

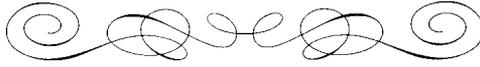


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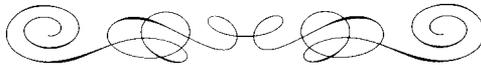
Honoring Local Attorneys Who Passed Away in 2019 & 2020

August 25, 2021 • Noon



Thank you for attending the Cincinnati Bar Association's Annual Memorial Service. We gather today to honor the lives and legacies of Cincinnati's legal professionals who passed away in 2019 and 2020. We respectfully acknowledge the families, friends, and colleagues of those who have passed, and extend to you our deepest sympathy.

We celebrate today the many faceted lives of those who have passed. We commemorate their honorable legal careers, their charitable and scholastic endeavors, their humanitarian efforts, and their dedication to you, their loved ones. Through their work, these individuals made Greater Cincinnati a better, stronger community. We are grateful to have known them and they will always be remembered.



Thank you to the CBA Memorial Committee members for their coordination and collection of 2019 and 2020 memorials:

Kent Britt

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Magistrate Judge Karen Litkovitz

Thomas Cuni

Kenneth Peller

Ralph Ginocchio

Hon. Christopher Wagner

The Cincinnati Bar Foundation provides support for the Memorial Service.

The Cincinnati Bar Association makes every effort to commemorate the lives of deceased members of the bar and the invaluable contributions they made to our legal community. To that end, the Bar publishes legal-career-specific memorials in the CBA Report. If you're aware of a recently deceased member of the bar to be honored with a memorial, please contact the CBA. Email lshokoohe@cincybar.org to ensure that individual is commemorated in the subsequent Memorial Service. Thank you for your assistance. Through honoring our deceased members, we celebrate their legacies and importance to the legal community.

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Welcome

Mag. Judge Karen Litkovitz

Introductions of Presiding Judges

Presiding Judges introduce Judges from their respective Courts

Recognition of Decedents

CBA Immediate Past President, Hon. Chris Wagner

Memorial Homily

Sister Sally Duffy, *Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*

CBA President's Remarks

Sara Cooperrider

*Journalization of Memorials &
Adjournment of Service*

Hon. Chris Wagner



Steven R. Adams

1965 – 2020

On the early morning of November 1, 2020, Steven R. Adams was killed when he was struck by a vehicle on Eastern Ave. while he was riding his bike. Along with Steve's wife, Maria, his children, family, and many, many personal friends and loved ones, the Cincinnati legal community suffered a tremendous loss that day.

Steve was an institution in the Hamilton County Courthouse. His remarkable career included time as a clerk to Judge Norbert Nadel, eight years as an assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor, and since 2000, the founder and proprietor of the Law Office of Steven R. Adams. Steve was a prominent and aggressive litigator, primarily in DUI/ OVI defense.

As a person and an attorney, Steve's energy was boundless. He represented clients with focus and preparedness that lawyers often aspire to but fall short of. He pursued aggressive and creative strategies and his motion to suppress hearings were practically legendary. One of the last such hearings was in my room on October 29. It was continued in progress. Little did I know that we would never finish it, and I'd never see Steve again.

In the days that followed Steve's death many heartfelt tributes were offered from friends and colleagues. Some of the most poignant were from police officers who faced Steve in court and believe he made them "a better cop" through his intense cross examinations. At times, hearings with Steve got heated. He took cases personally. He took his clients personally. No doubt they appreciated Steve's zealotry. I'm glad to see he also earned the respect of so many officers too.

Steve was one-of-a-kind. His energy, generosity, & friendship seemed unlimited. Many knew him strictly as a "prominent attorney", and he was certainly very driven and successful. He aggressively promoted and expanded his practice and eventually purchased an office building that housed his firm. He built a bar in his building he called Filibuster's. Happy hours and fundraisers were held frequently and drew an eclectic mix of courthouse regulars, family, and personal friends.

Steve was a fitness enthusiast. He swam competitively in college & completed the Ironman triathlon in Hawaii four times. He still worked out regularly, including early morning bike rides like the last one he took that cold November morning. But competitive as he was, Steve loved seeing his friends succeed, and he celebrated their successes like they were his own. To have a friend in Steve was to have a friend for life.

One of the last times we spoke outside of court, Steve told me about a fishing trip he'd taken recently with his son and how special it was. It's still hard to believe that he won't be back to share more great stories. I wish I'd taken more time to be the friend to Steve that he was to me. As busy people, we always assume there will be more time tomorrow. I suppose that's the moral of this tragic story: life is fragile and fleeting. Steve exuded a love of life. He was passionate about what he did and he loved intensely those closest to him. I believe he lived to make the most out of each day. What a fine example for the rest of us! The courthouse, especially Municipal Court, is not the same without him. Steve Adams is missed, but he will never be forgotten by those of us fortunate enough to have known him.

— Judge Josh Berkowitz



Hon. F. David J. Albanese

1938 – 2020

Hon. F. David J. Albanese, 82, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2020 at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was born January 30, 1938 to the late Frank and Elizabeth (nee Capozzi) Albanese. After 53 years of marriage in Cincinnati, he is survived by the love of his life, Julie (nee Owens) and four sons; David (Ashley), Greg, Brian (Heather), and Michael (Katie). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; David (Sarah), Megan, Sarah, Joey, Kate, Owen, Bennett,

Ryan, Colin, Violet and 2 siblings; Anne (John) Flaherty, and Joe (Mary) and several loved nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his brother Vincent. David graduated from St. Xavier High School, played football at John Carroll University, later transferred to Xavier University where he received his B.S. in English in 1960. He enlisted in the US Army and served as Medical Specialist. In 1965, he earned his law degree from Salmon P. Chase Law School after taking evening classes. David practiced law for over 50 years, most notably as a Municipal Court Judge for 13 years and a Hamilton County Assistant Prosecutor for 14 years. He also worked in the City Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office, and was an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration. Over the last 20 years, there was rarely a day when he and Julie were not scheduled to attend some type of event for one of the grandchildren and he wouldn't have wanted it any other way. He was an avid sports fan, loved to fish and vacation with his family, and enjoyed his hobby as a screenwriter.



Dennis Joseph Barron

1930 – 2020

Frost Brown Todd mourns the passing of Dennis Barron, who died peacefully at home at the age of 89. Denny Barron was one of the most influential lawyers and leaders of Frost & Jacobs through almost half of the firm's 100-year history, a steady presence in our Cincinnati office even after his retirement as a practicing attorney. He also was a painstakingly caring mentor to generations of Frost & Jacobs associates, who learned not just to proofread their work, but

to "Barronize" it.

Denny is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Rae, his five children, and eight grandchildren.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Denny was a proud graduate of Elder High School, Xavier University (1951), and the University of Michigan Law School (1956). After graduating from college and before entering law school, Denny served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1952 through 1954.

In March of 1956 Denny Barron began work as an associate with Frost & Jacobs. As best his partners can recall, Denny worked every day thereafter continuously for 46 years until becoming a retired partner in November, 2000, just prior to the merger that formed Frost Brown Todd. Denny became a partner with Frost & Jacobs in 1963, and his practice throughout the course of his career emphasized general corporate, state and local tax, real estate, and commercial and secured transactions. Denny was the chairman of Frost & Jacobs' business/corporate law department from 1979 through 1983, before becoming the Chairman of the Executive Committee and Managing Partner of the firm from 1986 through 1994.

Denny was active in both the Cincinnati Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association. He served for many years on the OSBA Taxation Committee, for three years as its Chairman. He also chaired the OSBA Corporation Law Committee, and was active on numerous state bar association corporation law subcommittees. Denny served as the Chairman of the Corporation Law Committee for the Cincinnati Bar Association, and was the Ohio Delegate to the National Tax Association. He also chaired the CBA's Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation (1991-1992), and in 2004 received the CBA's John W. Warrington Community Service Award.

In addition to his considerable contributions to his profession, Denny served his community as well, volunteering for United Way, Fine Arts Fund, Business Mobilized for Xavier, and the Xavier University Alumni Annual Fund. He also served on the Board and as the president of the University of Michigan Cincinnati Alumni Club. First among all of his many civic interests, however, was his volunteer leadership of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, which he championed for more than 50 years as a member of its Board of Directors, and as president and chairman of its board from 1992 through 2001. His commitment to the organization made a lasting impact on the lives of more than 50,000 individuals with disabilities, many of them veterans.

On behalf of Frost Brown Todd, we offer our sincere condolences to Denny's family and many friends.



David L. Barth

1954 – 2020

Cors & Bassett lost a dear friend and family member on August 5, 2020, when David L. Barth left this earth for his well-earned reward. Dave first came to our firm back in 1978 while still a law student at Chase Law School and working nights at the Queen City Club. He was brought to the firm by Paul R. Moran, a fiery labor lawyer in his own right, who mentored Dave and several others of us at the firm. Dave later became a partner in 1988.

Alongside Paul, Dave became an outstanding labor, employment and litigation attorney who was well known and respected on both sides of the river. Dave excelled in his writing and analytical skills; no doubt aided by his study of classical literature in the rigorous Honors AB program at Xavier University.

