

**State of Minnesota
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**District Court
Fourth Judicial District**

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

Convening of the Special Session
of Hennepin County District Court
Chief Judge Ivy S. Bernhardson
Presiding

Invocation
The Honorable Luis Bartolomei
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Musical Selection
Apollo Male Chorus

Recognition of Deceased Members
Jeffrey M. Baill, President-Elect
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker
Adine S. Momoh, President
Hennepin County Bar Association

Memorial Address
Retired Justice Christopher Dietzen
Minnesota Supreme Court

Musical Selection
Apollo Male Chorus

Memorials Presented to the Court
Kathleen M. Murphy
Chair, Bar Memorial Committee

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Music by Laurie Leigh Harpist

May 1, 2019

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in collaboration with the Hennepin County District Court

ABOUT THE BAR MEMORIAL

The Hennepin County Bar Association and its Bar Memorial Committee welcome you to this Special Session of the Hennepin County District Court to honor members of our profession with ties to Hennepin County who passed away.

We have traced the history of our Bar Memorial back to at least 1898, in a courthouse that is long gone, but had a beauty and charm that made it a fitting location for this gathering. We say "at least 1898," because there is speculation that the practice of offering annual unwritten memorials began in 1857. Regardless of its date of origin, the Bar Memorial is now well into its second century, and it is a tradition that is certain to continue simply because it is right—and it is good.

Buildings come and go, but the Bar Memorial has always found a suitable home, including in the chambers of the Minneapolis City Council, the boardroom of the Hennepin County Commissioners, and in Judge James Rosenbaum's magnificent courtroom. We are grateful to Thrivent Financial for opening its auditorium to us again this year, though it is not lost on us that we have needed increasingly larger venues as our list of remembrances grows annually because of the growth of our local legal community over the years.

In the early years of the Bar Memorial, authors read aloud their tributes to their family members and colleagues. The modern Bar Memorial dispensed with that practice and instead offers this booklet with its collection of all of the memorials. You will admire this group as you learn about them, and be able to appreciate their stories presented on the following pages.

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April 20, 2011 Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea
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April 22, 2009 B. Todd Jones
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May 2, 2007 Dean Jon M. Garon
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 May 27, 1965 William H. DeParcq

INVOCATION

May it please the court, and all of those gathered. My name is Luis Bartolomei and I have the honor of delivering this Invocation.

Merciful God,

We seek solace today from the absence of those who have left us. We come to pay tribute to their memory, and to celebrate their lives. They were our mothers and fathers, grandparents, wives and husbands, daughters and sons, our colleagues. They were our friends and loved ones. May their memory always console. And may we draw comfort from their service.

All were members of an order. An order whose primary charge to its members is that they offer guidance and that they see their clients to success, to prosperity, to independence, to freedom. An order that commands its members to be conduits of justice in human affairs. And through steadfast adherence to these directives, to end conflict and to channel peace unto the world.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God – words not reserved for those who abide in peace, but for those who labor to bring conflict to an end.

Many of those not with us today brought people together. And some helped usher humane separation. Some set forth to propel commerce. And some toiled for equity. Some stood up for the afflicted. And some sought remedy for the aggrieved. Many gave their knowledge to others. And some dreamt of a better future through policy. Some forged resolution in the courts. And some did the same in the boardrooms. Some spoke for the patron. And some spoke for the pauper.

All of them strove for justice; all of them faithful to the order; all of them dignified the humanity of those with whom they dealt; all of them conduits of justice in human affairs; all of them agents for peace.

All of them children of God.

Amen

“Let’s Celebrate”

**Adine S. Momoh
President, Hennepin County Bar Association**

May it please the Court:

Honorable judges, members of the bar and special guests, especially those family members and friends of those whose lives we remember and celebrate today. And what a celebration it is indeed. The Hennepin County Bar Association has partnered with the Fourth Judicial District in this annual bar memorial celebration since its very existence nearly 100 years ago.

The HCBA’s mission is to advance professionalism, ethical conduct, diversity, competence, practice development, collegiality in the profession and improve the administration of justice. We gather here today to celebrate 40 of our colleagues who passed in 2018, each with a connection to Hennepin County. And each exhibiting at least one of the values of the HCBA’s mission in various ways, some large, some small, but each no less an important part of the fabric that makes up the patchwork that is our honorable legal profession.

We celebrate those who advanced Professionalism:

One attorney was from the “Greatest Generation” and lived until the ripe old age of 100. As was only done in those days, he graduated from law school and practiced law before receiving his undergraduate degree. He had a passion for real property law and developing real estate, from homes, bowling alleys, and hotels, to office buildings and restaurants. He has been publicly credited as naming the Minnesota Vikings football team.

Another was born in St. Paul, where he played both hockey and golf in high school. He remained a constant student of each. After a tour with the National Guard and a year with 3M, enjoyed a long practice at Faegre & Benson (now Faegre Baker Daniels).

Another began his legal career as a clerk for Judge Edward Parker in Hennepin County District Court. During the lunch hours of his clerkship, he took up swimming, which served him well for many years. In fact, in 1987, he came in first place in his age group during a swim across Lake Minnetonka.

This attorney always considered himself a “Lucky Man,” not because he won a lottery, but because he survived WWII while in the Air Force, married the love of his life, raised 10 children and practiced law for 64 years with his friend and mentor, Robert Speeter. He also enjoyed acting and was lucky enough to appear on Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman.

Another had a nearly 40-year practice that began when he joined a small firm, Arthur Chapman, which he helped build into one of the most well-known civil

litigation firms in the state, having tried hundreds of cases. In 2010, he was named to the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Another was a champion debater in high school and led his team to the national tournament where, legend has it, he lost only to God – and then, not by much. After four years of military service with the Air Force, he represented clients at Neville Johnson & Thompson and mentored young attorneys along the way.

After serving as a Lieutenant in the Navy, this attorney spent his entire legal career practicing at Lindquist & Vennum (now Ballard Spahr). He became a partner and retired in 1992. He was a founding member of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Transit Commission.

Another began his legal career in New York and returned to his home in Minnesota to practice law at Lindquist & Vennum until his retirement in 2009. He served on two city councils and as the Mayor of the City of Medina, Minnesota until his death. This same attorney lived life in the fast lane given his love of fast cars, horseback riding, and skiing on some of the most difficult mountain terrains.

A past recipient of the HCBA's Professionalism Award, this attorney and political activist was admired for many things, especially his commitment to service. He served in the offices of both the United States Attorney General and the Minnesota Attorney General, established his own legal practice, and then joined Maslon as a partner, where he remained for the rest of his career.

Another attorney served in the Air Force and was a JAG officer. After a career in public service, he joined the law firm now known as Dewitt Mackall Crounse & Moore, where he practiced for 32 years. During his retirement, he pursued a hobby of low-stakes poker.

After serving as an officer in the Navy, another practiced insurance defense law and later became the General Counsel for Flexsteel Industries. He enjoyed taking his wife of 71 years dancing weekly through her 97th birthday. His love for life, teaching and mentoring benefitted many.

We celebrate those who advanced Ethical Conduct:

One attorney handled some of the state's biggest deals over his 50-year career. Known as a master negotiator who always ensured a deal was fair, he loved being the legal architect for major transactions ranging from stadiums (including Target Field and the recently opened Allianz Field), to airline mergers, to other high-profile endeavors.

Another was best described as a quiet, thoughtful, reserved, wise, and dependable man of high character. He spent most of his career at Honeywell, first after college and later as an attorney after embarking on a slight mid-career change to transfer to Honeywell's patent law division. He retired after nearly 30 years of service to Honeywell.

We celebrate those who advanced Practice Development and Competence:

This attorney, born in Houston, Texas, was a consummate corporate lawyer who enjoyed the art of the deal. While his legal career started in Houston, he spent 32 years as a lawyer in Minnesota at General Mills, including 19 years as its General Counsel. In 1994, he retired from General Mills, only to take on the same role for Darden Restaurants in Orlando, Florida. He then went on to become the executive vice president and General Counsel for the Burger King Corporation.

This Judge, who loved all things Irish, served in the Navy until the end of WWII. He then was in private practice and the public sector before being appointed as a bankruptcy referee in 1965. He later became Minnesota's first chief bankruptcy court judge and served until his *first* retirement from the bench in 1986. I say *first* retirement because ultimately, he retired for the *fourth* and *final* time in 2005.

This attorney served in the Army JAG and became one of the founding members of Henson Efron. He had the unique ability to advise clients on a broad range of corporate issues and try cases. He was also known to strap himself into the pilot seat and fly his legal team to trial or client meetings when it may have been just as fast to drive.

Another was a renaissance man, who coupled his love for the law with his love for the outdoors, world history, reading, and writing. He had over 30 letters to the editor published in the *StarTribune*. And up until his death, he was an active member of Toastmasters, a nonprofit that promotes communication and public speaking skills.

Another was an accountant who turned his sights to the law and became a well-known estates & trusts attorney. He practiced at Hellmuth & Johnson and advocated on behalf of the estate and trusts bar. He was later accepted into the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

One attorney, a native of Duluth, served in the Marine Corps during WWII. He joined the firm now known as Dorsey & Whitney in 1951 and practiced for nearly 40 years. He became partner and was at the helm of the firm's labor and employment practice. Apart from the law and his passion for history, he also loved to travel. He and his wife visited all seven continents, yes, even Antarctica!

This attorney survived a kamikaze attack while in the Marine Corps in WWII. After returning home, he married the love of his life, and joined the small firm of Robins, Davis & Lyons, now known as Robins Kaplan. He served as the firm's managing partner and led the growth of its national insurance litigation practice. He was also a supporter of cutting edge technology, which back then meant electric typewriters, copy machines, and dictating devices.

Another attorney, after serving in the Army, turned down persistent invitations from his family to join their clothing manufacturing business. Instead, he decided to pave his own way as a high-profile sports agent and as a trial lawyer

fighting for underdogs. He represented first-round draft picks in all major men's professional sports and won one of the largest medical malpractice verdicts in Minnesota's history.

Another, having served as a teacher with his wife in Texas, changed course, attended law school, and then clerked for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice Tom Clark of the United States Supreme Court. After his clerkship, he joined the firm now known as Faegre Baker Daniels and spent the remainder of his 41-year legal career there as a trial and appellate attorney. His key lessons to practice were to keep the argument simple, avoid going down "rabbit holes," and "keep the main thing, the main thing."

Another was a high school teacher after college, where he also served as a debate coach and student drama director. He began his legal career with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, first as a law clerk and then as an attorney. After 35 years of service as a prosecutor, he retired in 2011 as head of appeals. He continued to teach at a number of local colleges.

Another attorney became a teacher *after* having practiced commercial real estate law. He was from Indiana and later moved to Minneapolis to begin his law practice with the Popham Haik law firm, which later merged with Hinshaw & Culbertson.

As for another attorney, how many of us can say their name was mentioned in a Coen Brothers movie? Or that your law firm was featured in a Coen Brothers movie? Well, this attorney could say both. Having begun his career as a prosecutor for the Hennepin County Attorneys' Office, he tried 45 felony cases in his first three years with a conviction rate of 92% and later became a prominent criminal defense attorney with six decades of experience.

We celebrate those who advanced Collegiality in the Profession:

"Fierce advocate," "brilliant" and "afraid of nothing" were words people often used to describe this attorney. After working full time as a registered nurse and raising two children, she graduated from law school and joined Meagher & Geer where she spent her 26-year legal career as a well-respected medical-malpractice defense attorney. She served as an instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) to train the next generation of attorneys.

This third-generation attorney with a general law practice in Fairfax, Minnesota, later focused his career on bringing parties together through alternative dispute resolution. He was a voracious reader and loved finding the next "thing," from purchasing the next big motorcycle to harmonicas, which he may or may not have learned how to play.

Another served eight years in the Navy. After spending over 50 years practicing exclusively in the area of workers' compensation defense, he spent the last 20 years of his practice focused exclusively on asbestos litigation and mentored new lawyers entering that field.

Another was so fired up about the law that when he had to pass up Bruce Springsteen concert tickets to handle an injunction, he just grinned, fist-pumped and said, "This is what we live for!" He practiced for over 20 years as a labor law attorney at the Oppenheimer Law Firm, and later became a founding member of the Minneapolis Office of Littler where he remained until he retired in 2009. He loved music and hosted a music radio show for 26 years.

We celebrate those who advanced Diversity:

This attorney served in the Army, and then started a personal injury, labor law and workers' compensation practice. He was a strong advocate for union workers and served on the boards of various nonprofits. He also participated in interfaith dialogue and Christian-Jewish relations at the University of St. Thomas, where he worked to fight anti-Semitism and advance social justice and respect for all faiths.

