

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BAR MEMORIALS CEREMONY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Courtroom No. 2A
Lehigh County Courthouse

IN MEMORY OF...

SAMUEL A. SCOTT
RICHARD J. ORLOSKI
JOHN L. MACGOWAN
HON. ALAN M. BLACK
SAMUEL D. MILLER, III
WILLIAM J. FENZA
JOHN O. KARNS
JOSEPH L. ROSENFELD
STACY L. MORANE

BEFORE:

HONORABLE J. BRIAN JOHNSON
HONORABLE EDWARD D. REIBMAN
HONORABLE ROBERT L. STEINBERG
HONORABLE DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY
HONORABLE MELISSA T. PAVLACK
HONORABLE ANNA-KRISTIE M. MARKS

1 (Whereupon, the proceedings commenced at
2 9:06 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: Good morning. On behalf of my
4 colleagues on the Court of Common Pleas and personally, I
5 welcome you all to the annual Bar Memorials Ceremony
6 sponsored jointly by the Bar Association of Lehigh County
7 and the Court. Joining me on the bench in order of
8 seniority are the Honorables Edward D. Reibman, Robert L.
9 Steinburg, Douglas G. Reichley, Melissa T. Pavlack, and
10 Kristie M. Marks. Judges Anthony and Verricchio cannot be
11 with us this morning. I also recognize former judges and
12 elected officials, Former U.S. District Chief Judge Edward
13 Cahn, Former President Judge of this Court William H.
14 Platt, Former Judge of this Court Kelly L. Banach, Former
15 Judge of this Court William E. Ford, District Attorney
16 James B. Martin, and Chief Public Defender Kimberly Makoul.

17 In this special session of the Court, we
18 pause to remember and pay respects to those members of our
19 bar association, our colleagues, who have passed away
20 during 2020. Those of us in the legal profession and those
21 who live or work among us know that our days in this
22 profession are often long. It is at this time, however,
23 that we are reminded that our years are short. In our
24 annual Bar Admission Ceremony, we admit new members to our
25 bar with great joy as they commence their professional

1 lives and with great hope that they will do well for
2 themselves and their clients and do good for our community
3 and our profession, but today we have a more somber but no
4 less important duty of paying respects to our departed
5 colleagues. Birth is a beginning, and death is a
6 destination. Life is the journey in between that. In
7 remembering our departed colleagues and the journey they
8 took, we also remind ourselves of our own mortality, the
9 kind of life we live, and the legacy we will leave behind.
10 The Court recognizes the President of the Bar Association
11 of Lehigh County Attorney Buddy Lesavoy.

12 MR. LESAVOY: Thank you, Your Honor. May it
13 please the Court. We gather today for what could very well
14 be our finest tradition, the Annual Bar Memorials. This is
15 at least a 115-year tradition dating back to the beginning
16 of this esteemed organization. We were slightly delayed
17 this year with the ceremony because of the pandemic, but
18 today we will be honoring and celebrating the lives of
19 members of our Lehigh County Bar Association who have
20 passed away during the 2020-calendar year. We thank the
21 Court for its continued commitment, for clearing their
22 calendar and for joining us, and their assistance as we pay
23 tribute to our former members. We would especially like to
24 thank Attorney Jenna Fliszar, who diligently and
25 wholeheartedly volunteers every year to help organize this

1 celebration of life. Thank you, Jenna.

2 Today we gather to honor the memory of
3 Samuel A. Scott, who will be remembered by me; Richard J.
4 Orloski, who will be remembered by Robert Pandaleon; John
5 L. MacGowan, who will be remembered by me; the Honorable
6 Alan Black, who will be remembered by Michael Prokup;
7 Samuel D. Miller, III, who will be remembered by Michelle
8 Forsell; William Fenza, who will be remembered by me; John
9 O. Karns, who will be remembered by me; Joseph Rosenfeld,
10 who will be remembered by me; and Stacy Lynn Morane, who
11 will be remembered by Briana Gaumer.