In 1999, Dave became the managing partner of our firm and held that position until his retirement in June of 2015. In today's world, the managing partners of law firms frequently come from the corporate and business side of the house. Not so with Dave. As a litigation lawyer with his Covington Latin School and Xavier background, he brought a much different and refreshing viewpoint to the managing partner office, a type of caring and reasoned approach to the business of the practice of law. At the firm's annual dinner party, Dave's keen sense of humor was on full display as he delivered his state of the firm address. Dave's humorous monologue was always the highlight of the dinner party.

Despite the demands of being a managing partner, Dave always had time to listen and provide advice and always took the time to wish all of us and our families the very best before every holiday. And as we all know how stressful the practice of law can be, he invented in our firm what became known as, and what is still known today as, the "impromptu"...a spontaneous gathering for snacks and adult beverages at the end of the day, for everyone in the office. A tradition that lives on at our firm when things get hectic and tempers are on edge.

Although Dave's achievements as an attorney were great and his leadership was tremendous, where he was truly at his best was with his faith, family and in the community. A life-long resident of Northern Kentucky and one of 11 siblings, Dave never went anywhere that he didn't see someone he knew. As a true-blue Xavier basketball fan, he had center court seats for many years and never missed an opportunity to espouse the greatness of Xavier basketball...especially to the UC and UK fans in the office. He was active in his parish and embodied his Catholic faith ideals of kindness and charity. Most importantly, he was a wonderful family man who cherished his loving wife, Molly, and three children, Sarah, Clay and Graham, all of whom continue to be members today of our extended C&B family.

The practice of law can be a stressful and trying way to make a living. Dave endeavored to lift us above the struggle, to teach us to care for each other, to show compassion and to treat each other with respect and kindness. We are better for that and his efforts.

Godspeed my friend.

— Stephen S. Holmes and Robert J. Hollingsworth



James R. Bridgeland Jr.

1929-2019

“Well Mel, just remember my favorite quote from Shakespeare: There’s a divinity that shapes our ends—rough-hew them how we will.” This is what I invariably would get from Jim Bridgeland in his office at the Taft, Stettinius & Hollister law firm whenever I complained about a client, a case, a lawyer or just about anything that was bothering me that day. More about this below.

James R. Bridgeland Jr. passed away at the end of January 2019, a few weeks shy of his 90th birthday, after quite a life. Born in Cleveland, Jim served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Japan, and then earned a master’s degree in Humanities followed by his law degree (with honors), both from Harvard University. He came to Cincinnati in 1957 where he practiced at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister his entire career, spanning more than 40 years, before becoming Of Counsel. Jim chaired the firm’s corporate law practice (now known as the business and finance practice), served on the firm’s Executive Committee and used his legal skills to develop from the ground up the firm’s banking and finance, healthcare and international transaction practices. So admired by clients was Jim that he served on the Board of the First National Bank of Cincinnati (now U.S. Bank)—helping that bank stay independent when Fifth Third tried to acquire it in the 1990s—as well as on the Boards of Emery Industries and other companies. Jim still found time from his very busy practice to serve his community, and was active as President of the Cincinnati Symphony, the Literary Club, the Commonwealth Commercial Club and the Optimist Club—and served on the Boards of the Cincinnati Opera, Mercantile Library and Cincinnati Shakespeare Company (the latter just opening a room in its new facility named in Jim’s honor). Oh yes, Jim also “squeezed in” terms as Mayor of Indian Hill and president of that community’s school board and PTA.

Finally, and priming everything else, Jim was a loving husband and devoted father (and later grandfather) to his five children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Despite his legal career, which any of us might admire, I always thought Jim would have been happiest as a Professor of English Literature at some small Ivy-League college. He loved that genre and near the end of his legal career and afterwards found an outlet for that love by teaching courses on the subject for almost 25 years at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Cincinnati. Throughout my years at Taft working with Jim, virtually every meeting consisted of two parts: (a) dealing with a corporate, finance or healthcare legal issue, followed by (b) a lecture on the glories of Jane Austen or some often-obscure Shakespearean quote. Indeed, my nickname for Jim was the “Philosopher King of Taft.” Still, while in a fashion force-fed, I and other associates Jim mentored over his long career — and there were many — grew to equally love Jim’s passion for literature.

Some say that in today’s somewhat impersonal email, internet and social-media world at law firms there would no longer be a place for a Renaissance Man like Jim. Well there better be.

— Mel Shotten



Harold L. Caldwell

1941 – 2020

Harold Caldwell was 78 years old when he passed away February 25, 2020, having battled cancer for a year and a half. He was a proud Cincinnati, attending Withrow High School and then the University of Cincinnati undergraduate where he earned a BA in European History. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in May of 1966 and fought for our country overseas in Vietnam. His military service was fundamental, shaping his perspective and sense of honor for

the rest of his life.

Harold graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1972. Following graduation, “Hal” as he would become known, worked for the Cincinnati law firm of Paxton and Seasongood. His career later turned to corporate law when he became legal counsel for the architectural firm A.M. Kinney, Inc. He would eventually become the head of the legal department at Gibson Greetings and served their board as secretary to the corporation. The creative atmosphere of the greeting card industry allowed for a unique, fulfilling law career which he enjoyed until his retirement in 1999.

Harold was a family man, through and through. He married his wife Connie (Stromberg), also from Cincinnati, in 1966. Together they had four children; Peter, Anne, Emily, and Susan. They would remain in Cincinnati where they could devote themselves to raising and enjoying their children while also surrounded by their very large extended families. They would ultimately have 13 grandchildren.

Harold was genuinely interested in all aspects of life: history, nature, travel, music and art. He was also a gifted athlete. He was a talented high school baseball pitcher and his love for the game of golf was legendary. He stayed active his entire life playing any and all sports with his children and friends.

— Anne Michel



Samuel G. Casolari Jr., Esq.

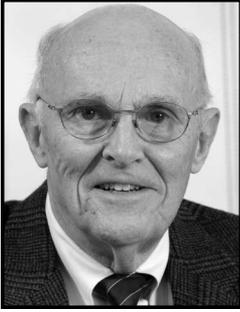
1961 – 2019

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin mourns the loss of our friend and colleague, Samuel G. Casolari Jr. Sam was the Managing Attorney of our Cincinnati office and a pioneer in establishing Marshall Dennehey's Ohio presence. His dedication and vision, as far back as 2002, were instrumental in launching our former Akron and present-day Cleveland offices.

A 1986 graduate of the University of Akron School of Law, Sam practiced in a wide range of areas over the course of his career, including premises liability, product liability, employment law, general casualty, professional liability, auto insurance defense and asbestos litigation. He was an active member of the Ohio State and Cincinnati Bar Associations and a longtime member of the International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association (IALDA). Among his many professional activities, he was most proud of his involvement with his alma mater, Grove City College in Pennsylvania, where he was a member of its Board of Trustees and a former president of the Alumni Association.

Sam was loved by his clients and colleagues, and was one of the kindest people we will ever encounter. He will be deeply missed.

— *Marshall Dennehey*
Warner Coleman Goggin Attorneys at Law



Wilbur L. Collins

1930 – 2019

Wilbur “Wib” Laird Collins, passed away at the age of 89, after a short illness. Wib was a long-time attorney and partner in the labor department of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Wib was raised in Bexley, Ohio, graduating in Business Administration and also receiving his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University (OSU). At OSU, he was secretary of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and played baritone horn in the OSU marching band. His lifelong devotion to the OSU Band was

cemented by marching in the 1950 Rose Bowl.

Wib was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1954, and began his legal career as Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force. He later completed a GE employee relations training program and earned his LL.M. at New York University in 1960.

At Taft, Wib was highly regarded for his ability to resolve employment conflicts and his expertise in occupational safety and health matters. He was renowned for finding creative solutions to client problems. His keen mind and creativity led to his long service as head of Taft’s administration committee. Wib served many clients in the hospitality, steel processing and manufacturing sectors.

An avid outdoorsman since his youth, Wib was an Eagle Scout who visited America’s national parks and instilled in his family a love of nature. A longtime supporter of the Nature Conservancy, he spent many years exploring the beaches, forests and deserts of our country.

Wib is survived by and will be missed by his children, Jeffrey Collins of New York, Jennifer Collins of North Carolina, Lisa Winick of Massachusetts and Stephen Collins of Colorado, as well as 13 grandchildren, his former wife Marilyn Collins and his longtime companion and friend Thea Townsend, as well as his many former partners and friends at Taft.

— *Mark J. Stepaniak*



James “Jim” Coogan

1937 – 2019

Jim Coogan was a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, attended St. Xavier High School and earned both B.A. and J.D. at the University of Cincinnati. He retired from his legal career as a partner at The Drew Law Firm. He died on July 17, 2019 with his beloved wife, Kathy and devoted daughter, Carrie Williams at his side.

Jim was a member of the CBA and OSBA. His contributions to the CBA were numerous, serving on the Estate Planning and Probate Committees, Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee, which he chaired, and the Mentoring Committee.

His proudest contribution was the founding of the OSBA Lawyers’ Assistance Committee with another Cincinnati Lawyer and an Ohio Supreme Court Justice, each also recovering alcoholics. While serving as chair of this Committee, he was instrumental in redrafting the Ohio Code of Professional Responsibility to ensure that lawyers assisting other lawyers in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse need not report grievances. This provided the necessary confidentiality required to assist the alcoholic lawyer in his recovery and return to good standing in the legal profession.