Another served in the Marines, was a regent of Augsburg University, and a partner with Faegre & Benson until his retirement in 1998 except for 2 years when he served as deputy attorney general for the State of Minnesota. He was a longtime advocate for greater awareness around chemical dependency issues and an avid supporter of Augsburg's StepUp Program, a program that helps people live in a community of accountability, recovery and support.

Another was born in Minnetonka and practiced law in the Twin Cities until deciding to provide legal services in Greater Minnesota, in particular, the cities of Aitkin and Grand Rapids. A lover of sports, one of the greatest moments in his life was coaching the Hamel Hawks to victory in the 1987 state amateur baseball tournament.

After serving in the Air Force, this attorney had a 40-year career in the bond department of Dorsey & Whitney. He was a feminist before there may have been a word for it. When his wife passed away after nearly 20 years of marriage, he tried to balance his obligations of work with his household of five children. He mentored women and men in the public finance space.

This attorney loved exploring and discovering the outside world. A passionate debater, Eagle Scout, Peace Corps. volunteer in India, and Editor-in-Chief of his law school's law review, he was proud to have served clients across cultures, backgrounds and perspectives.

A Fulbright scholar, this Judge graduated from law school at the age of 40. Despite being told by a law firm partner that she should not be a trial lawyer because juries do not like women, she blazed trails for men and women attorneys across the country. She served as a state and federal judge for 42 years, first as a Hennepin County Municipal Court Judge, then as a Hennepin County District Court Judge, later becoming the first woman appointed as a federal judge for the district of Minnesota and then the first woman appointed to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She was the only woman on that court until 2013.

Finally, we celebrate those who advanced and improved the Administration of Justice:

This attorney passed away at the age of 79, on the eve of the two-day blizzard in Minneapolis last April and just one month before his youngest child graduated from his law school alma mater. His first job was with the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department in the District of Columbia where he assisted with voter registration in the era of the Selma-to-Montgomery March. He later practiced at Lindquist & Vennum for 38 years until his retirement in 2009.

This Judge had an over 60-year marriage that was the byproduct of a college blind date. After a successful practice in family law, she served as a Hennepin County Referee until she was appointed as a Hennepin County District Court Judge. An innovator, she spearheaded the court's attempts to more effectively handle *pro se* litigants.

This attorney was valedictorian of her high school. After working for a few years in private practice, she found her vocational calling working for low-income clients as an attorney for Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, where she worked for almost 40 years and gave a voice to those who need to be heard.

Another served in the Marines and was a director and officer of Union Bank & Trust. He practiced law for nearly 50 years with the law firm of Peterson, Engberg & Peterson with a particular interest in labor law, workers and labor unions. He was a firm believer that workers and unions are a critical part of our society, and their rights need to be protected.

After a brief time in the Army, this Judge began and ended his legal career in public service. He served as a prosecutor and headed the Criminal Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for 11 years before being appointed to the Hennepin County District Court Bench. He was the third African American to serve the state of Minnesota as a District Court Judge and adjudicated some of the most significant cases recorded in Hennepin County's history. Known as a judge who served with remarkable calm and patience, he was also known for his knack for listening, generosity, and sense of style.

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Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Each of the attorneys that we celebrate today has more than thrown something back to the legal community. I encourage you all to take a copy of the memorial that will be distributed later this morning, and to read more about these attorneys, the profession they chose, the people they served and the lives they impacted.

Let the celebration continue!

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.

Today we cherish the memories of those who have died. We remember them by telling their stories. We laugh, we cry and we remember how they touched our lives. In doing so, we also honor their memory and the importance of their lives to all of us.

What is unique about this event is that we gather in the name of justice. Justice is the shared value we desire to make available to all in our society. For most of us, justice was a vague concept until we took the oath as new lawyers. At that time, we committed ourselves to further the interests of justice in our profession. The rules of professional responsibility clearly express the unique role of lawyers in that regard. Specifically, the preamble to the rules state that a lawyer is, "an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having a special responsibility for the quality of justice."

What is justice and what is our responsibility? Ancient writers describe justice as the virtue of giving each person his or her due. Our modern expression is that justice is the fair treatment of people. We enforce individual rights to justice through our constitutions and the rule of law. Justice provides order to our society and differentiates us from other countries.

I believe justice is a gift from God to our civilization for the benefit of all people. But justice is not something that we can take for granted. Instead, each of us, especially lawyers, must educate others of its importance and be leaders to maintain its availability for future generations.

One of the ways to further justice is to honor those who have made contributions to improve the quality of justice in our community. For this reason, we recognize our deceased colleagues and their generation for their contributions. Those contributions are not expressed in one single event, one big case, or one major judicial opinion. Instead, their day-to-day contributions matter most. It is serving clients by giving them candid advice or writing legal opinions that decide cases.

And it is legislators working to promulgate laws to promote a more fair and just society. In all of these situations, lawyers, judges and legislators have the opportunity to educate clients and the public regarding our system of justice and its benefits to our society. In doing so, they further the interests of justice.

An important responsibility of a lawyer is to counsel clients regarding litigation—whether to initiate a lawsuit, how to respond to a lawsuit, and how to present the case to the fact-finder. A lawyer is empowered to help clients resolve disputes that too often have overtaken and overwhelmed them. The admonition of lawyer and President Abraham Lincoln more than 150 years ago remains relevant today. He said, “Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker a lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good person.” Sometimes we do our clients and the public the greatest good by cooling passions and seeking resolution through compromise and settlement.

In my view, there are three contributions made by this generation of lawyers that are significant and noteworthy. First, they helped stabilize the funding of legal aid. Minnesota has long recognized that providing legal aid to those who cannot afford legal services is fundamental to our obligation of justice. A few decades ago, we did not have a system to reliably fund legal aid. As a result of the wisdom of many lawyers and judges, a commitment was made to have the Minnesota Supreme Court earmark a portion of the attorney annual registration fees to fund legal aid. This commitment has benefitted not only those in need, but also the public by providing reliable funding for those most in need. There are two other sources of funding: legislative appropriation and lawyer private donations, as well as pro bono services. These sources are necessary sources of funding and integral to the success of legal aid. We are blessed to have a very generous legal community and a very supportive bar association.

Second, these lawyers helped establish the judicial selection commission. We have a responsibility to preserve an independent judiciary that is fair and impartial. Nowhere is this more important than in the selection of our judges. Through the pioneering work of Governor Al Quie and many lawyers, the legislature promulgated the judicial selection commission, whose members are appointed by the governor and the chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. When there is an opening on the district court, the commission screens

applicants and forwards to the governor the names of qualified applicants for appointment to the position of district court judge. Recent governors have also used the commission, or a portion thereof, to select appellant judges/justices as well. The commission process takes the politics out of the selection of judges. I believe that this system best serves the citizens of Minnesota and a system for which we can be proud.

Third, these lawyers and judges formalized a mentorship program for new lawyers. The practice of law is challenging and new lawyers need help and advice from others who are more experienced. A mentor is someone you trust to give you good advice whether you want to hear it or not. All of our law schools have a mentorship program. For example, the University of St. Thomas School of Law has a mentorship program that pairs a law student with a lawyer to help the student learn how to practice law and how to be an ethical lawyer.

Moreover, mentors help lawyers understand the need to maintain a reasonable balance between one's professional and personal life. You need to make time for family and friends, physical exercise, and your social and spiritual life. When you work too much, the rest of your life suffers. I believe that mentorship of new lawyers is more important today than ever before. It is integral to the development of new lawyers and furthering the interests of justice.

In conclusion, we honor our colleagues for their contributions to the quality of justice in our community. The three areas I have mentioned--stable funding of legal aid, judicial selection commission, and mentorship of new lawyer--have been very helpful to our profession. They have significantly improved the quality of justice for our community, but there are many areas of the legal profession that need improvement. That is the work of our generation. Today, let us remember the contributions of our deceased colleagues in improving the quality of justice. May their efforts inspire us to do more for the benefit of our community.

RETIRED JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER DIETZEN
Minnesota Supreme Court

IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD B. ABRAMS
NOVEMBER 2, 1931 – APRIL 11, 2018

Richard B. Abrams died on April 11, 2018, at the age of 86. Richard graduated from Southwest High School and attended the University of Minnesota for his undergraduate studies. After his service in the U.S. Army, Richard went on to the University of Minnesota for law school and started his law practice, Abrams and Spector, with Mitchell Spector in 1959. The firm focused their practice on personal injury, labor law, and workers' compensation cases.

Richard taught in the Labor Education Division at the University of Minnesota for several years. He was a committed volunteer and leader who gave his energy and time to various charities and organizations including leading and working on boards for the United Way, Courage Center, Legal Aid of Hennepin County and Temple Israel. He was involved in interfaith dialogue and Christian-Jewish relations at the University of St. Thomas, fighting anti-Semitism and working for social justice and respect for all faiths. Richard always strove to marry his livelihood with mitzvah (doing good). He was a strong advocate for union workers, and received the Community Service Award from the AFL-CIO.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Myrna; and parents, Joseph and Nettie Abrams. He is survived by daughter, Jennifer; son, Adam (Shelley); grandsons, Joseph and Evan; sister, Marilyn Saxe; and sister-in-law, Marcia Levin.

ADAM ABRAMS
JENNIFER ABRAMS

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT V. ATMORE
OCTOBER 14, 1938 – APRIL 13, 2018

Robert Atmore passed away on April 13, 2018, at the age of 79, on the eve of a two-day blizzard in Minneapolis, and just one month before his youngest child, daughter Emily Atmore, graduated from his alma mater, the University of Minnesota Law School. Bob will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his mentorship of others. He mentored many young lawyers who went on to establish distinguished careers, and also his children, and in particular daughter Emily throughout her law school education.

Bob was born in Duluth, and he spent most of his life living in Minneapolis and later in Minnetonka. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Cole; former wife, Patricia Neer; his four children, Kristen Atmore Lund (Pete), Andrea Atmore Coleman (Mike); Alex Atmore, Emily Atmore; five grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of Minnesota Law School. After law school, Bob clerked for the Honorable Judge Gunnar H. Nordby. Bob's legal career spanned over 40 years. His first job, of which his family is particularly proud, was with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Part of his time with the Justice Department was spent in Alabama and Mississippi, where he assisted with voter registration in the era of the Selma March. Bob then briefly returned to his hometown of Duluth and practiced law with his father's former law firm. He next joined the Minneapolis law firm which later became Lindquist & Vennum, and is now Ballard Spahr, where he practiced labor law, employment litigation, and arbitration for 38 years until his retirement in 2009. Of his many career accomplishments, Bob took a case to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2008 and helped start the Pro Se Project in 2009.

Bob is remembered for his ability to strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere. Though, he usually preferred family activities over social gatherings. He particularly enjoyed reading, walking his dogs, skiing, baseball, and travel. He was an avid reader of the New York Times from which he was known to save and share torn-out articles with his family. He followed travel columns featuring historic hotels and lodges, many of which he sought out in his travels. In his retirement, Bob attempted to recreate the elaborate recipes he read about. While few of which turned out as described, his enthusiasm never waned.

Bob himself looked up to many leaders and authors for wisdom. In particular, he closely followed the life of Nelson Mandela. The following Mandela quote offers an accurate reflection on Bob's significant life and a parting reminder for all, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

CAROLYN COLE
EMILY ATMORE

IN MEMORIAM
DAVID M. BEADIE
JULY 14, 1936 – APRIL 5, 2018

David Beadie passed away on April 5, 2018, at the age of 81. He was born in St. Paul and graduated from Saint Paul Academy in 1954, where he played both hockey and golf. He graduated from Harvard University in 1958, where he enjoyed the camaraderie among friends on the hockey and golf teams. After a tour with the National Guard and a year with 3M, he went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1963 and enjoyed a long career practicing law with Faegre and Benson (now Faegre Baker Daniels) in Minneapolis. His practice focused in the areas of banking, leasing, and taxation. Dave enjoyed teaching students at annual Law Day celebrations.

Dave was a longtime member of Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina and the Minikahda Club. He served his church by serving on numerous boards and committees and singing in the church choir. Dave was a loyal friend, full of personal warmth and integrity. He enjoyed bringing friends together for a game of golf or an afternoon of bridge.

He married his wife Karen in 1994, and relished a close and loving marriage for 24 years, enjoying the company of their many friends and family at their Edina home, their cabin in Detroit Lakes, and their home in Maine.

Dave was an avid and skilled bridge player, hockey player, and golfer. He was a constant student of each, and he loved opera and symphonic music.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Karen; brother, Bill (Carol); and nephews, Guy, Ryan (Molly), and Bill (Jaymie).

