with his wife and son for the majority of his adult life and his engaging personality cultivated many long-lasting friendships, both personal and professional. John loved his family, numerous friends, and the outdoors—especially fishing, hunting, and training his two Labrador retrievers. John's friendship and spirit will be truly missed by many.

**MICHAEL A. ROZMAN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JANE SCHOENIKE TAKEMOTO

September 29, 1950 - August 21, 2015

In my 40-year professional career I can only recall one incident when the boss's announcement of her resignation to senior staff was met with a burst of tears. Such was the case when Jane Schoenike Takemoto, in 1996, left her 10-year position as executive director of the Hennepin County Bar Association to begin 17 years of service to the Nebraska State Bar Association. Jane hired me shortly after she took the reins at the HCBA, and remained a mentor constantly as we often worked together within the National Association of Bar Executives.

I have much company in recognizing Jane's qualities of leadership, her creative spirit, and her dedication to legal access for all. Jim Baillie, president of the HCBA when Jane left the state, called her the "consummate bar professional," a sentiment many echoed. A colleague from the Ohio State Bar Association described her as one of the best bar executives in America, "She was a trusted friend and colleague."

Jane left us too early, at the age of 64, dying from complications from Lupus just two years after retiring from the NSBA. She is survived by her husband, Jack Takemoto, and her three sons, Mike, Sam, and Dan. Jane grew up in Wisconsin and then earned degrees from Macalester College and William Mitchell College of Law. She practiced law briefly with Robins, Zelle, Larson & Kaplan before beginning a lengthy career in association management at the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association.

Programs she created in Minnesota and Nebraska were a reflection of her passion for fairness and equality before the law, with equal access to justice. She continually urged lawyers to give back to the community through pro bono and other service. She worked tirelessly to raise money for the bar foundations she served and to help direct grants towards agencies serving legal needs. She helped create a volunteer lawyers organization in Nebraska similar to Hennepin County's own Volunteer Lawyers Network, an organization which she supported whole-heartedly during her tenure at the HCBA. HCBA Past President Roger Stageberg recalls her countless hours given to develop the Summer Intern Program for Urban Youth, in which youth with little or no exposure to the professional world gained the opportunity to work for a summer in law firms, courts, and legal agencies, to be given a new vision for their life dreams, while receiving mentoring to strive for those new goals.

She touched the lives of so many in programs she designed and implemented, but she also touched lives one-on-one by simply being herself.

Often, even today, as I fill the executive director role, I find myself pausing for an instant, and recalling how I make decisions as she taught me to. I recall her reminding me that our task was to make things work for the bar leaders. "You never say 'No' to any proposal," she advised. "You say, 'Let's see how we can bring that about.'" For her, that was never a communication ploy, but a way of putting her fundamental values into practical action. She seldom said no and—in her creative effort—she brought about change, opened doors, and served human needs.

**DUANE STANLEY**



**IN MEMORIAM**

**NEIL A. WEIKART**

**May 17, 1950 - December 16, 2015**

Neil A. Weikart died of younger-onset Alzheimer's on December 16, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Katie (Jake) Fuerstneau of Minneapolis; son, Drew of Chicago; and grandchildren, Henry, Teddy, and Sam Fuerstneau.

Neil received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Indiana University in 1972 and his J.D. in 1975, graduating magna cum laude. Neil spent his 38-year legal career at Fredrikson & Byron. He was a member of the firm's corporate and health law groups. Neil was a leader in every sense of the word. At Fredrikson & Byron he served on the board of directors, the compensation committee, the lateral hiring committee, and was a mentor to many. Early in his career he was an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota and chairperson of the Business Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Neil was an active member of the Minneapolis and Edina communities, and volunteered for many organizations. He was a board member of the Edina A Better Chance Foundation and served as president of the Edina Basketball Association.

Neil was a smart, loving and fun husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved golfing, biking, skiing, and listening to the Beach Boys. Neil was a man who valued integrity and is dearly missed by his family, friends, and co-workers.

**THE FAMILY OF NEIL A. WEIKART**

IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE  
STEVEN D. WHEELER**

July 12, 1944 - July 7, 2015

Born into a military family, Steve Wheeler's early years took him to various places, including the Twin Cities. After graduation from Suffern High in New York, Steve returned to the Twin Cities and enrolled at Macalester College in St. Paul. It was there I first met Steve, and thus began an enduring friendship that enriched my life. Steve had similar friendships with so many others.

As a Macalester student, Steve set high standards for himself and achieved lofty goals in academics and athletics. Never having been a swimmer, he joined the swimming team and helped them achieve a national championship. Such dedication and determination served him well throughout his professional life.

Upon graduating from William Mitchell College of Law in 1970, Steve joined the Murnane firm in St. Paul and practiced in the trial department for three years. He then joined Northwest Airlines as a labor relations attorney, becoming corporate counsel and vice president as he continued at Northwest for nearly two decades. Steve excelled in all of these roles, earning the respect of his colleagues and contributing to the company's growth. As outside counsel to Northwest, I had the privilege of working closely with Steve as a friend, as well as a client.

Important work awaited Steve when he became a judge on the Minnesota Workers Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA) in 1991, later becoming chief judge of that court. As one colleague put it, Steve was "one of a kind," one whose "zest for thinking outside the box led to many creative changes in the court." His leadership was marked by the strong sense of collegiality and collaboration that he instilled, further enabled by his wonderful sense of humor. Steve truly was instrumental in professionalizing the court in ways that engendered greater confidence on the part of the bench and bar, and the public. The increased stature of the court became evident: appeals to the Minnesota Supreme Court from the WCCA dropped to a level that was a fourth of what they had been before Steve's term as chief judge.

In 2002, Steve became a judge on the Ramsey County District Court, where he continued to serve with distinction. He was highly respected by colleagues and litigants for his careful and intelligent approach to issues, thoroughness and attention to detail, calm judicial demeanor and respectful treatment of all who appeared in his courtroom. Stepping down from the bench in 2012, Steve left a legacy of accomplishment in all that he undertook throughout his career.

Beyond his life in the law, Steve truly enjoyed life in all of its aspects. Active over the years as a runner, swimmer, and golfer, he especially appreciated traveling and spending time with family and friends. He continued these activities after retiring to Kauai. As his health deteriorated in recent years, Steve faced this too with determination and will, but also with grace and a calm spirit.

Steve is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, Benjamin (Kristin) Wheeler and Heidi (Kevin) Mueller; stepchildren, Christine (Dominic) D'Amico and Michael (Nina) Johnson; 10 amazing and adoring grandchildren; sisters, Catherine Wilson and Nancy Flippert; and brother, James Wheeler. They, along with Steve's many friends and colleagues, remember and honor this good and decent man for a life well lived. We shall miss him.

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