Jim was honored by the CBA with the Trustees’ Award for his dedication to the legal profession and the general community through this work. He was the primary speaker on substance abuse for many years gaining his understanding of the disease of alcoholism through personal experience and recovery for which he would have celebrated fifty years.

Jim never took himself seriously. He enjoyed his fellow attorneys. He was a storyteller par excellence. He was an Ohio River boater and a real estate entrepreneur. He was available to anyone asking for help with recovery. Jim loved and took great pride in his family which included grandsons, Ben and Rhys.

— Kathy Coogan



Wiley Dinsmore

1934 – 2019

Wiley Dinsmore was born to Campbell and Margaret (Wiley) Dinsmore on August 8, 1934. Wiley passed away at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati on October 7, 2019, surrounded by loved ones. He was a beloved husband to his first wife, Shelia Coxworth Dinsmore, and his second wife Elizabeth Legg Dinsmore. He was also a loving father to Timothy J. Dinsmore and his wife, Penelope Rowe Dinsmore, as well as his daughter, Rebecca Dinsmore Glover and her

husband, Jerry Glover.

Wiley also loved his three grandchildren: Nicholas Dinsmore, Amanda Schmidt, and Sloane Strauss. He was blessed with three great grandchildren at the time of his death. He is preceded in death by his parents, both wives, and daughter. He is survived by his son and his wife, a son-in-law and three grandchildren: Nicholas Dinsmore, Amanda Schmidt, and Sloane Glover Strauss. He is also survived by three great grandchildren.

He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1956 and before attending law school he spent time in the military where he reached the rank of a first lieutenant in the United States Army. Following his time in the military, he returned to Harvard Law School and graduated top of his class in 1961.

He joined the Ohio Bar Association in 1961 and spent the last 20 years of his career at Dinsmore & Shohl until his retirement in 1999. He was heavily involved in the community throughout his career and served on the Fellow American College Probate Counsel, Cincinnati Estate Planning Council, and the Cincinnati Bar Association. Wiley was previously a member at Camargo Country Club, Queen City Club, Ocean Reef Club, St. Andrews Club, and Country Club Florida (Delray Beach) and Wianno Club.

At the time of his death, he was a member at Cincinnati Country Club. Wiley enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening, and cooking. When his children were young, they took many trips through the United States and the world. He was always a devoted husband to both of his wives and a loving father to his children. Wiley will be remembered for his dedication to Shelia, Elizabeth, children, and grandchildren.



Lawrence “Larry” Elleman

1940 – 2020

Lawrence “Larry” Elleman, who practiced law with Dinsmore and Shohl for 42 years, died October 2, 2020 at the age of 79. Larry loved being a lawyer and was an accomplished trial attorney, mediator and mentor.

Larry grew up in Eaton, Ohio and attended Dixon Israel High School (Eaton High School), where he played drums in the “famous” Stardusters Orchestra. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1963 and was a member of the Delta

Theta Sigma Fraternity. He received his Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1966. On September 12, 1964, he married the love of his life, Barbara Ellen Mann. Together they raised daughter, Laura and son, Rob.

Upon graduation he served as a law clerk for Judge Don J. Young of the US District Court located in Northern Ohio. Thereafter he began his career with Dinsmore and Shohl.

Larry was a wonderful person who would do anything for his friends or anyone in need. He was known for his kind and generous optimism. Larry loved history, volunteering, spending time with family, reading (only biographies of Presidents), and Ohio State football. He particularly enjoyed relaxing with family and friends at the family lake house, near Eaton.

Larry’s dedication to his profession is exemplified by his service as chair of the Board of Commissioners of Grievances and Discipline of the Ohio Supreme Court and as chair of the Ohio Civil Rules Committee of the Ohio Supreme Court.

His many charitable endeavors included being a founding member and past president of the Ronald McDonald House. He also served as past president of the Cincinnatus Association.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Bob, and his mother, Genevieve. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children Laura and Rob and their spouses Charlie and Carrie; five grandchildren, Lily, Zach, Violet, Andrew, and Arthur; his three siblings, Gene (Fran), Kathryn (Chuck), and Carolyn (Phil); nieces, nephews and friends. A private service was held by the family at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Ohio. A celebration of his life is planned for a later date.

Larry will be missed by everyone he touched.



Ferdinand A. Forney

1928 – 2020

Ferdinand A. Forney died at home peacefully, with his family near, from natural causes associated with chronic heart failure at the age of 91 years. Ferd was the son of first generation, Italian immigrants, Anna Martinelli Forney and Dominic Forney. He received his undergraduate degree from Xavier University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati.

After passing the Ohio State Bar exam, Ferd served in the US Army from 1954-1956 stationed in Germany. After his return home, Ferd began his practice of law. In the early days of his career, he worked with the Legal Aid Society. Much of his career was spent in private practice that was concentrated in the areas of tax and real estate law. In 2019, the Ohio State Bar Association recognized Ferd for 65 years of service as an attorney and counselor of law. Ferd was proud of the recognition given for his long professional career as an attorney. Ferd was a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Ohio Bar Association.

Ferd held memberships and was an active participant in several organizations outside of his legal profession. A member of the Knights of Columbus since 1949, he achieved the level of the 4th Degree, the highest degree within the assembly. Ferd was also a longtime member of the Order of Sons of Italy Cincinnati Lodge and the American Legion. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, Kenwood. Ferd served the parish in many ways over the years; as a member of various parish committees, participating in community service projects and Mass lector are just a few examples.

Over the years, in his spare time, Ferd enjoyed traveling, participating in theatre groups both in front and behind the scenes, woodworking and volunteering at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center.

Ferd was preceded in death by his wife Frances. He is survived by stepsons Robert (Mary) Tippett and Steven Tippett, step grandsons Andrew, Robert, Jr., Devyn (Jordan) Tippett and step-great grandchildren Josie and Lucy. He is also survived by many cousins including, Ann (Dave Nutley) Ball, cousin and goddaughter who closely cared for and assisted him the past few years of his life.

— *Respectfully submitted by Ann Ball*



James S. Ginocchio, Sr.

1945 – 2020

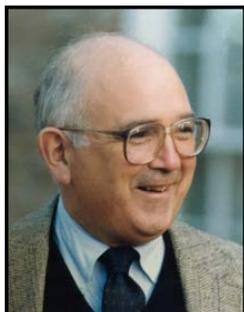
James S. Ginocchio, Sr., age 75, passed away September 25, 2020. Jim graduated from Chase Law School in 1979. He practiced law with the City of Cincinnati from 1979 to 2003. Jim began as a city prosecutor and transitioned to the Solicitor's Office. He maintained a private practice throughout his career with the city.

In 2005, Jim joined the Office of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney in the Civil Division, where he practiced until retirement in 2017. Jim was a third generation lawyer in Cincinnati. His father Charles B. was in private practice from 1930 to 1976. His grandfather Charles S. Ginocchio was admitted to the bar in 1903 and worked in banking.

Jim was also a graduate of St. Xavier High School and Xavier University. He was an avid swimmer and longtime member of the downtown YMCA.

Jim is survived by his wife Jennifer, son Jim (Jacqueline) and son Bart (Mary Francis), and was predeceased by his son Peter. He is also survived by his grandsons James III and William Peter Ginocchio, sister Susanna Kelly (Charles), and brother Ralph.

— *James Ginocchio, Jr.*



Joseph H. Head Jr.

1932 – 2019

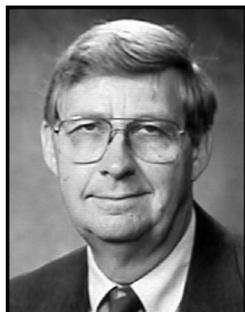
Holding the hand of Louise, his wife of 60 years, Joseph H. Head Jr. passed away peacefully at home on April 24, 2019 at the age of 87. Loving father of Lisa (Jack Armstrong) James, Jeb (Nirvani) Head and Andy (Melanie) Head. Devoted grandfather of Sam (Stacey) James, Attie (John) Dowling, Callie James, Louise (Lauren Fink) Head, Helen Head, Henry Head, Linnea Head, Sammy Head, Andrew Head, Nina Head and Leila Head. Adored great-grandfather of Josephine

James.

A graduate of The Taft School, Yale University and Harvard Law School, Joe Head joined the firm named for his father, Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP, after service in the artillery division of the U.S. Army and following his father's sudden death at a young age. Joe carried on his father's legacy as a respected legal counselor, civic and charitable leader, patriot and chairman of the firm's executive committee. For more than six decades in those roles, a calm, gentle kindness infused his every action — actions guided by disciplined patience, quiet wisdom, intellect, humility, gratitude and moral integrity. He was a highly respected advisor to many individuals, businesses, organizations and nonprofits, serving as chair of various organizations, including the Cincinnati Business Committee, Children's Home of Greater Cincinnati, the Christ Hospital, the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Association, the Fine Arts Fund, the Hamilton County Republican Finance Committee and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Joe was a member of many other civic and charitable groups, including Indian Hill Church, Queen City Club, Camargo Club, Commercial Club and Commonwealth Club. In 2016, Joe and Louise were awarded the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, and in 2019 Joe was named a "Great Living Cincinnati" by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Despite these demands on his time as an outstanding and highly respected lawyer and community booster, Joe's ambition was to be a good husband, as well as a good son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. His unconditional and unshakeable love was a lighthouse whose beam could be seen by his loved ones from anywhere in the world, no matter how thick the fog. His every action was guided by disciplined patience, quiet wisdom, intellect, humility, gratitude and moral integrity. He embraced the American ideal, and worked every day to secure the promise of America for his extended family, firm, colleagues, community and country. He will be greatly missed by his family, and his many colleagues, clients and friends.