KAREN BEADIE

IN MEMORIAM
GREGORY ALLEN BRUNS
JUNE 20, 1938 – AUGUST 11, 2018

Gregory Allen Bruns of Bloomington passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on August 11, 2018, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He is fondly remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues as a dependable man of high character.

Greg was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 20, 1938, to Herbert and Bernice Bruns. He was raised in Dittmer, Missouri, a small town where he worked in the family store, the Bruns BiRite, as a youth. Greg graduated from Northwest High School and received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri. After graduating from college, he worked for McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, and then Honeywell, where he worked most of his career.

Greg liked engineering and had a keen interest in understanding how things work. While working at Honeywell, he became interested in law and embarked on a mid-career path to attain a law degree. Working full time, he studied law at night school at Hamline University School of Law. Once Greg had his Juris Doctor degree, he diligently worked to pass the Patent Bar Exam, and transferred to the patent law division of Honeywell, where he worked as a patent attorney. He retired after nearly 30 years of service to Honeywell.

Greg is best described as a quiet person who was thoughtful, reserved, and wise. He rendered his opinions carefully, and his opinions were highly respected because they were well-thought-out and helpful. While Greg was known as a hard worker, he was also a devoted father and spouse who was dedicated to his family and their well-being. He was a member of the Bloomington Knights of Columbus, an organization he very much enjoyed. He also participated in many volunteer projects.

Greg was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Patricia; sister, Diane McCord (Ron); brother, George (Debra); children, David (Lisa) and Jennifer (Steve Delgado); stepchildren, Michael Ryan, Dawn (Kirk Walker), and Patrick Ryan; grandchildren, Jonathan, Kurt, Hannah, Matthew, Sarah, Jack D., Cameron, Jessica, Meghan, Jack R., Carson, and Ryan; plus great grandchild, Mya. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and additional family members and friends.

Greg is remembered as a wonderful father and a kind-hearted, loyal man. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and colleagues.

THE FAMILY OF GREGORY ALLEN BRUNS

IN MEMORIAM
JOHN W. CAREY
MARCH 21, 1937 – DECEMBER 11, 2018

John W. Carey, a third-generation attorney, was proud of his family's history in the Minnesota legal community and even prouder that the legacy continues into our family's fifth generation. He passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in the early morning on December 11, 2018. Janet, his wife of 53 years, was by his side.

Several years after graduating from William Mitchell College of Law, John ventured out to Fairfax, a town with a population of 1,500, and decided this would be a great place to raise their family. In 1974, John, Janet and their sons, Donovan and Ryan, moved to Fairfax, where John opened up a general law practice. Their daughter Shannon was born shortly thereafter.

In the 1980s, John began focusing his practice on personal injury and medical malpractice, representing people who had been injured. Shannon recalls her Dad spending many weeks in trial each year helping his clients. His love for the law and his clients was intense. As alternative dispute resolution became common place in civil practice, John expanded his practice to include mediation and arbitration services, in addition to his trial practice. John thrived in his ADR practice. He appreciated working with all parties, and facilitating ways to resolve their disputes more amicably.

John was young at heart and always looking for the next learning experience. He was a voracious reader, usually reading three or four books at a time—all of which were on different topics. In addition, John loved finding the next "thing," from investigating and purchasing the next big motorcycle (Boss Hoss) to finding new hobbies like painting, kung fu, or music (we found four harmonicas after he passed—none of which he learned to play) to always being ready for a competitive game of cards. There was never a dull moment when spending time with John.

Our world is a little less funny without him. John's wit and humor brightened up our days, and there wasn't a day he didn't make us laugh, many times at stories of his misadventures. John's warmth, kind heart, dancing eyes, and bright smile turned strangers into friends, whether it was standing in a line or riding the elevator.

Dad, thank you for the laughter, the love, and the care you gave us and this professional community. We know you were so proud and humbled to be a trial lawyer.

THE CAREY FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
NORMAN R. CARPENTER
AUGUST 26, 1932 – MAY 31, 2018

The son of a schoolteacher, Norman R. Carpenter was a bright and curious man. He loved words, music, theater, and sports. His legal career covered IBM antitrust to sugar beets to Judge Miles Lord. His creative spirit lives on in the many scrapbooks and verses he wrote for family and friends, the articles and stories he published, the memories he created with his wife, Janet, the experiences he made for his children and grandchildren, and the many people who are grateful for all the times he showed up. He died on May 31, 2018, at 85, from complications of cardiac amyloidosis.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Norm graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College and was an officer with the U.S. Marines in Korea. After finishing law school at the University of Michigan, he moved to Minneapolis in 1960 and was a partner with Faegre & Benson until his retirement in 1998, except for two years when he served as deputy attorney general for the state of Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Janet (nee Gerhauser); his children, Kevin (Joyce Lyons), Cindy (Gregg Roberts), and Katie (Brad) Nelson; grandchildren, Daniel, Claire, Max, Meredith, Graham, A.J. and Lindsay; Janet's children, Kim Powers, Jill Griffiths (Larry Pogemiller), and Guy Griffiths; her grandchildren, Sean, Sky Li, Jia, and Ryan; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his first wife, Mary Lou Judd Carpenter.

Norm served on the board of the Minneapolis YMCA and Camp Warren, the Citizens League, and the Loft Literary Center. He was a regent of Augsburg College, a member of Plymouth Congregational Church (where he was a trustee and deacon), and a member of the Minikahda Club. He was also a longtime advocate for greater awareness around chemical dependency issues and an avid supporter of the StepUP Program at Augsburg University.

From Shakespeare to Snoopy, Mozart to McCartney, Norm enjoyed a quick wit, a wise observation, a good harmony, and a wide circle of friends including the Light My Fire family group and more than 40 years with the Friday Morning Men's Prayer group (which meets on Thursdays). His wide and varied interests included skiing, squash, and golf. And he loved to travel and explore – be it a trip to a distant country, a drive through a national park, an afternoon at an MLB stadium, or simply a weekend at the cabin in Nisswa, Norm engaged in life.

THE FAMILY OF NORMAN R. CARPENTER

IN MEMORIAM
THE HONORABLE JOHN J. CONNELLY

AUGUST 11, 1926 – JUNE 11, 2018

Judge John Connelly grew up in a tiny, diverse, working class section of the Como Park neighborhood of St. Paul. Judge Connelly carried this part of his childhood with him all of his life and treated everyone he met with the same dignity and respect.

In 1944, he graduated from Washington High School in St. Paul, where he played hockey, football, and baseball. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as an electrician's mate on the USS Siboney in the Pacific through the end of World War II. Following the war, he enrolled at Hamline University until he was recruited to play hockey by the University of Minnesota. He got his bachelor's degree in 1949 and his law degree from his beloved University of Notre Dame in 1953.

John Connelly was in private practice with Felhaber, Larson & Fenlon until 1959. He served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1959 until 1965, and was a partner with Bundlie, Kelly & Torrisson from 1964 to 1965. Judge Connelly was appointed a referee in bankruptcy for the District of Minnesota in 1965 and became a bankruptcy judge in 1973. He retired from the bench in 1986, having served as Minnesota's first chief bankruptcy judge. In 1994, after practicing law as a partner at Lindquist & Vennum, Judge Connelly was recalled to the bench to sit in the Southern District of New York, where he served until 2002. After a short stint as a mediator, Judge Connelly retired for the fourth and final time in 2005.

Judge Connelly worked on many notable matters during his long career, including Northern Pipeline Const. Co. v. Marathon Pipe Line Co. The case started in his courtroom, and held that Congress' broad grant of jurisdiction to bankruptcy judges in 1978 violated Article III of the U.S. Constitution. But for Judge Connelly, the most important cases to pass through his court involved proud farmers falling on hard times and small family businesses struggling to save their livelihood and their employees' jobs.

John had a love of all things Irish. He helped start the St. Patrick's Day Association in St. Paul and was Mr. Pat in 1987. John was interested in sports all of his life, playing them in school, following them afterwards, and coaching his children's teams, emphasizing sportsmanship and technical skill. In 1972, he coached his son John's hockey team at St. Gregory's, a Catholic grade school of some 180 students. The luck of the Irish followed the team (they wore green jerseys, of course) to a 14-0 record and the St. Paul City championship, defeating much bigger schools along the way.

Judge Connelly was quietly, deeply devoted to his Catholic faith. During his life, he frequently attended morning mass before going to work. Judge Connelly is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Mary Louise Connelly, seven children, and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by a cadre of attorneys who he mentored throughout his decades-long life in the law.

THE CONNELLY FAMILY

A Memorial to Judge Connelly by United States Bankruptcy Judge Robert J. Kressel delivered at the Judicial Conference of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals is posted in the "Bankruptcy" category in the archives of the Minnesota Legal History Project.

A Memorial to Judge Connelly delivered at Memorial Services of the Ramsey County Bar Association on April 12, 2019, is posted in "Ramsey County Bar Memorials – 2019."

IN MEMORIAM
THE HONORABLE
DIANA STANDAHL EAGON
JULY 18, 1937 – APRIL 9, 2018

Diana Standahl Eagon was born in Belgrade, Minnesota. She attended the University of Chicago where fellow student, William Starr arranged a blind date between Diana and another student, Jack Eagon. Diana and Jack were married on July 3, 1957. Diana and Jack moved back to Minnesota when Jack became a math professor at the University of Minnesota.

After a successful practice in family law, Diana served as a Hennepin County Referee until she was appointed a Hennepin County District Court Judge in 1995. Former Hennepin County Chief Judge Kevin Burke stated, "Judge Eagon spearheaded the courts attempts to more effectively deal with self-represented litigants. She was an innovator." Judge Eagon's favorite case was a temporary restraining order which was instrumental in keeping the Minnesota Twins in Minnesota. Judge Eagon loved to play bridge and would often play a hard-fought game over the lunch hour with her friend and colleague, Judge Mary Winter, who claims that Diana was always positive. "I can't remember ever seeing her angry," said Judge Winter. After retiring from the bench in 2005, she and Jack spent winters at their home in Nokomis, Florida, summers in Minnesota, and a lot of time skiing in Colorado.

Judge Eagon was a sports enthusiast. She was an expert skier, winning National Nastar ski races in 2000 and 2001. In the summer, she loved to waterski and did so well into her 70s. As a member of the Wayzata Yacht Club, she raced sailboats on Lake Minnetonka for 10 years and even captained a boat on the inland waterway near her retirement home in Florida.

Diana Eagon was devoted to the law and fought hard for recognition of women in the law. She served as an active member and was on the board of directors of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) for many years representing Minnesota. After she retired, Diana was also elected to the board representing Florida.

In 2001, the hotel where the NAWJ annual meeting was to be held was destroyed in the 9/11 attacks. Two weeks after the attacks, I flew with Diana to New York to attend the meeting, which had been relocated, and we also visited the scene of the disaster. Most people were afraid to fly at that time, but not Diana. She said that the terrorists would only win if we let them change our plans and our lives. Diana wasn't about to let that happen.

Diana is survived by her husband, Jack; three sons—two of whom are pilots and one a surgeon—Len, Chris, and Mark; as well as her beloved grandchildren, and countless friends and colleagues.

THE HONORABLE CARA LEE NEVILLE

IN MEMORIAM
STANLEY EFRON

NOVEMBER 4, 1930 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Stanley "Stan" Efron, one of the founding members of Henson Efron, passed away on September 28, 2018, at the age of 87. Born to David and Ann Efron on November 4, 1930, in St. Paul, Stan remained there until marrying and moving to Minneapolis in 1961.

Graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953, Stan went on to serve in the U.S. Army JAG Corps stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, until April 1957. In 1958, he joined forces with Bob Rice to form the law firm of Rice and Efron, later known as Efron & Kittler, a three-person firm with a principal focus in the areas of corporate and tax law. In 1976, Efron & Kittler merged with Henson & Tully to form Henson Efron. The new firm had a broader range of capabilities and was able to meet the needs of a greater community. Focused on client service and excellence, Stan was a driving force in building Henson Efron into the firm it is today.

Stan was an amiable and magnanimous man, dedicated to his clients, the firm, and his profession. He was a smart and savvy lawyer with the unique ability to advise clients on a broad range of business issues and lead a litigation team when necessary. Stan was not only a counselor to his clients, but a trusted friend. In 2005, he was awarded a Minnesota Law Review Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his great success and generosity.

With a zest for life outside of work, Stan learned to fly early on and occasionally piloted his legal team to a trial or client meeting. Even if it may have been just as fast to drive, it certainly would not have been as much fun. Also passionate about model trains, he was an active member of the Hennepin Overland Railway Historical Society, a lover of art, and an avid golfer.

