MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR
ROBERT JAMES JACKSON

Robert James Jackson joined us on August 9, 1938. He was born and raised in Pittsburgh but moved to Broomall as a high school senior and graduated from Marple-Newtown High School in 1956. Bob earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Villanova University in 1960, followed by his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law in 1963. In law school, Bob made Law Review, graduated first in his class and became a member of the order of the Coif. He started his career as in-house counsel at Gulf Oil Company and spent two years there before moving on to private practice.

At the start of law school, Bob was married to Frances Super Jackson, and they welcomed the first of their six children, Robin, in 1961. Over the next decade Bob and Fran expanded their family and had five more children: Britton, Shannon, Megan, Bobby and DJ. In 1965, Bob left Gulf Oil to join the Chester-based firm of Kassab, Cherry, Curran and Archbold, where he practiced through the mid-70's when the firm became Kassab, Cherry & Archbold. Bob stayed on through the 70's and by 1988 the firm restructured once again becoming Kassab, Archbold, Jackson & O'Brien. Bob continued with KAJO until 1994 when he left to start a smaller practice, ultimately partnering with Toni Lee Cavanagh from 1996 until 2002, when he semi-retired to St. Croix with his second wife, Cathy, and step-daughter, Casey.

During the course of his legal career, Bob emerged as one of the most accomplished and knowledgeable real estate attorneys in the Commonwealth. He was very involved in the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and chaired various divisions of that section over the years: from 1985-1992, the Zoning and Land Use committee; from 1989-1990 the entire RPPT section; from 1992-1994, the Specialization committee; and from 1993-1996, he chaired the Review and Certifying Board committee. Throughout his years of practice Bob also contributed his time, efforts and expertise as a member, as opposed to chairman, of the following committees: Conference Group to Cooperate with Land (1980-1981); various RPPT committees (1985-2002); Long Range Planning (1992-1998); PABAR-PAC (1993-1994); PBA Centennial Celebration (1993-1996); and Advertising (1993-1996).

Over the course of his years in full-time practice, Bob encouraged his colleagues to be active in the RPPT section and continued to lead by example by maintaining his membership in the Municipal, Environmental and Real Property Law sections from 1998-2004 after his time chairing various committees was ended.

In addition to serving on PBA committees and chairing many of them, Bob was also a Zone Governor from 1981-1989 and a Zone Delegate from 1990-1999. In part because of Bob's leadership roles in the RPPT section and his steadfast encouragement of other local attorneys to be active in the section, Delaware County has produced more chairmen of the PA RPPT section over the last 30 years than any other county. Bob's mentoring had a "domino effect" as evidenced by the long tradition of distinguished Delaware County attorneys who have chaired the PA Bar's RPPT section including Rich Heller, Vince Mancini, Chip Mackrides and Lou Kodumal.

Bob was also active with the Delaware County Bar Association and maintains a presence in the Bar Building to this day with several prints donated by his wife, Cathy, as well as a plaque acknowledging his many contributions to our local and state Bar Associations.
Bob was significantly involved with the development of both commercial and residential real estate in Delaware County. In addition to numerous residential housing developments, Bob helped to bring both the Granite Run Mall and Pilot Air Freight to Middletown Township. Not only did Bob help to develop our County's physical infrastructure, he helped to develop many of the lawyers who practice within it today. No one ever told Bob that preceptors went out of vogue—he gave advice and helped any young lawyer he could without fear that a client would leave him or that he would lose a fee. If a client of his left to go with one of his protegees or a lawyer whom Bob had endorsed, he considered it a personal achievement as opposed to a loss. Those of us who know this to be true of Bob have tried to create that domino effect by helping young lawyers make it on their own without fear of losing a client but rather encouraging new lawyers in the spirit of advancing our profession.

Much can be and has been said over the years about Robert James Jackson, Esquire. Indisputably, Bob was an "idea guy", a brilliant real estate attorney and a colorful character. He was a man of great faith; a mentor and friend to some while a formidable opponent to others (with of course, the occasional overlap!). He was a Man of Malvern for 35 years who gave back to our community in both word and deed by serving his church, organizations that meant the most to him, and helping to organize City Team Ministries in 1987. Bob enjoyed his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed woodworking, fishing, boating and travelling. In Bob's later years, his belief in man's intrinsic goodness (as well as his belief that he could bring it out no matter how deep it was buried!) found him in both unusual and amusing circumstances over time and place. Despite his toughness in the courtroom, Bob had a softer side not often revealed. He genuinely cherished relationships and genuinely mourned lost ones.

Bob Jackson quietly helped a lot of people over the course of both his professional career and throughout his life, extending a helping hand time and again to facilitate the possibility of not only a beginning for a person (whether it was personal or professional) but in some cases, a new beginning for that person. He quietly encouraged, supported and guided many people from all walks of life in all manner of circumstances. Robert James Jackson, Esquire, left us on September 4, 2011.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

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