— *Joe's colleagues at Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP*



Ronald E. Heinlen

1937 – 2020

Ronald E. Heinlen epitomized the American Dream. He came from a line of Ohio farmers of modest means near Delaware, Ohio. It was a town north of Columbus of only 13,000 people in his high school days. Determined to attend Harvard College, he developed an impressive reading list in preparation for his college application, while stockpiling \$800 from his work at the local A & P store to cover his Freshman-year costs.

Having graduated first in his high school class, he was accepted at Harvard in 1955. During his freshman year, he married his high-school sweetheart, Mary Turney, whom he had known since their first grade. Thereafter Ron benefitted from a Harvard policy that provided financial assistance after the first year to needy students who had done well that first year.

Ron graduated from Harvard College in 1959 (cum laude) and Harvard Law School in 1962. After law school, he joined one of the premier law firms in the Midwest, Frost & Jacobs (now Frost Brown Todd) in its offices in Cincinnati. He made Partner in 1969 and practiced at the firm for the remainder of his legal career.

Ron was “the Quiet Man”: self-effacing, modest, and armed with a ready smile and a wry sense of humor. To draw from an ancient Latin proverb, Ron was a case of “still waters running deep.” He was an artist with a camera, exposing hidden beauty in seemingly mundane scenes and objects. He was a golfer who worked hard to perfect his stroke, even at the expense of divots in his bedroom carpet and holes in a windowpane. He was a prolific reader, from Shakespeare to James Joyce. He was a nature lover who hiked through parks and wooded trails and served as Trustee and President of the Cincinnati Nature Center. Finally, he travelled around the world, cataloging each trip with photos that revealed the essence of the places visited and his excitement at being there.

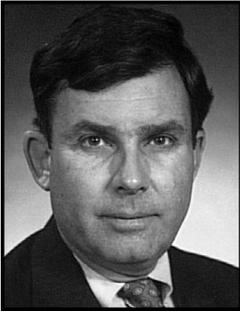
He was a member of the Taxation Section of the American Bar Association, a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, Chair of the Southwestern Ohio Tax Institute, Chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association Taxation Section and the CBA Health Care Law Committee, Chair of the Frost & Jacobs Health Care Practice Group, a member of the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, the American Health Lawyers Association and the Ohio Society of Hospital Attorneys.

He was listed in Best Lawyers in America and Who’s Who in American Law and was a graduate of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cincinnati program. He and Mary were long-time members of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Hyde Park, where they lived for many years.

Ron is survived by Mary and three children, Michael, Deborah, and Robert, and six grandchildren.

Ronald E. Heinlen indeed epitomized the American Dream, a self-made success in his profession and private life and a lasting credit to his law firm and this community.

— *By Edmund Adams, retired member of Frost Brown Todd and former Managing Partner of Frost & Jacobs, with the assistance of Michael Heinlen*



Timothy A. Hickey

1945 – 2020

Timothy A. Hickey passed away at the age of 75 on December 28, 2020 of heart disease. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1963, Georgetown University in 1967 and received his law degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1971. While at St. Xavier, Tim was a pitcher on the baseball team and also pitched for two years at Georgetown.

During law school, Tim worked at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court and it was that experience that led him to be considered an expert in Juvenile law as a practicing attorney. Tim went into private practice after graduating from law school and continued in practice for 49 years until the time of his death. I had the privilege of being in practice with him for 41 of those years. Tim had the reputation of being a tough litigator, but most importantly was considered highly ethical, trustworthy and a true gentleman. Tim was a member of the American, Ohio and Cincinnati Bar Associations.

In 1973 Tim married Debra Dessart and they had 4 children. Tim was a true family man and devoted to his wife and children. In later years, Tim became an avid golfer and enjoyed watching and attending all kinds of sporting events. He also loved playing tennis and did so up until his first heart problem. In addition, Tim loved traveling and got to see much of the world. Fortunately, he and Debbie were able to take a cruise to South America about three weeks before the country was shut down because of Covid 19.

Tim is survived by his wife Debbie Hickey, his three daughters, Dr. Erin Hickey, Meghan Geswein (Jordan), and Kristin Hickey, his son Drew Hickey (Emily), his grandson, Paul Geswein, extended family members and many friends.

— *Respectfully submitted, Bob Liebman*

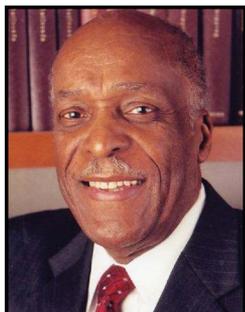


Mary Jill “M.J.” Hukan

1962 – 2019

Mary Jill “M.J.” Hukan left this life on November 11, 2019. According to her brother Chris, M.J.’s personality was bigger than life. In high school, her academic drive and dedication to swimming pointed toward a life that would be filled with achievement and service to others. As a police recruit with the City of Cincinnati Police Department, M. J. became the valedictorian of her class. During her years as a police officer, she received four letters of appreciation or commendation. She resigned from the police department to complete her education. M. J. received a Bachelors of Art from Mount St. Joseph College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. While pursuing her education, M. J. worked as a paralegal for Jim Evans, who was general counsel for American Financial. Jim remembers her as talented and hard-working, but he also talks about what an interesting and engaging person M. J. was during the time that they worked together. In 2001, she was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and began her career as a criminal defense attorney. She built a successful law practice and in 2009, was elected as the president of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. M. J. is survived by her daughter, Cecilia Donovan, whom she loved dearly. She also leaves two sisters, Pam Herdy and Suellen Hukan, and two brothers, Chris Hukan and Chuck Hukan.

— *Thomas L. Cuni*



Hon. Nathaniel R. Jones

1926 – 2020

The Greater Cincinnati community, legal and beyond, mourns the loss on January 26 of the Honorable Judge Nathaniel R. Jones, a great leader of change and for justice. Born in Youngstown, Ohio on May 13, 1926, Jones served in the United States Air Force in World War II before studying at Youngstown State University, where he graduated with his A.B. in 1951 and LL.B. in 1956 (converted to a J.D. in 1970.) He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1957.

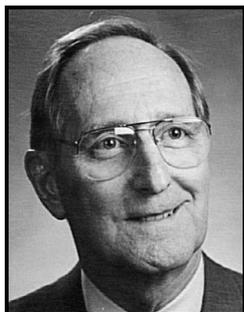
From 1956 to 1959, he was executive director of the Fair Employment Practices Commission of the City of Youngstown. A year after entering private practice, he was appointed as an assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio at Cleveland. In 1967 he served as Assistant General Counsel to President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also known as the Kerner Commission. In 1969, Judge Jones was invited to assume the responsibility of general counsel of the NAACP, a position he held from 1969 to 1979. In 1979, he was nominated by President Carter to a seat with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a position he held until retirement in 2002. He was of counsel with Blank Rome until his death.

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Jones participated in a variety of activities, including legal education, civil rights and social justice advocacy. He was an adjunct professor with the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and in 2010, helped found what was rechristened in 2019 as the Nathaniel R. Jones Center for Race, Gender and Social Justice. The federal courthouse in his hometown of Youngstown was named after him in 2003. He traveled to South Africa three times, becoming acquainted with Nelson Mandela.

In 2016, at his 90th birthday celebration, Jones was the 12th recipient of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's highest honor, the International Freedom Conductor Award, joining the ranks of such lauded individuals as Rosa Parks and Bishop Desmond Tutu. President Obama sent Jones a birthday letter that same year commending his public service. Jones' memoir, "Answering the Call," was published in 2016. These are just a few of his many impressive accomplishments.

Named a "Great Living Cincinnati" in 1997, Jones had a tremendous impact on the Cincinnati legal community through his work as a judge, his causes in the community, and his dedication to the Cincinnati Bar Association and other organizations (including the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati.) He and Judge Robert Black were the founding co-conveners of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati/CBA Round Table, a group whose goal is to address the needs of minority lawyers and to foster their integration into all areas of the profession. He received several prestigious awards during his lifetime, including, from the CBA, the Themis Award in 2018, the Trustee Award in 1995, and the John L. Muething Lifetime Achievement in Law Award in 2016.

Jones is preceded in death by Jean Graham Jones, his first wife, and Lillian Hawthorne Jones, his second wife. He is survived by four children, Stephanie Jones, Rick Hawthorne, William Hawthorne and Marc Hawthorne, several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.



William J. Keating, Sr.

1927 – 2020

The Partners and Family of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL mourn the loss of one of the firm's founding Partners, William J. Keating, Sr. (Bill).

Born in Cincinnati, Bill dedicated his life to serving others. After attending St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, he served in the Navy in World War II. With the help of a swimming scholarship and the GI Bill, he earned a bachelor's degree in business and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati. The Keating Aquatic Center at the University of Cincinnati is named in his honor.