Stan is survived by his ex-wife Doris Efron; children, Karen (Tom) Ferris, Keith (Blythe Bucher) Efron, Ellen (Eligio) Efron Pimentel, and Andrew (Christina Lee) Efron; grandchildren, Gina (Brandon) Mihm, Maureen Mitchell, Rosie (David) Welch, Tulum Tellez, Nathan Pimentel, Marty Pimentel, Chloe Pimentel, Maya Efron, and Natasha Efron; great-grandchildren, Charlotte Mihm, Daisy Welch, Charlotte Welch, David Welch, and Robert Welch. Stan was predeceased by his wife, Suzanne Efron; parents, David and Ann Efron; and siblings, Aaron "Ron" Efron, Miles Efron, and Bernice "Bunny" Himmelman.

HENSON EFRON

IN MEMORIAM
MICHAEL P. GALLAGHER
APRIL 5, 1940 – NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Michael P. Gallagher, 78, formerly of Minnetonka, died on November 20, 2018, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Michael is survived by his wife of 55 years, Diane. He leaves behind four children: Sheila (Mike Thompson), Kelly (Stuart MacDonald), Tim (Kristin) and Andrea; as well as nine grandchildren, Ryan and Patrick Kent; Mackenzie, Ian, and Ross MacDonald; Jack and Thomas Gallagher; and Allie and Celia Haggard.

Michael was born in Duluth to Annabelle and Perry Gallagher. He graduated second in his class from Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault in 1958. He attended Johns Hopkins University and graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He later earned his Juris Doctor degree from William Mitchell Law School in St. Paul. He practiced law in the Twin Cities, and later on in Aitkin and Grand Rapids.

Michael loved all sports, especially baseball. He played and coached for numerous amateur town teams including the Long Lake Brewers and the Hamel Hawks. One of the greatest moments in his life was coaching the Hamel Hawks to victory in the 1987 state amateur baseball tournament.

Michael suffered from early-onset Alzheimer's disease for close to 20 years. He spent the last 13 years at the Bigfork Valley Nursing Home in Bigfork, which was near his cabin.

DIANE GALLAGHER

IN MEMORIAM
HARRY GUSTAFSON
MAY 21, 1917 – JANUARY 23, 2018

Harry Gustafson was an excellent attorney, a successful developer and a very good man. Harry was a member of the "Greatest Generation." The era encompassing Harry's lifetime was arguably unique in providing individuals the opportunity to realize their natural abilities and talents, regardless of their socio-economic status at birth.

Harry's parents both immigrated to Minneapolis from Sweden as teenagers in the first decade of the 20th century, with little formal education and no money. They had a strong desire to become Americans and see their children achieve the "American Dream." Harry grew up near Lake Nokomis and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1935.

After graduating from high school, Harry attended Minneapolis School of Law (a night school which subsequently merged with William Mitchell College of Law.) At that time, the Minnesota State Bar allowed any graduate of an accredited law school to take the bar exam without the requirement of any undergraduate college credits. However, before Harry graduated from law school in 1939, this rule was modified, and he was required to have 90 undergraduate credits in addition to his law degree before he could take the bar exam. Accordingly, Harry moved to Iowa, where no requirement for undergraduate credits yet existed, passed that bar and practiced at a small Mason City firm for about one year.

Harry returned to Minneapolis, completed the 90 undergraduate credits at the University of Minnesota and was admitted to the bar in 1942. He said he never met or was aware of another attorney who acquired his pre-law credits after having practiced law in another state.

After being discharged from the U.S. Army, Harry and his brother Walter set up their law office in Edina. Harry served on the Edina Planning Commission during the 1950s and was involved in the approval and construction of the Southdale Shopping Center, the first fully-enclosed retail shopping center in the world.

The main focus of Harry's career was as a real estate attorney and developer. He was a principal in motels, bowling alleys, restaurants, the commercial area at Vernon Avenue and Highway 100 and office buildings near Highway 100 and 494. He was also involved in land development and condominium projects in Florida, particularly Sanibel Island, where he and his beloved wife Doris retired.

While Harry was quick to point out that he was never a candidate to become a partner in the Minnesota Vikings football team, he has been acknowledged as providing the team name. He valued the plaque he received from the Vikings' organization after his friend and Vikings' founding owner, Max Winter, publicly gave Harry credit for the team name.

Harry attributed any success he enjoyed during his long life to his decision to become a lawyer. He felt it was a fascinating profession which opened doors to him in all aspects of his life. His example and enthusiasm for the legal profession encouraged his brother, a son, and a grandson to become attorneys as well.

GREGORY GUSTAFSON

IN MEMORIAM
DAVID KENNETH HACKLEY

MARCH 31, 1940 – APRIL 6, 2018

David K. Hackley passed away on April 6, 2018, at the age of 78. David was born March 31, 1940, in Chicago, the eldest of two children of Lewis and Helen Hackley. He grew up in Oxford, Ohio, and attended the Miami of Ohio University, where he received his undergraduate degree in English. He went on to receive his master's degree in American studies from the University of Wyoming and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1965.

David was an adventurer who had a passion for the outdoors, the skies and world history. He lived in Minneapolis, but also maintained a residence in Winter Park, Colorado, on the banks of the Fraser River where he enjoyed Rocky Mountain motorcycling and pursuits of western mountain living. He earned a private pilot's license in 1982 and was a member of the Club Cherokee group at the Shamrock Airport in Crystal, where he flew small aircraft for years. David was an accomplished historian, with a particular interest in the area of military history who travelled the world in pursuit of battle ground memorials, aviation museums and famous historical sites. He visited many of these sites with beloved friends and family.

Throughout his lengthy law career, David excelled in many facets of the law, including contract law, intellectual property, and litigation. His common sense approach to the law, combined with his keen intellectual skills, resulted in a successful career and one that forged long term business relationships that eventually became lifetime friendships with his clients. Up until his death, David was an active member of the Toastmasters. He belonged to the Cosmopolitan Toastmaster Club based out of Edina.

David was a voracious reader and prolific writer. His first letter to the editor of the Minneapolis Star Tribune was published in the mid-1970s. He would eventually have over 30 letters published in the Star Tribune, each with his own unique wit and well-researched viewpoint.

Ultimately, David's greatest love and passion was for his family. He will forever be fondly remembered for weekly dinner dates with his grandchildren where he would challenge, educate, and entertain them. David's best friend and companion was Liz Gann. Together they enjoyed many adventures throughout the United States. David is survived by Liz Gann, Gretchen Foht (Bob), and David Hackley (Holly). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nick, Caitlin, Megan and Ellie Foht, and Isabella, Addison and Sami Hackley; and faithful furry companions, Bear and Ricki.

GRETCHEN AND ROBERT FOHT

IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM J. HANLEY
OCTOBER 7, 1942 – MAY 4, 2018

Bill was born in 1942, and he grew up in Westchester, Illinois. He graduated from St. Francis High School in Wheaton, Illinois, and from St. Thomas College in St. Paul. He received his Juris Doctor in 1968 from the University of Minnesota Law School. He became a law clerk for Judge Edward Parker in Hennepin County District Court. Bill then practiced with John Miller in the Title Insurance Building. Later, he joined forces with John Harrigan and moved to the 1900 Hennepin Building where they practiced for many years. Bill was admitted to practice in U.S. District Court of Minnesota, U.S. Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court, U.S. Tax Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the early 1950s, Bill's father LeRoy brought Little League to Westchester, a brand new suburb of Chicago bustling with building and activity. Bill was taken with the process and the opportunity to play a sport so beloved. As an adult, he became a willing volunteer with a passion for baseball. Bill began coaching Park South Little League in 1984, and became president in 1989. He also hosted the Tochigi Baseball Tournament with Little League players from Japan.

Several of his summer jobs were especially formative for Bill. Working in downtown Chicago at the Greyhound Bus Depot unloading baggage gave him the most motivation to stay in school. He particularly enjoyed being the apprentice to the 7-Up delivery man. He also worked at Perkins and Will Architects in the center of Chicago. Fighting the congestion to get downtown every day made him vow to stay in Minnesota.

While clerking for Judge Parker, Bill took up swimming over his lunch hour. This chosen workout served him for many years. In 1977, he won his age division in a 34 mile swim, and in 1978 he won in a 44 mile swim. Coming in first in his age group in 1987 during a swim across Lake Minnetonka was a grand feat.

During the summer of 1965, Bill and a friend traveled through Europe. Ireland was his favorite part of the trip, and Bill bought The Dublin Walk in 1989. Having a chance to bring a slice of Ireland to the Twin Cities made him very happy.

Bill was a great lawyer, friend, dad, son, uncle, grandfather, and husband. He made a difference in many ways: creating a brighter future for the young people he coached and tutored, providing a gentle helping hand for his clients, and meeting for a breakfast or lunch with a kind word for a friend. He was also a doting uncle, a caring and doting grandfather, a super Dad, and an attentive and loving husband. He died on May 4, 2018, of congestive heart failure.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sheila; daughter, Margaret Salatino (Mark); sons, Brendan (Nara P. Inthachuea) and Kevin (Mary); as well as six grandchildren, Caleb, Daniel, Noah, Ryan, Luke, and Mira.

SHEILA HANLEY

IN MEMORIAM
VICTOR C. JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 12, 1936 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Victor C. Johnson passed away on September 22, 2018, in Bloomington. He was 82 years old.

Vic was a proud graduate of North High School in Minneapolis, following which he served eight years in the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of petty officer. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1964.

For 54 years, he practiced exclusively in the area of workers' compensation defense, and the first eight of those years as in-house counsel for Employers Insurance of Wausau. In 1972, he joined Raymond W. Fitch in establishing the firm of Fitch & Johnson, which is currently known as Fitch, Johnson, Larson & Held. Since the 1970s, he engaged in asbestos litigation with approximately the last 20 years of his practice focused exclusively in that area. He was considered by many to be the dean of asbestos defense work. He was still actively engaged in that work up until his passing.

Many lawyers from other firms have commented upon Vic's willingness to mentor new lawyers entering asbestos litigation and how much they appreciated his kindness, professionalism and good humor. He was patient, encouraging and always willing to render assistance.

A stop by his office would generally guarantee a few laughs and was a great way to start the day. He was an excellent lawyer, a good family man and a loyal friend. He is missed.

Vic was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Maggie. He is survived by five children: Vicki, David, Steven, Leslie Anderson, and Thomas, as well as 10 grandchildren.

DAVID N. LARSON

IN MEMORIAM
VINCENT E. JOHNSON
DECEMBER 4, 1920 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Our father lived a long and wonderful life. He always called himself "lucky," not because he won a lottery but because he survived WWII, married the love of his life, raised 10 children and practiced law for 64 years with his friend and mentor, Robert Speeter.

Vincent grew up in North Minneapolis, the only child of Albert Johnson and Irene Quinn. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School, the University of St. Thomas, and the University of Minnesota Law School in 1948. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was part of the invasion task force on Guam, where he was assigned to the Air Command Group until the end of the war. After law school, he worked for the U.S. Office of Price Stabilization as legal counsel. He also met the love of his life, Ruby Johnson, on a blind date. They married in 1952 and spent 61 years together raising 10 children. They also sponsored and took in Hmong refugees, two cousins who lost their mother, and a teenager who had been bootied out of her home.

They also provided meals for the homeless through Catholic Women's Tuesday Club. For excitement, they skied often at Trollhaugen. Vincent occasionally acted, including roles on Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman and It Came from Somewhere Else, both being his son Tim's projects. For nearly six decades, he was partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Speeter, Johnson, Hautman & Olson. He served as a co-founder and president of the Serra Club Northwest and St. Therese Home, and he was an organizer of a group of attorneys opposed to the Vietnam War in the late 1960s.

A lifelong Catholic, Vincent co-chaired a number of building campaigns for Catholic schools and churches.

His clients consisted primarily of family-owned businesses, several of which have become national corporations. He mentored many people, but especially his children, including those in the legal profession: his son, Patrick; daughter, Barb; and granddaughter, Emily. He always had a kind word and positive attitude for clients, friends, and children.

When in 2012, the co-founder of the firm Robert Speeter passed on, our Dad finally attained at age 91 the rank of "Senior Partner," which he celebrated by promptly retiring. Our Dad was sharp to the end and asked that his tombstone at Ft. Snelling Cemetery, next to our mother, read "Lucky Man."

THE VINCENT AND RUBY JOHNSON CHILDREN

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT W. KETTERING, JR.
SEPTEMBER 9, 1948 – APRIL 22, 2018

Robert W. Kettering, Jr., 69, died on April 22, 2018, in his Minneapolis home. Bob was married to his wife, Susan Kettering, for 39 years. He was a consummate lawyer, endearing father, and caring husband. Bob was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease several years ago, which forced him to leave the law practice that he dearly loved in 2011.