In 1954, Bill helped form the law firm that still proudly bears his name. He furthered his legal career, serving as a judge in the Hamilton County courts from 1958-1967. Bill was elected to the City Council where he served for two terms, from 1967-1970. In 1971, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served the First Congressional District of Ohio until 1974.

Bill returned to Cincinnati in 1974, and served at different junctures as chairman, chief executive officer and president of The Cincinnati Enquirer. During his publishing career, Bill served as chairman of the Associated Press, CEO of the Detroit Newspaper Agency, president of the Newspaper Division of Gannett Co., Inc. and executive vice president and general counsel for Gannett. He retired from the Enquirer in 1992.

Bill served as chairman of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and UC Board of Trustees, and he has helped lead many other organizations. In 2009, Bill was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame.

All of us in the KMK family mourn Bill's passing and extend our deepest sympathies to his many friends and family members, especially his wife, Nancy Keating.

— *KMK Law*



Thomas J. Kircher

1940 – 2019

Thomas Kircher, prominent labor lawyer and a Cincinnati native, died at the age of 78 on August 25, 2019. Tom graduated from St. Xavier High School, Xavier University and Georgetown Law School. He worked for Robert Kennedy, U.S. Attorney General, and subsequently worked at the National Labor Relations Board. Tom returned to Cincinnati after working several years in Washington D.C. and Michigan and went on to found what became the largest

labor law firm in the Midwest: Kircher, Robinson, Cook, Newman & Welch.

Tom was trial counsel in the case of *Day v. NLO*, a landmark case arising out of the Fernald litigation that guaranteed medical monitoring and follow up care benefits to several thousand union workers. Tom also served as counsel to the NFL Players Association, representing the Cincinnati Bengals players, and Boomer Esiason during the NFL strike of 1987.

Tom was the son of Hilda Kircher and nationally known labor leader, Bill Kircher. He served the Hamilton County Democratic Party belonging to the Democratic Central Committee in Hamilton County for years. Tom was deeply committed to his family and to his clients. He had an intense compassion for the plight of suffering workers. He also had a fantastic sense of humor and a pretty good golf game, as he actually had a hole in one at a union golf outing.

Tom is survived by his wife, Donna; his sister, Mary Jo Huck; his son, Billy Kircher and daughter, Evelyn Schwalb; and six grandchildren.

What I will remember most about Tom Kircher is his singular focus with me, mentoring me through various labor cases. Unlike some attorneys, Tom would entrust you with a great deal of responsibility, guide you through the pitfalls, always complimenting your work, honestly critiquing your work when appropriate. I had no greater joy then to sit with Tom after a case and have a drink to thoroughly discuss both sides. The same type of postmortem discussion would take place after a round of golf at one of the large, union sponsored outings. Everyone seemed to gather around Tom's table to listen to his stories and to share a laugh. At the end of the day you were a little sad to part company but reassured that you would be with him once again in the near future to pick up where you left off. He was extremely loyal not only to the attorneys in his office but the staff as well, as he felt a deep sense of responsibility to everyone within the law firm, not just his partners. You could call him any time, day or night, and he would always answer.

He had the respect of attorneys both on the labor and management side, and as the consummate counselor, he always seemed to reach an accord regardless of your point of view or clientele.

To say that he will be missed is an understatement. He was one of those points of light in my life, not only as an attorney but as a person. If you believe in the hereafter, Tom is now sitting elbow to elbow with the Kennedys and his parents, discussing a wide range of matters of life and in the end having a good laugh.

Rest in peace, brother Thomas, you have done all of the heavy lifting, we will take it from here.

— Bob Welch



Charles S. Lineback

1947 – 2020

Charles S. Lineback left this world on February 6, 2020. He was born in 1947. His was an interesting and full life. A year after graduating from Western Hills High School, he enlisted in the U. S. Army ,where he first earned his sergeant's stripes and subsequently earned a commission as a lieutenant in the field artillery. He served a tour in Vietnam where he was a forward artillery observer in operations near the then-Demilitarized Zone between North and South Vietnam. He

arrived home from the war shortly before his first child, Maggie Lineback, was born. He resumed his education at the University of Dayton where he received an accounting degree. The next few years of Charlie's life were busy. He added two more children his family, Chris Lineback and Andrew Lineback. He worked as a driver for McLean Trucking Company and became a Million Miler while there.

He attended Chase Law School and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1978. Charlie practiced law in Blue Ash, Ohio for more than thirty years and he taught classes at the Raymond Walters Branch of the University of Cincinnati. Upon his retirement, he decided to move to California. He packed his silver convertible and never looked back. He spent the ten years before his death exploring the coast of California and teaching himself photography. He was a kind and thoughtful man. A few days after his death his three children each received a box of citrus fruits that he had ordered for them prior to his departure from this world. He lived his life without regrets and his children miss him. It was a good life.

— *Thomas L. Cuni*



Richard H. Lippert

1940 – 2019

Richard H. Lippert died October 28, 2019 of complications following knee replacement surgery.

A lifelong Cincinnati, Dick graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1958 and attended the University of Cincinnati graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He then attended the University of Cincinnati College of Law graduating in 1965. While at the College of Law he was a member of the Law Review Board.

Following graduation, and for two years he served as a Clerk to Judge Burt Long in the First District Court of Appeals of Ohio. Following that Dick commenced his law career which lasted for 52 years. His first position was in the offices of his father-in-law, John “Socko” Wieth. In 1970 Dick formed a partnership with H. Thomas Brown and in 1972 he and Mr. Brown were joined by Dick’s brother, James W. Lippert. The firm prospered and continues today as Brown Lippert & Laite.

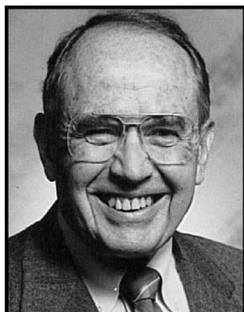
Dick’s practice was general in nature with an emphasis on estate planning and administration, real estate, personal injury, bankruptcy and Workers’ Compensation. Dick was known as a very thorough and hardworking attorney often working seven days a week. He was a very caring person who was concerned that his clients receive prompt and excellent service. From his father, a general practice physician, Dick learned the importance of having empathy for his clients and their problems.

His hard work allowed him to enjoy his home on Lake Leelanau in the State of Michigan.

In spite of his busy schedule, Dick maintained his sense of humor, especially through his love of practical jokes perpetuated on friends and others, often in conjunction with his brother, Jim.

Dick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dr. Kathy M. Lippert, his children, Jennifer Watson and Warren Lippert and grandchildren, Caleb Watson, Bugatti Spiess and many friends.

— *Charles J. Kelly*



Powell McHenry

1926 – 2019

Powell McHenry, a former managing partner of the prominent downtown law firm Dinsmore & Shohl who later was general counsel of Procter & Gamble Co. for more than a decade, died Nov. 12 at age 93.

McHenry was general counsel of the Cincinnati-based maker of consumer goods such as Crest toothpaste (NYSE: PG) from 1976 until retiring in 1991.

McHenry joined P&G in 1975 as associate general counsel, adding the title of vice president in 1976 and senior vice president in 1983.

He worked at Dinsmore from 1951 to 1975, rising to managing partner in 1967.

His main areas of practice included corporate and litigation, with experience in corporate governance and antitrust & trade regulation.

His clients at Dinsmore included P&G, General Motors and Westinghouse Electric Corp. He was P&G's chief outside lawyer while at Dinsmore.

Also while with Dinsmore, McHenry was general counsel of Federated Department Stores from 1971 to 1975. Cincinnati-based Federated changed its name to Macy's (NYSE: M) in 2007.

McHenry rejoined Dinsmore in 1991 as an attorney "of counsel" and retained that title in his retirement until he died.

A 1944 graduate of Western Hills High School in West Price Hill, McHenry was a member of the football and swim teams. His proudest moment was beating nearby arch-rival Elder High School while playing center on the Mustangs football team. In 2016, he received West High's Maroon Award, which recognizes distinguished graduates.

McHenry received a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1949 and a bachelor's degree in law in 1951 from Harvard University, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review. McHenry earned a JD from Harvard in 1969.

McHenry served in the Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Rowe, a Fletcher-class destroyer.

He was president of the Cincinnati Bar Association (1979-1980), and received the Lifetime Achievement in Law Award from the CBA Foundation in 2004.

A lifelong resident of the West Side, McHenry served on the board of directors of Western Hills Country Club in Green Township from 1964-70 and 1987-90.

He was president of the Commonwealth Club (1996-97), and as a young lawyer he was director of the Republican Club of Hamilton County.

In 1976, McHenry served for more than two decades on the Hamilton County Public Defender Commission, including as chairman 1996-2000.

McHenry was born in Cincinnati on May 14, 1926, the son of Dr. Lowry Lee McHenry and Marguerite Powell McHenry Heinz. He was the brother of Dr. Lee McHenry and Margery Frazier.

McHenry married Venna Mae Guerrea on Aug. 27, 1948. They had four children: Scott McHenry, Dr. Marshall McHenry, Jody Lee Grebenc and Gale Lynn McLaughlin.