Bob was truly a student of the law and an effective teacher to those who were privileged to be trained by him. Bob's lasting legacy that he shared with so many was his amazing intellect, his disarming wit, and his kind, respectful demeanor. He had the ability to win over juries and colleagues alike with his self-deprecating humor and grace.

Bob graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1966 and Princeton University in 1970. He attended law school at the University of Minnesota, where he graduated in 1973. Early in his law practice, he accepted a position with the then fledgling Arthur Chapman Law Firm, and helped build it into one of the most well-known civil litigation law firms in the state. No challenge was too large or complex, and he successfully took hundreds of cases to trial. One of Bob's proudest professional moments came when he was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2010.

Bob will be remembered best for his unwavering integrity and the humanity with which he approached everything in life. Although he would be the first one to tell you he was not a man of significant physical stature, he will certainly cast a long shadow on all of those with whom he had contact throughout his life. He was, in many respects, a larger-than-life figure and will be greatly missed.

Bob will be remembered for his dedicated love of his wife, two daughters and son-in-law, family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, the practice of law, the game of golf, Princeton, DeLaSalle, his respect for education, his witty sense of humor, and reading at least one page of *The New Yorker* before falling asleep at night—not necessarily in that order.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents Gloria (Bode) and Robert W. Kettering, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Susan (Foord); daughter, Louise Dann, and her husband, Eli Olken-Dann; and his daughter, Sara Jane.

**COLLEAGUES, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS
OF ROBERT W. KETTERING, JR.**

IN MEMORIAM
PAUL KLAVERKAMP
APRIL 20, 1933 – MARCH 13, 2018

Paul Klaverkamp, age 84, of Minneapolis, died peacefully on March 13, 2018, in Sarasota, Florida. Paul was born in Mankato on April 20, 1933, the son of Sarah Ruth (Carrigan) and Paul Klaverkamp, Sr. Early in life he developed the habit of entering and winning arguments, becoming a champion debater at Loyola Catholic High School in Mankato and, as a senior, leading his team to the national tournament, where, the story goes, he lost only to God—and then not by much.

After high school, Paul spent a fruitless year and a half at the University of St. Thomas, where, as he often said, he devoted his time to playing bridge and fretting about whether the woman he then loved, Sharon, loved him back. It turned out she did, as evidenced by their marriage in 1955 and the four above-average children that resulted. Following an unusually stern lecture from his father, Paul enlisted in the Army Air Corps (soon to be the Air Force) and became a navigator in the Strategic Air Command. Years later, he enjoyed singing the "Air Force Song" to his children ("Off we go into the wild blue yonder..."), who eventually learned to sing it along with him, making the house sometimes sound like an Air Force training academy.

Having settled in the Twin Cities after four years of military service, Paul earned a liberal arts degree from the University of Minnesota and then entered the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating in 1961. He soon joined the law firm of Neville Johnson & Thompson (subsequently Thompson & Klaverkamp, later merging with Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly). In a long and successful legal career, Paul won the trust and admiration of many corporate and entrepreneurial clients, all the while mentoring a number of young attorneys who, no longer young, continue to attest his crucial influence on them and their careers.

Paul was a lover of poetry. He recited his favorite poems over and over to his children throughout their childhood and young adulthood, engraving many beautiful and mysterious lines in their memories forever after. Paul was preceded in death by his wife Joan, son Greg, and brother Robert. He is survived by his daughter Lisa Klaverkamp (Ron Gronfor) of Plymouth; sons Joel (Robin Christianson) of Silver Spring, MD, and Jon (Anne Hodgson) of Minneapolis; granddaughters Anna, Frances, and Mariel; and grandsons Charles, Soren, Henry, and Max.

LISA KLAVERKAMP
JOEL KLAVERKAMP
JON KLAVERKAMP

IN MEMORIAM
BARBARA J. 'BJ' KUHN
APRIL 25, 1952 – MAY 15, 2018

Barbara Kuhn, known to friends, family and co-workers as "BJ," died at her home on May 15, 2018, after courageously battling lung cancer for almost four years. BJ was born and raised in Morgan. She was valedictorian of her high school class, she earned a B.A. with distinction from the University of Minnesota-Morris, and she graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1977. After being the first woman attorney hired by Maun Green in St. Paul and working for Maun Green for a couple of years, she achieved her vocational aspiration when she began working for low-income clients as an attorney for Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. For almost 40 years, she served low-income clients, primarily assisting them with issues involving government benefits. In 2015, she was awarded the Minnesota Justice Foundation Direct Legal Service Award "for her commitment to providing legal services to low-income clients; giving a voice to those who need to be heard."

Outside of her work at Legal Aid, BJ was passionate about her family, friends, and her life outdoors. She loved to read and was an avid tennis player. She also enjoyed hiking, downhill and cross-country skiing, traveling, playing golf, bicycling and vacationing on Madeline Island.

BJ is survived by Bill Sjöholm, her husband of almost 37 years; her daughters, Lindsay Lenhardt and Anika Heng; her son-in-laws, Nick Lenhardt and Sakal Heng; grandsons, Greyson Lenhardt and Holden Heng; granddaughter, Ryan Lenhardt; siblings, Cathy Menendez and George Kuhn; her beloved nieces and nephews; and her golden retriever, Millie.

BJ will forever be remembered for her calm, selfless, kind and gentle nature. She was devoted to her family and friends and always prioritized the interests of others over any concerns for herself. She was a gem.

BILL SJÖHOLM

IN MEMORIAM
C.D. 'JERRY' MAHONEY, JR.
SEPTEMBER 20, 1931 –MARCH 8, 2018

C.D. "Jerry" Mahoney, Jr., was born in Minneapolis in 1931 to C.D. and Frances Mahoney, the sixth of seven children. He attended Christ the King elementary school, St. Thomas Academy, and the College of St. Thomas, and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota. He married Judith Elena Swanson in 1955. After serving in the Air Force in Waco, Texas, Jerry returned to Minnesota, where he began his 40-year career in the bond department of Dorsey & Whitney. Although he lived almost his entire life in southwest Minneapolis, he gamely accepted the challenge of opening a Dorsey office in Hong Kong in the late 1980s. Jerry retired from Dorsey in 2005.

After Judy passed away in 1974, Jerry bore the dual burdens of a demanding profession and a household of five children gracefully and without complaint. Jerry was a consummate gentleman and a feminist before there was a word for it. He knew the challenges of balancing the obligations of work and family faced by women lawyers rising behind him, because he lived it. Jerry knew that women could do as well as men in a municipal finance practice, and he mentored and taught many men and women in the public finance practice.

He was a precise and demanding lawyer who had high standards and a great sense of humor. Jerry thought the best of everyone. His clients consisted of states and their agencies, counties, cities and school districts in Minnesota and throughout the country. In addition, he represented underwriters, banks and large companies in the public finance and revenue-financing areas.

Jerry was instrumental in securing the bond financing for the construction of the Joe Robbie stadium for the Miami Dolphins NFL team. Team owner Joe Robbie first lobbied for a new stadium in 1984 for the Dolphins. After a site was selected, construction began December 1, 1985. In August 1987, the first football game was played at the stadium.

In the late 1980s, Jerry traveled to Hong Kong to help lay the groundwork for opening a Dorsey office. In 1995, the firm opened its first Asian office in Hong Kong to serve clients such as Hormel, ADC Telecommunications, and Fourshift Corporation.

He was an active member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Hennepin County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Jerry was a brilliant lawyer and a wonderfully warm human being.

A prodigious reader, Jerry consumed vast libraries of biographies, histories, and spy thrillers. He cherished spending summers in northern Wisconsin at his cabin at Wildwood, where he would sit for hours on the deck overlooking Round Lake with a book in one hand and a gin and tonic in the other.

**THE MAHONEY FAMILY
DORSEY & WHITNEY**

IN MEMORIAM
JAMES P. MARTINEAU
OCTOBER 5, 1929 – MARCH 6, 2018

James P. Martineau was born in Madison, Wisconsin, on October 5, 1929, to James A. and Louise T. Martineau. He was the first of their four children, all raised in Oconto, Wisconsin.

Jim started high school in Oconto, then as a sophomore went to Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. There he became deeply grounded in history and gained confidence in speaking French. He graduated in 1948. He returned to Wisconsin to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduating in 1952 with a B.A. in English. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He also participated in the NROTC, which led him to serve in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant (junior grade) for three years on the destroyer, USS Douglas H. Fox.

After the Navy, Jim attended Harvard Law School. While there, he met Wellesley College student Sally Newhart, and in 1957 they got married. After Jim graduated in 1958, they moved to Minneapolis, where he followed in his father's, grandfather's, and uncle's footsteps and began his career as a lawyer. He was a partner at Lindquist & Vennum, working there from the beginning of his career until his retirement in 1992. To meet the challenges of changing demand over time, Jim's professional life had three main phases: litigation, public offerings, and, finally, commercial real estate.

Jim was a lifelong, diehard reader. He particularly loved history and loved to learn through reading. He taught himself wilderness camping, canoeing, and fly-fishing via reading books. He and Sally traveled abroad a lot together, returning often to France. They also took many fishing, camping, and canoeing trips, and spent lots of time with family at the cabin on Rainy Lake.

He loved his family and his friends. He enjoyed family and school reunions, as well as those with fellow USS Fox officers. He was witty and funny and had an astonishing memory. He used his skills not only as an accomplished lawyer, but also in serving his community. He was a founding member of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Transit Commission. He was active in the DFL party, Citizens League, Foreign Policy Association, Archeological Institute of America, Children's Theater Company, Advocates for Human Rights, and the Voyageurs National Park Association, among other organizations. He was known to chair a good meeting. In recent years, he and Sally enjoyed and benefited from singing with other Alzheimer's families in the Giving Voice Chorus at MacPhail Center for Music.

Jim was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Catherine; and his younger brother, Ted (also a lawyer). He is survived by his wife, Sally; son, James A.; daughter, Helen (Erik Kraus); and two granddaughters, Hazel and Ginger Kraus (all of Minneapolis); brother, Pete (Mona) of Fair Oaks, California; and sister, Mary of Laguna Woods, California.

THE MARTINEAU FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
RONALD I. MESHBESHER
MAY 18, 1933 – JUNE 13, 2018

Respected, revered, and beloved by all, Ron Meshbesher was a truly larger-than-life character. For 40 years Ron's trial skills and magnetic personality made him the most well-known lawyer in Minnesota. Many who met him—even just one time—would proudly say they were “a friend of Ron” because of the way Ron treated each and every person he met. When you had a conversation with Ron Meshbesher, it was you who held his attention, his twinkling eyes (and they did twinkle) never wavered from yours. Ron made you feel like the most important person in the world and, because of that, people always remembered the special way he made them feel.

That ability to connect with people was a gift that came naturally to Ron. It was a skill that served him well, probably no more so than in front of a judge and jury.

Born in Minneapolis in 1933, Ron Meshbesher was raised on the city's north side. As a teenager, he already knew he wanted to become a lawyer. He would read about a case in the newspaper and then take a bus downtown to watch the trial lawyers perform in the courtroom. Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School at age 24, Ron began his courtroom career as a prosecutor for the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. He tried 45 felony cases in his first three years with a conviction rate of 92 percent.

Beginning in 1963 Ron and his brother, Ken, along with Russ Spence, began building the law firm now proudly known as Meshbesher & Spence. For six decades Ron was a highly successful criminal defense lawyer representing clients in many high-profile cases, including the Piper kidnapping case and the Congdon Mansion murder case.

Ron Meshbesher was a president of the Minnesota Association for Justice and was a renowned leader of the state and national criminal defense bar. He was president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and an active member of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. With Ron Meshbesher as its leader in the 1960s, Minnesota developed a reputation of having one of the best and most respected criminal defense bars in the United States. He also volunteered his time to many causes and gave back to the legal community in countless ways.

When Ron was cross-examining a particularly unbelievable witness, skillfully exposing the witness as a liar, he would turn ever so slightly, look over his glasses at the jury, and then share a moment or two, silently communicating what he and the jury were both thinking, i.e. “Can you believe this guy?” It was a beautiful thing to see Ron connect with a jury, something he was a master at doing.

Ron is survived by his wife, Kim; four daughters, Betsy Meshbesher, Wendy Meshbesher, Stacy Meshbesher and Jolie (Eric) Meshbesher Hassler; and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Ken Meshbesher and sister-in-law Katy.

MARK D. STREED

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT G. MITCHELL, JR.
AUGUST 10, 1943 – JULY 30, 2018

Minnesota's legal community lost one of its most outstanding members when Robert G. Mitchell, Jr., of Medina died as a result of acute myeloid leukemia on July 30, 2018, at the age of 74. Bob, or "Bobby" as we called him, will be missed by many in the several communities he served, including his law school classmates with whom he shared lunch with on a monthly basis.

Bobby was born to Robert G. Mitchell, Sr. and Alice Tenny Mitchell. He spent his childhood in Crystal Bay and Woodside, California. He received his undergraduate degree from Trinity College in Connecticut, and in 1968 he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. He first practiced law in New York and then in Minneapolis at Lindquist & Vennum, where he practiced until his retirement in 2009. Bobby was a civic minded person, which led him to serve the community in many ways. He was on the Wayzata City Council from 1978-1980 and the Medina City Council from 1985-1992. He especially enjoyed working with people in the community as mayor of Medina from 2014 right up until his death. He served on several non-profit boards where he was known for his dedicated service and wise counsel.

Beyond his law practice and community service, Bobby Mitchell was a renaissance man with many diverse interests. He loved motorcycles, especially racing them. Sports cars? He raced them, too. One particular incident comes to mind when Bobby zoomed off in a Porsche 911 on Interstate 94 at a high rate of speed with an awestruck passenger on board. Bobby not only sought to impress his passenger with the car's speed, but also with its braking ability. With non-skid brakes chirping away, he brought the car's speed down to under 10 mph—in the center lane of traffic! Horseback riding? The term "riding" does not do his horseman skills justice, as he participated in numerous hunter jumper events and fox hunts. When skiing, Bobby always searched the mountain for the most difficult terrain, and when that was not enough, he would often ski through the trees. It is fair to say he lived life to the fullest in the fast lane, where you would find him leaping off into yet another abyss.

Bobby was curious and sharp, mischievous and clever, loving and gentle. He was known for his passion for history, dry sense of humor, dedication to public and community service, and for his love of his wife, children and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lucy; sons, David (Jennifer) and Ned (Sarah); daughter, Ella; grandchildren, Isabel and Sumner; sisters, Ann (Steve) Plfaum and Sally (Jon) Lebedoff; together with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bobby was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

JOHN WINSTON

IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM E. MULLIN

APRIL 15, 1934 – MARCH 10, 2018

William E. "Bill" Mullin passed away peacefully at home on March 10, 2018, following a courageous and dignified 10-year struggle with a motor disorder, Apraxia. A lifelong Minnesotan, Bill grew up in Minneapolis and starred in track as a high school student. After earning his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Minnesota, he served in the offices of both the U.S. Attorney General and Minnesota Attorney General. He established his own law firm in 1964, and he practiced there until 1978, when he joined Minneapolis-based Maslon as a partner, remaining there for the rest of his career.

As an attorney, Bill was admired for his depth of knowledge, integrity, sense of humor, and commitment to service. He was a board member of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis and a volunteer at the Children's Law Center. He also served as president of the Minnesota chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and as chair of the Committee on Family Law. Among the many honors he received during his career was the Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Bill became involved with Minnesota DFL politics from an early age, and over the years he raised substantial sums for the state's Democratic candidates. In 1968, he took a break from practicing law to work on Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign. In more recent years, he was a strong supporter of President Barack Obama. He attended Obama's inauguration in 2008.

"I was very close to Bill for 30 years—he was a star in my office when I was a young attorney general," former Vice President Walter Mondale told the Star Tribune. "I believe he was the most respected family lawyer in Minneapolis. He was a wonderful Minnesotan."

Bill loved to spend time with his family, and he was a role model to his two children, nieces, nephews, and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Bill was a marathon runner, avid skier, and he traveled the world with his family and friends. Bill is survived by his wife, Chouhei Min Mullin; his daughter, Elizabeth; three grandchildren; and three siblings. His beloved son, Eddie, passed away from cancer in 2015.

COLLEAGUES, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS
OF WILLIAM E. MULLIN

IN MEMORIAM
THE HONORABLE DIANA MURPHY
JANUARY 4, 1934 – MAY 16, 2018

Diana Murphy tried to be a champion of justice and opportunity for all, and promoted education as a means to improve everyone's lives. She dedicated her life to these causes in both her personal and professional lives. Diana Murphy was born in Faribault on January 4, 1934. She attended St. Luke's Elementary School in St. Paul, graduated from St. Paul Central in 1950, and received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota in 1954. She also attended the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz on a Fulbright scholarship, and was a graduate student and teaching assistant in the history department at the University of Minnesota where she met her future husband, Joseph E. Murphy, Jr.

In 1971, she returned to law school at the University of Minnesota, where she worked on the law review as an editor before receiving her Juris Doctor in 1974. She worked as a litigator at Lindquist & Vennum until she was appointed by Gov. Wendell Anderson to the Hennepin County Municipal Court in 1976. She was subsequently appointed to the Hennepin County District Court in 1978 by Gov. Rudy Perpich. She was the first woman appointed as a federal judge for the district of Minnesota in 1980 and to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1994. She was the only woman on that federal appellate bench until 2013.

Judge Murphy was very dedicated to education and took great pride in mentoring her law clerks during her 42 years as a state and federal judge. She always tried to use compassion in her work when the facts and circumstances allowed her to do so. She enjoyed the intellectual rigor of her work, and particularly loved the collegiality of the bench and the interaction with her fellow judges, trying to never lose her sense of humor or her humility. She wrote a number of landmark decisions while she served on the federal bench. She also dedicated her time outside of the law and her family to numerous civic organizations including chairing the University of St. Thomas Board of Trustees, the University of Minnesota Foundation Board, and the St. John's University Board. She took senior status in 2016, but continued to work full-time through the end of April of 2018. She died on May 16, 2018.

JOHN MURPHY
MICHAEL MURPHY

A Memorial to Judge Murphy delivered at Memorial Services of the Ramsey County Bar Association on April 12, 2019, is posted in "Ramsey County Bar Memorials – 2019."

IN MEMORIAM
SCOTT M. NELSON
SEPTEMBER 18, 1959 – MARCH 23, 2018

Scott had the heart of a champion as well as the patience of a saint and used both of these attributes to live a life of honor, gratitude, and compassion. He believed deeply in the duties of life: that all people had the right for their stories to be heard, that everyone deserved to be treated with respect—especially the most vulnerable, and that whatever good fortune he obtained, it should always be paid forward to help those who were less fortunate.

After graduating from his beloved St. John's University, Scott began his career in the accounting industry. However, after spending several years in the town of Marshall auditing a large company, he turned his attention to law, a profession that would keep him closer to home. A proud graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, Scott focused his career on estate & trust law. Having worked at several firms in the Minneapolis area for over 30 years, Scott finally found his "home" at Hellmuth & Johnson. There he was surrounded by intelligent, value-minded colleagues and staff who shared many of his professional beliefs. Scott's family can never thank them enough for their support during his illness and eventual death.

While no longer practicing, Scott remained active in the CPA society, where he made several wonderful friends. He was also an advocate of the estate & trust practice, lobbying with the legislature, participating in many training sessions, and authoring articles. One of the pinnacles of his career occurred when he was accepted into the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a national organization solely dedicated to the advancement of estate & trust law. Scott frequently used his knowledge to mentor others who were just starting out, and he never turned down the opportunity to help.

Despite his dedication to the practice of law, Scott's true passion was his family. He actively participated in his two sons' lives. He was always ready and willing to be a scout leader, baseball coach, avid fan, and fellow adventurer, and he was so proud of their accomplishments, no matter how big or small. While his patience was often tested, he never let them down. Later in life, he bestowed that same character to his stepchildren whom he treated as his own. And while loving them all, his heart was truly captured by his three granddaughters. He was a consummate 'Papa'—always ready with a hug and a kiss, a back rub, or a spin in his chair.

Scott is deeply missed by his wife, Barbara; his two sons, Matthew and Daniel; his daughter-in-law, Krissy; his stepchildren and granddaughters; his dedicated father, Darhl; adoring sister, Stacey; and three nephews. His absence is felt throughout the legal and CPA communities, the many charities that were the recipients of his time and talents, as well as with his St. John's brothers. He instilled a legacy of goodness that is proudly being carried on.

**BARBARA NELSON ON BEHALF
OF THE NELSON FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM
HARDING A. 'BUD' ORREN
DECEMBER 14, 1920 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Born to immigrant parents, Harding "Bud" Orren grew up in St. Paul. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II, where he survived a kamikaze attack on his ship. Returning from the war, Bud finished law school at the University of Minnesota and married the love of his life, Charlotte. In 1947, he joined the small but growing law firm then known as Robins, Davis & Lyons, now Robins Kaplan. Bud became an early leader in the development of the firm's national trial practice. A skilled trial lawyer in his own right, Bud managed the exceptional growth of the insurance litigation practice which became national in scope in the 1960s and 1970s. He also served as managing partner of the firm during this time period. Bud supervised a number of young lawyers eager to become experienced in the courtroom. We were given opportunities to make important decisions as well as learn from our mistakes.

By the end of the 1970s, insurance clients were requesting the establishment of regional offices. Bud was the point person for establishing the initial regional offices in Atlanta and Orange County, California.

Early on in his practice, Bud had a fascination in new technology that could be applied to the practice of law. The firm was an early adapter of electric typewriters, copying machines, and dictating machines. He was a respected leader in office management and served on ABA committees dealing with new technology.

Bud had many hobbies which he pursued with the same vigor that he practiced his profession. He was an artist, pilot, craftsman, photographer, traveler, and avid golfer. He loved building and flying model airplanes, which he pursued along with golf in his retirement years in Rancho Mirage, California. He continued in retirement to maintain contacts with the firm, and we were all fortunate to see him at some of the partner retreats.

Bud's technological introductions to the firm, coupled with his management skills, were significant factors in the firm's early growth into a nationally recognized trial practice. We are all very grateful for our time together in the firm.

Bud is survived by his wife, Harriet; his children, Beverly (Lewis) Perlson, and Jeffrey (Pam) Orren; grandchildren, Mark (Mae) Perlson, David (Katie Watkins) Perlson, and Joseph Orren; three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

JAMES L. FETTERLY

IN MEMORIAM
ROGER A. PETERSON
APRIL 6, 1931 – MARCH 2, 2018

The legal profession in Minnesota lost a well-regarded member and leader when Roger A. Peterson of Marine on the Saint Croix passed away at the age of 86 on March 2, 2018. Family members, friends, former clients and fellow lawyers will miss him.

Roger A. Peterson was born on April 6, 1931, in Minneapolis to Alan and Laura Peterson. He grew up in South Minneapolis and was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota and his law degree from the University of South Dakota Law School in Vermillion, South Dakota. Roger served as an officer in the U.S. Marines. Upon his return to Minnesota, he practiced law for nearly 50 years in Minneapolis with the law firm of Peterson, Engberg & Peterson. He was an early commissioner with the Hennepin County Park Reserve District, and he was always a strong supporter of public recreation facilities. He was a director and officer of Union Bank & Trust.

As a lawyer, he engaged in the general practice of law, representing clients on many different matters, but he had great empathy with the interests and concerns of the working class and developed a practice that emphasized labor law, the interests of workers, and labor unions. He was highly regarded in the labor community for his efforts. He was active in community affairs and in DFL politics, an arena where he was a friend and supporter of several of Minnesota's most prominent political leaders.

Roger had a special interest in how the courts treated those who were less advantaged in life. This interest prompted him to run for the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1996. He lost that election but garnered more than 46 percent of the vote in one of the closest Supreme Court elections in recent Minnesota history. A key issue in his campaign centered on Roger's belief that workers and unions are a critical part of our society and their rights need to be protected under the law. His other legal activities included representing various labor organizations, including the Minnesota Federation of Teachers and Minnesota AFL-CIO.

Outside the practice of law, Roger found pleasure in spending time with family and friends and many outdoor activities, including boating, sailing, fishing, and traveling.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Neal D. Peterson. He is survived by daughters, Megan Mulkey and Jessica Peterson; his longtime devoted companion, Karen Shipman; and her sons, Charles and Jason Shipman; and the grandchildren of Roger and the grandchild of Karen Shipman.

Roger was a generous and compassionate person who was an inspiration and mentor to many. He devoted his life to helping others and will be missed because of the impact he had on their lives.

JOHN G. ENGBERG

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM POSTEN, SR.

MARCH 10, 1931– DECEMBER 4, 2018

In his 23 years as a Hennepin County judge, Judge Bill Posten is remembered for overseeing some controversial and chaotic cases—all with remarkable calm.

"He was a very patient person," said Judge Kevin Burke. "I can't remember anyone saying Bill Posten raised his voice about anything. There are judges who aren't great listeners and have kind of made up their mind, but Bill truly listened, a hallmark of being a very good trial judge."

Bill was born on March 10, 1931, in East Moline, Illinois, and grew up with six brothers and two sisters. Bill graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and then moved to Minneapolis to live with relatives. He landed a job at Greyhound Lines and did a stint in the Army in the early 1950s.