Survivors include his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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John W. McNally Jr.

1942 – 2020

John was a policeman, prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, civil trial lawyer, bar association president, and magistrate for Butler County. But he was most proud of his loving family.

In 1962 he married Sharron and they had four children, John (Kathy) McNally, III, Kelli (Stephen) Brown, Timothy (Connie) McNally, and Candace (Don) Duke, 14 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. John's love of his family, and their mutual love and admiration for his guidance, parental advice, and support was described by both his children and grandchildren at his funeral.

John graduated from Elder High School. He joined the Cincinnati Police Division as an 18 year old Police Cadet and retired after 13 years as a Sergeant. During that period, he earned a college degree from the University of Cincinnati, and a J.D. degree from Chase Law School.

He began the practice of law as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Prosecutor Simon Leis. In his career, he practiced criminal law, civil trial law, and domestic relations law for 45 years at Jacobs, Kleinman, Seibel & McNally, LPA. He also served as a Magistrate for Butler County. John contributed to his profession as Chair of the Young Lawyer's Section, Criminal Law Committee, and ultimately as President of the Cincinnati Bar Association from 2004 to 2005.

As one who practiced law with John for his entire legal career, his ability to solve difficult, high pressure problems calmly and compassionately was a quality that was appreciated by his clients, other lawyers, and most of all, by his family.

— Ken Seibel



David McPherson

1954 – 2019

David was born on April 7, 1954 to Lloyd James and Emma Jane (Brown) McPherson in Norwalk, Ohio. He attended Bowling Green State University, where he met his future wife, Mary Ann Caldwell. David earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and the couple married after graduation in September 1976. In August 1977, David earned a Master of Arts from BGSU. They moved to Cincinnati, where David continued his graduate studies at Cincinnati Christian

Seminary while serving as a campus minister for Christian Student Fellowship on the University of Cincinnati campus. He was ordained in April 1979 and used his expertise on campus and in leadership at Fellowship Christian Church. David believed God called him to use his passion for helping people in the legal field. In June 1986, David graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law with a juris doctorate.

David's legal career included working at the State Court of Appeals and the legal firms of Jim Helmer and Frost Brown Todd. He worked for Lens Crafters in Employee Relations and as an attorney for Family Christian Stores. David was self-employed as McPherson Legal, LLC for the last three years. David was a visionary leader, endeavoring to create a Christian C-Suite in the Cincinnati/Dayton areas. Coworkers describe David as highly professional, consistent, reflective, humble, compassionate and intelligent. He had the highest degree of integrity. He used his business experience to serve on local boards and was the volunteer General Counsel for the Relapsing Polychondritis Foundation.

David enjoyed his career and his avocations, but his passion was family, personal Bible study, and photography. Whatever his girls, Megan, Kate and Sarah, or grandsons, Luke, Evan and Isaac, were interested in, he was present, taking pictures. David lived life to its fullest, leaving it on December 22, 2019, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary Ann McPherson, his children and grandchildren, extended family, and many loving friends.



Arnold Morelli

1928 – 2020

First and foremost, Arnold Morelli was a zealous advocate for his clients' rights. He believed in the Constitution and the laws that are derived from it. His almost obsessive preparation and continuous study served his clients and the legal community his entire career. He served his community as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, a Mariemont School Board member, and by teaching Constitutional Law. He was also involved in Toastmasters, where his oratory skills helped him win many awards and competitions.

Arnold's greatest passion was his family. His beloved wife Gloria, his children Mike and Lisa, grandchildren Keegan and Josephina, and his large extended family of Italian descent. His immigrant father saw him earn his B.A. from the University of Cincinnati and his JD from Harvard. He reveled in gatherings with family and friends. He loved to gather with a group of lifelong close friends he made from grade school onwards. Arnold always greeted anyone he met as a friend and treated everyone with the dignity and respect he felt all people deserved.

The legal community lost one of their best when Arnold died. Hopefully there are many lives he touched that will carry on the example he lived.

— *Lisa Mulvany*



Ann M. Morgan

1952 – 2020

Ann M. Morgan, beloved by all who knew her, passed away at the young age of 68 at midnight on October 18, 2020, following a long illness. She was a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and licensed in Federal and State Courts in Ohio.

Growing up as the eldest daughter of a career FBI “G Man”, Ann and her family lived in many exciting places, including Washington DC, Miami and San Francisco. In her early teens, the family moved to Cincinnati and established roots. She graduated with honors from Mother of Mercy High School and the University of Cincinnati. Ann fell in love with Cincinnati and never moved again, choosing to make her home in Anderson Township. Following her father’s footsteps, Ann worked full time during the day and attended law school at night. In 1980, she received her Juris Doctor from the Salmon P. Chase School of Law in Northern Kentucky. She maintained various civil litigation positions over the years and most recently opened her own practice on Beechmont Avenue.

Ann truly loved being an attorney. She honored her profession with countless hours of “pro bono” service, both on behalf of the bar, and in the greater Cincinnati community. She served on the attorney grievance committee, served Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless, and served as mentor to members of the bar. When her physical health limited her ability to maintain a full time practice, she maintained relationships in an “Of Counsel” role and continued to engage with the legal community as arbitrator and mediator.

Aside from her distinguished legal career as an attorney, Ann’s greatest joy most certainly was raising her son Matthew (whose father is Cincinnati attorney Lawrence Flemer) and sharing with him as he graduated this past year from medical school and started his residency in New Orleans. She was a wonderful mother who fully supported her son’s educational, athletic and charitable endeavors.

In recent years, Ann was able to rekindle her passion for dance by working with young aspiring students interested in ballet. She enjoyed her “retirement” work in the Ballet studios. As a testament to her long-lasting friendships made in the legal community and through dance, her visitation service (under Covid protocols, of course) was a wonderful opportunity to visit with those whom she loved in life and who loved her in return.

Ann is survived by her mother, Irene (soon to be 99 years old!), her son, Matthew, and siblings Harry, Paul, John and Jean.

— Submitted by Paul Morgan, Esquire



John Murphy

1937 – 2020

I met John Murphy in 1983 when I interviewed for a position at the College of Law. Starting then, and from time to time, we would go out for a cocktail or meet at Lunken Airport to hit a bucket of balls or play golf, or go out for coffee or breakfast. On all of our adventures, there was one inevitability: John would meet someone he knew.

Quite simply, John Murphy was a magnet. People gravitated to him, remembered him, loved him. And, he returned the affections. He was the faculty member that graduates wanted to attend their reunions and he was delighted to oblige such requests.

John was instrumental in transforming the College of Law into a top 50 law school. First, when Gordon Christenson became dean, he tapped John to rewrite the school's appointment, promotion and tenure standards. Changing an institution takes diplomacy, commitment and vision – John pulled it off with an A+. Second, he served as Chair of the Appointments Committee for at least two decades, during which time the College recruited a first-class faculty. John's legacy in having the highest standards for appointments and tenure remains with us.

John was born July 11, 1937, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Irish immigrants, the late John and Mary Murphy. His father was an active union member, a trait that rubbed off on John as a teacher of labor law and a nationally recognized labor arbitrator.

He received a full scholarship to attend Harvard University and graduated in 1959. In 1963, he graduated from Boston University Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.

The love of his life was the Scottish lass Eileen, who he met while in BU law school. John, after being admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, joined Eileen in Scotland to be married, and they honeymooned in the Scottish Highlands.

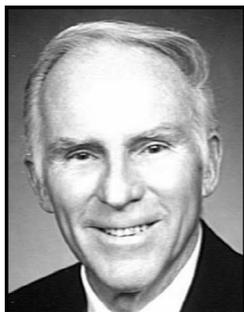
In 1965, he joined the faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Throughout his more than 30 years on the faculty, he inspired and motivated his students in the classroom, serving as a mentor and friend to legions of future attorneys, who benefited from his wise counsel and exemplary teaching.

In 1966, he successfully led the Cincinnati Bar Association's experimental bail-bond reform. In 1969, he launched a program to recruit students to the U.C. Law School from traditional black colleges.

In 1974, he was a Visiting Fellow at the U.S. Department of Justice where he authored a book, *Arrest by Police Computer, the Controversy over Bail and Extradition*, an early warning of the privacy implications of the electronic age. In 1976, he became a labor arbitrator, and in 1985 was elected to the National Academy of Arbitrators. In 1996, he received the University's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Teaching Professorship, awarded to persons who represent the ideals of the teaching profession.

He received the Crystal Owl award from the American Arbitration Association for advancing arbitration as a method of resolving disputes. In 1999, he retired from U.C. Law School but continued his legal work as an arbitrator until 2011, when he fully retired to care for Eileen.

— Dean Joseph P. Tomain



Hon. Thomas C. Nurre

1930 – 2020

Judge Thomas C. Nurre died at the age of 89 on February 2, 2020. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Nurre, to whom he was married for 36 years, and his 5 children, Kathryn, MaryAnn (Bob) Miller, Tom (Karen), Sara, and Lisa (Scott) Boatwright, 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his former wife, Sally Douglas Nurre, parents, Lawrence and Hilda Nurre, and 2 brothers, Richard and John Nurre. Tom graduated from St. Xavier HS in 1948, Xavier University in 1952 and spent 2 years as a Navy Chaplain Assistant. After receiving a law degree from UC in 1957, he spent 12 years in private practice. Tom became a judge in 1969, remaining on the bench for 44 years. His numerous awards/achievements, included being: President of the American Judges Association; Trustee of UC Law School; and the prestigious Thomas J. Moyer Award for Judicial Excellence. He also served as President of Cathedral Deanery and President of the Friars Club. Tom cherished the many wedding ceremonies he officiated. Beyond family, profession, and a deeply religious life, Tom was an avid tennis player, President of the Cincinnati Tennis Club and a member of Hyde Park Country Club.



Todd Portune

1958 – 2020

The citizens of Hamilton County lost a champion for the greater good on January 25 with the passing of Todd Portune. A longtime Cincinnati political fixture, Portune served on Cincinnati City Council from 1993 to 2000, when he was elected to the Hamilton County Commission, where he served from 2001 to 2019.

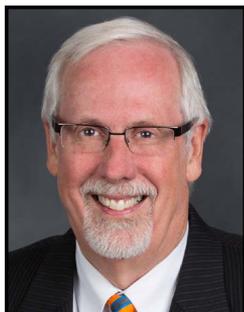
Born and raised in Cincinnati, Portune attended Oberlin College and then the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1983. Portune was a civil litigation lawyer with Cohen Todd Kite and Stanford before pursuing his political career.

Appointed to fill David Mann's seat on Cincinnati City Council in 1992, Portune served four terms before running for Hamilton County Commission in 2000, becoming the first Democrat elected to that office since 1962. While on the County Commission, Portune championed for the betterment of the Greater Cincinnati community. Issues he helped forward include the reorganization of the SORTA board and the Metropolitan Sewer District, shining a spotlight on The Banks, and helping create Cradle Cincinnati, addressing the county's high infant mortality rate.

A high school track star, Portune later suffered from tumors on his spine. Several hemorrhaged in 2002, and Portune was paralyzed from the chest down. He eventually regained some mobility, walking with crutches. In 2018, his left leg was amputated following detection of a sarcoma. The Commission moved a meeting to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center while Portune was recovering, a testament to his determination to serve the public. In 2019, Portune announced his retirement.

Portune is survived by his three children, Ellyse, Ethan and Emma; two brothers, Ned and Bob; and extended family and friends. The County Administration Building will be renamed in his honor, and a portion of Court Street will be renamed Todd Portune Way.



David E. Schmit

1947 – 2020

David E. Schmit passed away unexpectedly October 4, 2020. Dave was a long-time mainstay of the intellectual property litigation practice for Frost & Jacobs, and then Frost Brown Todd.

Dave began his professional life as an electrical engineer for AVCO in Cincinnati, having received both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He never lost his fascination

with technology.

He went to law school in the evening at Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, and began his legal career at Mechley & Mechley handling general litigation. He then joined patent boutique Melville Strasser Foster & Hoffman and his patent litigation career took off. Dave joined the firm that was to become Frost Brown Todd when Melville Strasser merged with Frost & Jacobs in the late 1970s.

Dave was a creative and brilliant litigator, who studied each case until he could identify a winning strategy. The result was that many of his cases are still cited by courts today in the areas of trade secret and patent law, particularly. A high-point of his litigation career was the *Hilton Davis v Warner-Jenkinson* case, which he won for his client, Hilton Davis, at the district court and appellate court, and then argued before the United States Supreme Court.

Dave was always comfortable in the court room because he practiced tirelessly. Before his Supreme Court argument, he said that he delivered the argument tens of times to the furnace in his basement. He next presented his arguments to a moot court of the lawyers and business professionals of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group, and then to a panel of University of Cincinnati law professors. Only then did he feel ready to go to Washington.

Dave was a demanding task master — but he asked no more from the business professionals and lawyers working with him than he demanded of himself. The associates working on research projects for him would know they were on the right track if the book that contained *the* case they needed was already checked out to Dave. He had gotten to the research before them.

Always looking to learn, a few years ago, Dave became Senior Vice President Corporate Intellectual Property for Intelligrated, and then Chief Legal Officer of Trew LLC. He enjoyed the new challenges of addressing business issues in addition to the legal questions. Dave was also a member of Mensa, an accomplished pianist, and he loved to travel internationally.

He is survived by his wife Christine (Celek) Schmit; sister Sally Schmit (Warren) Hall; son Casey (Reese Gibbons) Schmit of Austin Texas; son Christian Schmit; daughters Megan (Schmit) Blazek and Sarah (Schmit) Sally; step-son Michael Celek; step-daughter Jenna Celek; six grandchildren: KJ Sally and Jada Sally of Cincinnati, Lou Schmit of Cincinnati, Isabella Grace Blazek and Luke Isaiah Blazek of Cincinnati, and Juniper Phoenix Schmit of Austin Texas.

— Frost Brown Todd



Sara Lee Sidebottom

1947 – 2020

Sara Lee Sidebottom died peacefully in the early morning hours of December 16, 2020, after a long, courageous battle with the evil known as cancer.

Born the middle child of seven, Sara was short in stature and blessed with a fiery stubbornness and strong will that matched her red hair and Irish looks.

Upon graduating from Villa Madonna Academy, a school for girls in Covington, Kentucky, Sara matriculated at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, where she studied history and political science, two subjects of lifetime passion for her. She later moved to Cincinnati and took a job as a public school teacher, thus starting a trend of education and mentorship that would impact the lives of thousands of future students. Ultimately, she graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, where Sara was one of just a small handful of female law school students in the 1970s.

Graduating from Chase with honors, she embarked upon a career dedicated to justice, advocacy, and public service. She served 10 years as a public defender, six years as a prosecutor, and eventually served as a district judge in Kenton County, Kentucky. Sara later became Vice President and General Counsel at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) until her “retirement” as a public employee in 2016. While at NKU, Sara took an instrumental leadership role in guiding the University in rapid campus expansion and conversion to a Division I school. Even after she “retired,” Sara held an “Of Counsel” role through the date of her passing at her nephew’s law firm, primarily to keep actively in touch with countless friends and colleagues in the civic and legal community.

Sara’s dedication to women’s rights and professional empowerment led to some of her proudest accomplishments. She co-founded the Northern Kentucky Women’s Lawyer Association, served on the Board and as Vice-Chair on Kentucky’s Commission of Women, and was Vice Chair on the Steering Committee for the Governor’s Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky’s Women. In 2004, the Kentucky House of Representatives officially recognized Sara as an “Outstanding Woman of Northern Kentucky” for all of her civic and charitable contributions to the Northern Kentucky region. Sara served on countless community boards over the years and really wanted to make a difference in her Greater Cincinnati community.

To those who knew her personally, Sara lived a life of energy and passion, love and strong opinions, with a dry sense of humor. Though she did not have kids of her own, Sara was an irreplaceable influence to her 18 nieces and nephews, all of whom loved her dearly and looked up to her until her last breath.

— *Shane C. Sidebottom*



Robert “Bob” Stachler

1929 – 2019

Bob Stachler trained generations of lawyers in this community in the preparation, courage, determination, and teamwork required to be a trial attorney. Builder of the litigation practice at Taft Stettinius & Hollister, he was mentor, friend, partner, teaching us not just how to try lawsuits, but how to be a person.

Raised in Dayton, on the wrong side of the tracks as he was quick to point out, Stach went to Chaminade High School, where he boxed and played football (center and middle linebacker) and helped take his team to the state championship game. He went to the University of Dayton with a football scholarship and there joined ROTC. Upon graduation, he deferred law school to be commissioned an Army officer. As a First Lieutenant in the 101st Airborne in Korea, he led his men into battle, including Pork Chop Hill, and returned home with a scar on his hand from a Chinese bayonet.

His was an extraordinary mind. He graduated at the top of his class at UC’s College of Law in 1957 and joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister. There he went to work in the relatively unheralded area, certainly for a firm like Taft, of litigation. Commonly considered unseemly, litigation was only beginning to play a key role in advancing the interests of clients.

The adversarial nature appealed to him, and he was good at it. Hard-fought victories for clients piled up. Vada Pinson, star center fielder for the Reds after an altercation with a reporter; Carl Goodin, Chief of Police of Cincinnati, acquitted of perjury charges on appeal; television station WLWT in litigation with a flamboyant on-air personality; Cincinnati Gas & Electric challenging the design of General Electric’s nuclear power plants; his beloved Cincinnati Bengals in numerous lawsuits. The list went on. When Pete Rose hired him to represent him against Major League Baseball, New York Times reporter James Reston aptly described him as “a gravel-voiced street fighter with an exalted reputation in Cincinnati as the city’s foremost litigator.”

Among many activities, Stachler was a president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers Board of Regents, long-time Board member of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and the Friars Club, and so much more.

This man with a gruff exterior and huge heart could converse with anyone — irrespective of station of life. The CEO of a publicly traded company, or the doorman at the hotel. It didn’t matter.

A warm smile. A quick quip. And his family. Betty. Ever by his side. Through every battle. For every glorious success. Her picture always on his desk right by his phone. And Debbie, Tom, John, Robbie, Kelly. Lighting up his face when he spoke of them. Not only did they mean everything to him — but even he, wise as he was, could learn from them.