When Bill returned, he returned to Greyhound and attended law school at night. Bill earned his law degree in 1959 and became an attorney for the Social Security Administration before joining the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 1961, where Hennepin County Attorney and future Minnesota Supreme Court Justice George Scott hired him. Bill served as a prosecutor for many years, and he headed the county's criminal division for 11 years before being appointed to the bench in 1973 by Gov. Wendell Anderson. "Bill found that's where he belonged," said Polly Posten, his wife.

Bill and Polly met in 1970, enjoying their first date at the historic revolving restaurant atop the old St. Paul Radisson hotel. At the time, Bill was a widower raising five children alone. Polly was a teacher who loved kids.

Among his biggest cases as a judge was the 1991 retrial of Leonard Richards, a Minneapolis man accused of murdering his attorney. After what was believed to be the longest criminal trial ever in Hennepin County—and the most expensive in state history at the time—a jury found Richards guilty.

Bill was active in the community. He got up very early to teach at the Police School. In his extra time he served on the governing boards of the Salvation Army, Turning Point, Genesis II, the March of Dimes, and the Community Health Welfare Council. He played racquetball, tennis, and loved golf. He and Polly traveled when they could and loved and supported local live theater and jazz for 43+ years.

Judge Posten is survived by Polly, his wife of 43 years; children Scott, Elaine and Melissa; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth, and two children, Karen and David.

Bill had class and style. His mother-in-law would always say, "Bill you look so handsome and fashionable—as if you just came out of a Nordstrom box." Most important, Judge Posten will be remembered for his generosity of heart toward all. His voicemail greeting sums it up best, "Hello you beautiful person."

POLLY POSTEN

IN MEMORIAM
CURTIS LLOYD ROY
AUGUST 10, 1924 – JANUARY 27, 2018

Curtis Lloyd Roy passed away peacefully on January 27, 2018. He joins Joanie, his beloved wife of 66 years, in heaven. Curt is survived by his 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family, who were his primary focus and the source of love and joy in his life.

Curt was born in Minneapolis in 1924, and grew up in Duluth. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1948 and an LL.B degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1950. Curt remained an avid Gopher football fan for his entire life. He joined the law firm of Dorsey, Colman, Barker, Scott & Barber, now Dorsey & Whitney, in 1951. As a young lawyer, he developed the firm's practice representing management in labor and employment litigation—the genesis of the firm's current labor and employment practice. Curt became a partner at Dorsey in 1957 and was one of the premier labor and employment lawyers in the region until his retirement in 1989. He was a brilliant lawyer who contributed immeasurably to Dorsey's success and to the fabric of the firm's community over his long career.

In retirement, Curt and Joanie traveled the world, and they visited all seven continents—yes, even Antarctica! They showered their family with love and affection. Curt was an active participant in many community organizations and had a deep passion for history, particularly the North American fur trade and the Civil War. A dedicated member of the Minnesota Historical Society, Curt served on the executive council for 25 years, including a term as president. He played an instrumental role in building the Minnesota History Center and establishing the Grand Portage National Monument. He also served on the University of Minnesota Law School Board of Visitors and Law Alumni Board of Directors. He found great comfort and joy in his Catholic faith, and he was an active member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Curt loved history and took his family along for the ride. On summer vacations, he packed the family into the station wagon and headed east to famous Civil War memorials. "We went to Civil War battlefields for Dad, and he went to Virginia Beach for us," recalled one of his daughters. Along the way, if they saw a sign along the road that read "Historical Marker" all the kids rolled their eyes because they knew their father was going to pull over so everyone could pile out to read it. "We called them hysterical markers," his daughter remembered.

DORSEY & WHITNEY

IN MEMORIAM
CONNOR SCHMID
SEPTEMBER 10, 1930 – MAY 31, 2018

Connor Francis Schmid was born on September 10, 1930, in St. Cloud, and died on May 31, in Edina, at the age of 87. He graduated from North Saint Paul High School in 1948. After attaining his bachelor's degree, Connor enrolled at the University of Minnesota Law School and graduated with his Juris Doctor degree in 1954.

Following law school, Connor served as a law clerk for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and then for the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1955. In 1956, he served as a U.S. JAG officer in Korea, and for the years 1957 through 1961 he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Minnesota.

Connor left the office of the U.S. Attorney to join the Minneapolis law firm of Mackall Crounse & Moore (now Dewitt Mackall Crounse & Moore) where he practiced for 32 years. His practice thrived at Mackall Crounse & Moore where his principal practice area was business law litigation. The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office retained Connor in 1979 to quarterback one of his best-known cases relating to the condemnations undertaken by the city in connection with the City Center redevelopment project in downtown Minneapolis.

Connor retired from Mackall Crounse & Moore in 1993 at the age of 63, but continued his practice as a solo practitioner for the following 17 years, representing a vast list of businesses and individuals. He fully retired from law practice in 2010, which enabled him to pursue his low-stakes poker hobby with a new vigor.

Connor was married to his wife, Kathy (nee Burger) Schmid for 62 years. They were married just 18 days before Connor was required to report for his service with the U.S. Air Force. They were lifelong residents of Minnesota and resided in the White Oaks neighborhood in Edina for over 50 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Schmid and Mary Patricia Schmid; and son, Brian David Schmid. He is survived by his wife; son, Patrick Schmid; granddaughter, Emily; sister-in-law, Judy; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Connor Schmid was an accomplished practitioner; admired by the clients and lawyers who worked with him over the many years of his practice. He was an excellent attorney and a warm and generous person. He is missed by his clients, the members of the bar who practiced with him, and, most especially, his family and his many friends.

THE FAMILY OF CONNOR SCHMID

IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM S. SEELEY
NOVEMBER 8, 1943 – JANUARY 1, 2018

William S. Seeley of Minneapolis passed away peacefully on January 1, 2018, at age 74, surrounded by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond; and brother, David. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jane Hanger Seeley; mother, Lois Elsa Dahl Seeley Young; son, Krishna William (Savitri); daughter, Carey Ann Seeley (Lou) Dzierzak; grandchildren, Ravi (Alexis), Arun, Emily Jane Dzierzak and Jack Seeley Dzierzak; great-grandsons, Noah Krishna and Silas Narayan; sisters, Barbara (John) Seeley Devlin and Kathy (Ted) Durkee; and many loving relatives and friends.

Bill grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Hutchinson. He spent endless hours with friends and siblings discovering and exploring the outside world. He was a passionate debater, Eagle Scout, and Peace Corps volunteer in India. Bill attended the University of Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College, and he received his J.D. from Hamline University. He was also editor-in-chief of the Hamline Law Review, a licensed attorney, certified No-Fault Arbitrator, and adjunct professor at the Carlson School of Management. As an attorney, Bill would like to be remembered for serving people across cultures. He was an advocate for people from many different backgrounds and perspectives.

Bill was an advocate for the YMCA and many other social service organizations. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, swimming, tennis, gardening, theatre, the fine arts, traveling to foreign countries, and being a grandfather and enthusiastic spectator. Bill embraced many cultures from around the world and opened his heart and home to many people. He will be missed for his advocacy and social justice work as a person and as an attorney.

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM S. SEELEY

IN MEMORIAM
DONALD WRIGHT ‘TAD’ SELZER, JR.
AUGUST 26, 1952 – JULY 4, 2018

Tad loved being a lawyer and said he was incredibly lucky to have had the kind of legal preparation and practice he had over the years. He was grateful for the encouragement of his professors in school and on the law review at the University of Minnesota. He was grateful for the old-school traditional celebrations with many mentors, friendships, and cigars over 20 years of labor law practice at the Oppenheimer Law Firm. As a young lawyer, he was lucky to really get to know his new home state of Minnesota as he traveled to the outer reaches of the state representing teachers. He was proud to say he learned the name and location of every county in Minnesota. His argument to the Minnesota Supreme Court resulted in the reversal of the firing of a teacher from Crookston with an unblemished record of 23 years, except for a “bad day.” Early in his career he had a U.S. Supreme Court argument reprinted in a law textbook. He was also lucky to have been co-lead counsel of a case argued at the U.S. Supreme Court.

At a time of great upheaval and change in many law firms, he was lucky to join Marko Mrkonich as founding partners of the Minneapolis office of Littler Law Firm where he remained until his retirement in 2009. Marko and Tad were usually first to arrive to the office and started every morning by checking in and talking about anything and everything, including music, sports, and the law—Jayhawk basketball and Van Morrison were two favorite topics of discussion. This morning routine was the essence of what Tad treasured about practicing law and his friendship with Marko. Despite many complicated physical challenges due to diabetes, the time he practiced at Littler was a time of deep satisfaction from his engagement with the work, and the relationships from this practice where he reveled in the camaraderie of a new network of labor law expertise. He was so fired up about the law that when he had to pass up really good Bruce Springsteen concert tickets to work on an injunction, he just grinned, fist-pumped, and said, “This is what we live for!”

Tad gave his time, expertise, and support to nonprofits. He served on the boards of Neighborhood House in St. Paul and the Regional Blood Services Committee of the American Red Cross. He was chair of the board of Providers Choice.

For 26 years, he shared his vast knowledge and interest in music and his extensive music collection by hosting a radio show on KFAI community radio along with Sara Oxtan. Tad had a wonderful voice that matched who he was: big, bright, warm, and soulful. It was treasured by all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved step-daughter, Keri Kranz; siblings, Claire Whiteman, Ann Selzer, John Selzer, and Kitty Swan; nieces and nephews; and by me, his wife of 26 years.

KJ CONOVER

IN MEMORIAM
RONALD L. SIMON
NOVEMBER 16, 1933 – NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Ronald L. Simon died on November 12, 2018, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlen "Schatzi"; parents, I.E. and Gertrude; and brother, Jerry. He is survived by his children, Steve (Leia) and Andrea; his grandchildren, Sadie, Hannah, and Noah; his brother, Howard (Amy); many nieces and nephews; and legions of loyal friends.

Ron grew up in St. Paul, where his family owned a company that manufactured children's clothing. He graduated from Central High School in 1950. He then attended his beloved University of Minnesota, earning an undergraduate degree in 1954 and a law degree in 1957 (ranking fourth in his class and earning the coveted Order of the Coif award). While there, he played on the Gopher tennis team, making him a lifetime "M Man."

After his service in the U.S. Army, he eagerly started his legal career. He turned away persistent invitations to join the family business, instead deciding to make his own way. It was a calculated risk that paid off. He practiced law for decades in Minneapolis as a trial lawyer and sports agent, achieving spectacular results, winning the respect of his peers, and earning the gratitude of his clients. In the courtroom, where he enjoyed fighting for underdogs, he won the largest medical malpractice verdict (at the time) in Minnesota history. As a sports attorney, he was proud to have represented first-round draft picks in all four major men's professional sports. He took seriously his duty to counsel and advise his sports clients, who were often very young, about how to handle their newfound fame and wealth. He wrote a book entitled "The Game Behind the Game," colorfully recounting many of his negotiations on behalf of professional athletes.

He was more than just his work. He devoted extra time to the University of Minnesota, becoming president of its national alumni association. He was also a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved sunshine, cheering for Minnesota sports teams, tennis, skiing, running, boating, eating sweets, and vacationing with his family. He was fair, patient, methodical, generous, loyal, and adventurous. He had a great sense of humor and a soothing way of making the people close to him feel like everything was going to be okay. The effects of Parkinson's Disease and the sudden death of his wife at a young age took a serious toll on him later in life. But in the face of adversity he was a model of strength and determination.

STEVE SIMON
ANDREA SIMON

IN MEMORIAM
JERRY WAYNE SNIDER
MARCH 17, 1943 – JUNE 9, 2018

Jerry Wayne Snider was born and raised in Salisbury, North Carolina, and passed away peacefully in Shorewood from complications of Alzheimer's in June 2018 with his family at his side. Jerry graduated from Wake Forest University, where he met his beloved wife, Kathy. They began their newlywed life together as teachers in Texas. Jerry then attended and received his law degree from the University of Houston Law School, following which he served as a law clerk on the United States Supreme Court for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice Tom Clark (retired) in 1969-1970. Following that clerkship, Jerry joined the law firm of Faegre & Benson (now Faegre Baker Daniels) in Minneapolis, and spent his career there, during which he served for 12 years on the firm's management committee.

Jerry, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, was a highly respected and much-acclaimed trial and appellate lawyer. He was passionate about the practice of law, and he relished being in the courtroom and fighting for his clients. His passion as a practicing attorney was infectious, so much so that a number of the firm's best commercial litigators sought Jerry's tutelage and had their careers enabled and fostered by him. Those thriving partners and senior in-house counsel of today are Jerry's legacy at the firm and in the profession.

Jerry cared deeply about fairness and justice, both in the legal system and in society. He had a heart for the downtrodden—hence his devotion to the Legal Aid Society and serving underprivileged clients on a pro bono basis. Jerry was generous and compassionate, quick-witted and fun, and genuine and real as a person. He was equally comfortable and adept at providing legal counsel to sophisticated executives at major corporations, to principals of smaller businesses, to tribal leaders, and to individuals of all stations. They all sought and trusted his sage advice and skillful advocacy.

As a trial lawyer, Jerry preached simplicity and focus, and warned against going down "rabbit holes." He wanted to "keep the main thing the main thing" and make it understandable and convincing to a jury and a judge. With his sonorous baritone voice (which could contain a hint of Southern drawl or Texas twang as circumstances might dictate) and his commanding, reassuring presence, jurors and judges alike responded most favorably to Jerry; his arguments and explanations resonated with them. Jerry came across as prepared, thoughtful, authentic, and trustworthy because he was all of that.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Raymond; and his great-nephew, Patrick. Jerry was a loving husband to Kathy (née Cain); dear father to Andy (Anne), Travis (Vanessa), and Alex (Angee); doting grandfather to Mason, Anna, Chloe, and Marvin; and caring brother to Janice Harris (Doug), all of whom survive him.

Jerry will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by family, many friends, and his colleagues at the firm and in the legal profession. Peace to his memory.

JAMES VOLLING

IN MEMORIAM
RALPH STRANGIS
JUNE 22, 1936 – AUGUST 15, 2018

Ralph Strangis passed away on August 15, 2018, at age 82 after more than 60 years of law practice and service to his clients, friends, family and our community. He left us as one of the Twin Cities' preeminent business lawyers. Ralph was a counselor in the broadest meaning of the word (or given his Italian heritage, a consigliere). Never forgetting his family's modest immigrant lifestyle in northeast Minneapolis, Ralph brought his keen intellect and ability to understand the focal points of a legal dispute or business objective, his very tough negotiating skills, his sense of humor, fairness and vibrant personality, his devotion to his clients and their endeavors, his tireless energy, and his knack of finding common ground and creatively solving complex issues in representing his clients and the community at large. Ralph loved being the legal architect for major transactions ranging from stadiums (including the Minnesota Twins' Target Field and Minnesota United's Allianz Field) to airline mergers, financial institution acquisitions, and numerous other high-profile endeavors.

Unlike many lawyers, Ralph served on the boards of directors of his clients. Through successfully addressing thorny and complex legal challenges, Ralph established deep personal and business relationships with entrepreneurs, owners of private businesses, and senior management of public companies. His clients sought not only his legal advice but also his business acumen. Ralph served on many public boards, including United Airlines, Tiger International, TCF Financial, LifeUSA Insurance and National Presto Industries, as well as private client boards in a variety of industries, including automotive, industrial, financial, banking, insurance and health care.

Ralph also had a deep commitment to public and charitable service as the two-time chair of the Minnesota Racing Commission, chair of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, trustee of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and trustee of Catholic Eldercare. Ralph was instrumental in assisting his wife, Grace, to establish and foster the development of the Pathways to Children Foundation that helps and empowers impoverished children in developing countries through carefully selected collaborative projects focused on education, healthcare, and volunteerism.

Ralph also had a full life out of the office. He loved to fish and ventured to the wilds of northern Minnesota or Canada with his law partners, clients, family, and friends several times each summer. He traveled extensively with Grace, his wife of 27 years, family members, and friends on cycling tours, charitable missions, and visits to many countries. He and Grace also loved to entertain at their homes in Minneapolis and Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Ralph was the gold standard for how to be a partner. His leadership, his personal generosity, and his kindness were without parallel.

Ralph will be missed but never, ever forgotten. We are all measured by those who respect us, those who trust us, those who rely on us, those for whom we have done good things and those who love us. By all these measures, Ralph's time on this Earth and in our community was well spent.

BRUCE PARKER

IN MEMORIAM
PETER F. WALSTAD
JUNE 5, 1921—MAY 17, 2018

Peter Walstad passed away just short of his 97th birthday, full of life and planning new adventures. He was born and raised in Minneapolis, graduating from Central High School and receiving both his B.A. and J. D. from the University of Minnesota, where he enjoyed being a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, and was active in both the Mediterranean and Pacific theaters of WWII, participating in the invasions of Southern France and Okinawa.

During his long career working in Minneapolis, Peter practiced insurance defense law with the Mordaunt, Walstad firm, then focused more on corporate law, serving as General Counsel for Flexsteel Industries. He was also active in private practice with an office on the 49th floor of the IDS Tower.

Peter's life reflected his strong work ethic, integrity, and Christian character. His love of teaching and mentoring benefitted many individuals, families, friends, and employees. Living by Lake Minnetonka, he loved skating, fishing, sailing and gardening. Traveling, enjoying good food and company, dancing with his wife, and exercising his mischievous sense of humor also delighted him.

Most of all, Peter was a wonderful family man. He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Mary Gluek Walstad. He is survived by his daughters, Cammy, Chichi, and Petra; grandchildren, Amy, Lori, Tonia, Wendy, Heather, Quinn, Mimi, and John; and twelve great-grandchildren.

THE FAMILY OF PETER WALSTAD

IN MEMORIAM
MICHAEL KENT WALZ
SEPTEMBER 29, 1946 – AUGUST 4, 2018

Michael Kent Walz, of Golden Valley, passed away on August 4, 2018, at the age of 71. Michael was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota in 1946. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northern State University in 1968, and he received his J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in 1976. Michael started his career after college as a high school teacher, and during that time he served as a debate coach and student drama director. He began his legal career with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, first as a law clerk and then as an attorney. After proudly serving for 35 years as a prosecutor, he retired in 2011 as head of appeals. Michael was possessed of great intellect and wit. He was locally and nationally recognized as a speaker and taught at a number of local colleges.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin Michael Walz and Jeanne Marie Walz; and brother, Monte Richard Walz (Vicki). He is survived by wife, Christy Gay Lueck; children, Colleen Marie Walz, Michael Richard Walz (Jaran), Kacy Christine Lueck Walz, and Christopher Michael Lueck Walz; granddaughters, Caroline Grace Walz, Margaret Madison Walz, and Mary Katherine McCall Walz; siblings, Mark William Walz (Paulette), and Michele Georgia (Walz) Stegeman.

Michael's legal skills were exceeded only by his love of his family, his friends, and his Irish heritage. He was generous in spirit, gifted in storytelling, and possessed of a sense of humor that lifted everyone around him. An accomplished musician, he loved singing in local Irish pubs and raising a pint with his many friends in the Irish community. Those of us blessed to have been part of his life know we are the better for his friendship.

One of his favorite songs was a poignant ballad by Eric Bogle entitled Safe in the Harbor. I offer the chorus in Michael's memory...

*But to every sailor comes time to drop anchor
Haul in the sails and make the lines fast
You deep water dreamer, your journey is over
You're safe in the harbor at last*

Safe home, Michael.

MARK GRIFFIN

IN MEMORIAM
CLIFFORD LANE WHITEHILL

APRIL 14, 1931 – AUGUST 15, 2018

Cliff Whitehill was the consummate corporate lawyer. He was born in Houston, Texas, and he began his post-high school education at Rice University, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Texas Law School, where he was editor of the Texas Law Review. He then earned a Master of Laws degree in international corporate law from Harvard University. Cliff's legal career began at the Houston law firm of Childress, Port and Crady, which was followed by an auditing stint at Haskins and Sells. He then served as assistant general counsel at Texas Butadiene and Chemical Company in New York before moving to Minneapolis. He went on to spend 32 years as a lawyer at General Mills, including 19 years as general counsel, senior vice president, and secretary. He was my boss for 16 of those years.

In 1994 he "retired" from General Mills but immediately took on the same role for Darden Restaurants (owner of Red Lobster and Olive Garden restaurants) in Orlando, Florida, which had been spun out as a separate public company from General Mills. He then went on to become executive vice president and general counsel for the Burger King Corporation.

Cliff was an active board member of many law-related and charitable organizations during his career, including the Minnesota Opera, the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, the Better Business Bureau, the Center for Public Resources, the American Arbitration Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Association of General Counsel, and the Harvard Club.

Cliff loved the great outdoors. He especially loved visiting Colorado. His favorite activities were skiing, playing tennis, hiking, water skiing, and flying his own plane. He enjoyed the art of the deal, and I worked with him many times as we negotiated the purchase or sale of businesses for General Mills. He never flinched. He did not eat or drink anything, or appear to need sleep when we were in the thick of it. He was a perfect gentleman in negotiations and taught me by example in that regard. He was looked to by the senior executives at General Mills as the master problem solver, which indeed he was. He also fasted every Friday, so I learned early on not to approach him after 2 p.m. on Fridays with any request, unless a corporate crisis was brewing.

His family was vitally important to him. I saw his face light up whenever they called him at the office, and he always took their calls. He leaves behind his wife, Daisy; three children, Scott, Alicia, and Stephen; and four grandchildren.

THE HONORABLE IVY BERNHARDSON

IN MEMORIAM
ROLFE ALLAN WORDEN
DECEMBER 29, 1939 – FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Rolfe Allan Worden of Golden Valley passed away on February 28, 2018, at age 78, after a long illness. Rolfe was born on December 29, 1939, in South Bend, Indiana. After graduating from South Bend Central High School, he attended the University of Michigan, where he majored in political science. After college, he went on to attend the University of Michigan Law School, where he also served as the assistant editor of the law review. He earned his J.D. with distinction in 1964, and he moved to Minneapolis to begin his law practice with the Popham Haik law firm, which later merged with Hinshaw & Culbertson.

Rolfe was selected as a "Super Lawyer" in his practice area of commercial real estate, and he held an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell. Later in his career, Rolfe served as an adjunct faculty member at the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas, where he taught a popular "New Venture Law" class. He was a recipient of several excellence in teaching and distinguished service awards. Rolfe took special pride in counseling young entrepreneurs in their legal matters, and he celebrated their successes. He also served as president and a director of the Fifty Lakes Foundation, a conservation organization dedicated to preserving Minnesota's land, lakes, and wildlife.

Rolfe was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he rarely missed his grandchildren's school activities.

KEVIN WORDEN

IN MEMORIAM
BARBARA A. ZUREK
DECEMBER 31, 1955 – MARCH 28, 2018

When news of Barb's unexpected passing circulated in the legal community, condolences poured in to her friends and colleagues at Meagher & Geer, the firm where she spent her 28-year career as one of Minnesota's most respected medical-malpractice defense lawyers. "Fierce advocate," "warrior," "brilliant," and "afraid of nothing" were the praises sung by attorneys who had seen her in action, many of them who had been on the other side of the courtroom. But each tribute also included tales of how, at the end of the day, Barb put aside her role as an adversary and became a friend, sharing a laugh and stories of her children, growing up on the north side of Minneapolis, or vacations. As one colleague aptly put it, "She seemed to love even more powerfully than she worked."

That powerful love was evident in her 30-year marriage to Dr. John Zurek, and the way she looked when she talked about her two children, Lauren and Andrew, her stepchildren, Melanie and Brian, and her granddaughter.

Born and raised in North Minneapolis, Barb was a graduate of Patrick Henry High School. She remained a strong supporter of the North Minneapolis community throughout her life and was elected to the Patrick Henry High School Hall of Fame. After high school, she earned a nursing degree from Metropolitan State University and worked as a registered nurse at North Memorial Medical Center. She continued to work full time and raise two children while attending Mitchell Hamline predecessor school William Mitchell College of Law, graduating summa cum laude in 1990.

Barb tried nearly 75 cases during her career at Meagher & Geer and often spoke to healthcare organizations and providers about issues surrounding professional liability. Barb was a member of five invitation-only trial lawyer organizations, including the American College of Trial Lawyers. She was also among the Top Women Super Lawyers since the inception of that list, and among the Top 100 Super Lawyers for 10 years. Barb was also an instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Barb will be remembered as a loyal and dear friend to many, who still, and will perhaps forever, feel her loss. She was a mentor, champion, problem solver and sounding board to so many. Her acts of charity were numerous, but because she was never one to boast, her significant good deeds are known only to those close to her. Suffice it to say, there are many in the community who had a legal or board problem solved, medical care obtained or paid for, shoes to wear, and coats and backpacks to accompany them to school because of Barb's generosity and compassion. Barb was a life force for so many. To quote another colleague and Barb admirer, "When she was your friend, and she was mine, it was true and wonderful." Barb left us all too early on March 28, 2018, at the age of 62. She will be deeply missed.

KATE MCBRIDE

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