I often say of our law firm — and it is true of this bar association as well — we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. None of those shoulders are as tall as those of Robert George Stachler — a giant who walked among us and made a difference.

— *W. Stuart Dornette*



Frank Hale Stewart

1931 – 2020

Frank Hale Stewart died August 16, 2020 at the age of 89. He was a loving husband to the late Cynthia Ellis Stewart, and father of two sons, Allen Ellis Stewart and Frank Hale Stewart, Jr., and the grandfather of three.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Harvard College, Frank served in the U.S. Army for two years before following in his father's footsteps at the University of Virginia Law School. After a stint working for the National

Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., Frank came to Cincinnati in 1958 and was hired by the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister, where he practiced labor law for 40 years. He was a protégé of J. Mack Swigert, the principal author of the Taft Hartley Act at the direction of Senator Robert A. Taft. He was a co-host on a regular radio news show fielding questions on employment and labor law.

Frank navigated labor law as it evolved over the decades and became a lawyer's lawyer in the labor and employment law practice across the entire country. He chaired Taft's Labor and Employment Law Section from 1988 to 1997, when he retired. He also chaired the Taft firm's Employment Committee for many years and was responsible for recruiting and mentoring many young lawyers who went on to become leaders in the firm and in other diverse positions nationwide ranging from corporate in-house counsel to federal judge.

Frank instructed a generation of young lawyers in the fine points of persuasive writing and the value of a devilish sense of humor. Frank used his legal skills to serve as an arbitrator and mediator in private disputes, and he was an adjunct professor of Labor Law at the University of Cincinnati for many years. He was overjoyed to be invited to teach programs on mediation and arbitration at his alma mater, the University of Virginia Law School. Beyond his career in law, Frank was also a leader in the Cincinnati arts community, and served as a member and chair of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors. His skill as a bridge player was legendary.

— *Daniel J. Hoffheimer, Timothy P. Reilly, Mark J. Stepaniak*



Peter Strasser

1947 – 2020

Peter was born September 21, 1947 and died September 4, 2020 from complications due to Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Cincinnati to Elmer Strasser and Jean Hennegan Strasser with six brothers and sisters. Their home overlooked Ault Park where he and his brothers with their Airedales spent many a lazy summer afternoon.

Peter graduated from St. Xavier High School in the class of 1965. He graduated from the Univ of Cincinnati and attended Chase College of Law, initially in the YMCA in downtown Cincinnati, and then NKU, where he graduated in 1973. During his law school years, he clerked at the Hamilton County courthouse. He often reminisced about his days in the courtroom of Judge Lyle Castle. After graduation he began a private practice in Mt. Washington and eventually moved to Clermont County. He practiced from an office on Main Street and joked that he specialized in "whatever walked in the door." He retired in 2005.

A renaissance man through and through, Peter was an accomplished guitarist, a member of the New Cumberland trio. He golfed and played softball with the Clermont County Bar Association.

Peter was particularly fond of old Volvos, restoring and driving a 1970 Volvo P1800.

Peter is survived by his wife, Priscilla O'Donnell, his daughter Sarah Strasser de Asa, two granddaughters, Elsa and Salome de Asa, two brothers, Dr. Michael Strasser (Marjorie) of Phoenix, AZ and Paul Strasser (Jane), founder of the Red Wolf Sanctuary in Rising Sun, Indiana. Peter was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Judy Sena, Jane Washburn, Mary Strasser, and brother James.

— *By Priscilla O'Donnell*



Jennifer N. Templeton

1978 – 2019

Jennifer N. Templeton (Heller), passed away unexpectedly at the age of 40 on January 21, 2019. Jen was born in Troy, Ohio on December 13, 1978 to Robert and Patricia Heller. She graduated from Ross High School in 1997. She went on to Eastern Michigan University, class of 2001, and graduated the Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI in 2007.

Jen returned to Ohio after law school and began working at Lerner Sampson and Rothfuss as a law clerk before being hired on as an associate in 2009. Jen spent her entire legal career with the firm, developing great expertise, a finely honed skill set and numerous friendships. She was known for her toughness, her clear-eyed problem solving, her kind smile, and a beautiful and booming laugh that could be heard down the hallway. The sudden loss of Jen as a friend, mentor and colleague was felt deeply by the firm across all departments and among attorneys and court personnel she worked with throughout the legal community.

In her spare time, Jen enjoyed league bowling and boating with her husband of five years, Joe, and their close family and friend groups. She was also a pet lover, with Duke, Brooks and Prince as her pride and joy. Nothing was more important to Jen than her family and her pets.

Jen is survived by her parents Robert and Patricia Heller, her husband Joe Templeton, her siblings Michael Heller and Kim Heller, two nephews and two nieces, and numerous other in laws, family members and friends. She was truly loved and is deeply missed. Losing such a vibrant young woman certainly made the world a little darker, but there is no doubt heaven is now a little brighter.

— Mark Rothfuss



John P. Williams Jr.

1941 – 2019

One of the great things about the law is the opportunity it provides and responsibility it entails for a lawyer to be a part of the fabric of her or his community. In Cincinnati, no one exemplified that interfusion better than John Williams Jr.

While John grew up in Dayton, he was part of a prominent Cincinnati family. He was always proud of his grandfather, Charles Sawyer, who had been a member of Cincinnati City Council, Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, Ambassador to

Luxembourg during World War II, Secretary of Commerce under President Truman and managing partner of Taft Stettinius & Hollister.

John went to Princeton for his undergraduate education, returned home for law school at the University of Cincinnati, graduated in 1966, and then joined the Taft firm.

The Vietnam conflict was heating up, and John signed on with the United States Marine Corps — not so he could hone his legal skills in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, but rather to serve as a front-line infantry officer, leading his men into what we euphemistically call "harm's way." He was responsible for 220 men in a rifle platoon in some of the toughest fighting in Vietnam. John received two purple hearts and a bronze star — with valor — awarded "for acts of valor or meritorious service in combat."

One thing I learned pretty early on with John: Don't speak ill to him about even your least favorite adversary, if that person happened to have been a Marine.

John returned to work at Taft. Corporate lawyer, lover of life and those he worked with (mostly), champion of the community, and booster of anyone associated with his law firm, John pushed a number of us to get involved in community activities.

In 1984, John left us to run the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce (now the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber). We knew we had lost a great partner — but we also knew that our community would be the richer for it. And over the next 17 years, he led a transformation of the Chamber into the active enterprise it is today — continuing to move the community forward. And he was always ready to lead, whether it was the effort to raise the sales tax to remake our riverfront, or to modify Cincinnati's form of government to directly elect the mayor, or boosting the nascent tech community into what is now a thriving ecosystem.

John once told me he wanted to be the three things his grandfather had been: lawyer, businessman, public servant. Technically, he only got the lawyer and businessman parts down, but I have never seen any candidate for office work a room as effectively as John. And in 2017, the Chamber of Commerce named John one of its Greatest Living Cincinnatians — an honor first bestowed, 51 years earlier, upon his grandfather.

You cannot think about John without thinking about Francie, his constant companion and champion who brought joy to his life. The thought of the two of them, heading down the road with their Airstream trailer, can bring a smile to anyone's face.

I, and many others, were blessed to have been touched by this remarkable man. Rightly proud of his many accomplishments, he never bragged; born to privilege, he stood always ready to help someone else out — wherever they came from; passionate about life, which he lived to the fullest; loyal to his friends — and willing to do whatever it took to help them.

Rest in peace. *Semper fidelis.*

— Stuart Dornette



Hon. Ralph Winkler

1935 – 2020

Judge Ralph Winkler, life-long resident of Cincinnati, OH, passed unexpectedly on September 3, 2020 at the age of 84. Ralph was an awesome father, grandfather, mentor, judge and friend. He will be remembered as wise, funny, silly, accomplished, gumptious, loyal, supportive, generous, faithful, fearless, and strong.

Winkler is survived by his wife Donna Elsasser Winkler (nee Lay), his children Robert (Diane) and Ralph “Ted”

(Tracy), stepson Erin Elsasser, grandchildren Christian, Evangeline, Lillian, Allison (Ryan) Detzel, Andrea (Chris) Boettcher, and Allayna (Brett) Bauman, Kate Elsasser, great grandchildren Ava, Harrison, Lincoln, Finley, Claire, Edison and Elliott, siblings Judy Poltor and Nick and Lee Winkler and friends too numerous to count. He was preceded in death by his wife Cheryl Traub Winkler and daughter Susan Winkler.

Ralph was born October 7, 1935 in Cincinnati, Ohio to his parents Ralph and Kay. He was a proud graduate of Walnut Hills High School in 1953. He immediately joined the army, where he honorably served from 1953-1955. After returning home from the service, he attended the University of Cincinnati on the GI Bill, graduating in 1959. Winkler became a US Treasury agent in the Intelligence Unit as a Special Agent, guarding presidents and working undercover breaking up organized crime. While working as a special agent, Ralph entered Chase College of Law, where he earned his JD in 1970. He was appointed to the Municipal Court bench in 1977, beginning a distinguished career as a judge, serving in Municipal, Common Pleas and finally on the 1st District Court of Appeals. He was an active member of Westwood United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School, ushered and enjoyed the fellowship of his good friends in Merrimates. Judge Winkler will be remembered for his fierce love of his family above all else.



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