12 I'd like to begin with Samuel A. Scott. Sam
13 was 75, of Alburtis, formerly of Zionsville, when he died
14 on January 13th of 2020. He was born in Greensburg. He
15 was the son of the late Joseph H. and Helen M. (Getty)
16 Scott. Sam was a 1966 graduate of Allegheny College and a
17 1969 graduate of Dickinson Law School. He was an attorney
18 in private practice until retiring in 2018. Sam loved
19 sailing, the ocean, and traveling, bringing along family
20 and friends on all of his adventures. Sam was survived by
21 his wife of 52 years, M. Jean (Pierce) Scott; his children,
22 Liz Scott and her husband, Matt Glickman, of West Haven,
23 Connecticut, Joey Scott and his wife, Courtney, of West
24 Chester, Will Scott and his wife, Kelondra, of Macgunie,
25 and John Scott of Alburtis. He was also survived by his

1 grandchildren, Evan and Zion Rogers as well as Kimani
2 Scott. Please welcome Robert Pandaleon who will now honor
3 Richard J. Orloski.

4 MR. PANDALEON: May it please the Court, our
5 distinguished senior judges, members of the bar association
6 and officers, honored guests, friends, and especially the
7 family of Richard Orloski, who have offered me the honor
8 and privilege of speaking to you this morning about his
9 life and career.

10 For me, three words describe Rick:
11 Advocate, mentor, and friend. My knowledge of Rick's
12 career begins with my career, because he gave me my first
13 job as a practicing lawyer. Things were different when he
14 was learning to practice law. One of his first jobs was in
15 the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office under the late
16 George Joseph. It was not unusual in those days to be
17 assigned a case on short notice, learn the file, and to try
18 the case without much ado. Perhaps for this reason, he was
19 a big proponent that you had to learn by doing. Rick
20 always had a very strong federal practice. He was always
21 sending me to both the federal courthouse at 6th and Market
22 and depositions in Philadelphia. It was for this reason
23 that only four years into my career I found myself on the
24 precipice of trying my first federal case to a jury. I was
25 nervous. I didn't feel ready, and I told Rick that he

1 should step in and take over. Well, after much pleading
2 with him, he agreed that he would sit at counsel table with
3 me, and we would try the case together. I was amazed at
4 the ease with which he turned what I told him into a
5 cohesive story to explain our client's situation to a jury
6 just like he had done in his formative years. I am proud
7 to say that the first federal case we tried together ended
8 in a verdict for our client, but in truth, I could not have
9 done it without his help.

10 We tried our last case together in April of
11 2019 right across the street in front of Judge Joseph
12 Leeson. It was a gruelling five-day trial with a
13 complicated medical diagnosis against two experienced
14 lawyers. As to the result in this one, I'll only mention
15 the jury deliberated for quite a well. But, results aside,
16 I saw it as a fitting capstone to my first trial and Rick's
17 last trial. We tried it together as a team. From
18 beginning to end, he was a dogged advocate and a valuable
19 mentor.

20 He wasn't only professionally gracious to
21 me. He was a friend. I was new to Allentown in 1992, and
22 I really did not know anyone. Countless times when we were
23 working late, he would call his wife, Kathy, ask what she
24 was cooking for dinner, and invite me over to eat. His
25 wife never made me feel out of place or unwelcome even

1 though I was an impromptu visitor. In 2005, Rick's son,
2 Kevin, was finishing his clerkship with the late Judge
3 William Moran in Northampton County and coming to join the
4 practice. I thought it was a fitting time to open my own
5 practice and let Rick practice with his two sons. When I
6 told Rick this, he did not see it coming. But after a
7 moment, he decided I should take all of the cases I was
8 then working on with me to my new office, and not only
9 that, he would fund any of the litigation costs. That is
10 what happened, and it made it very easy for me to get my
11 own footing in my new practice.

12 That's the way he was. He was generous in
13 every way and many of his clients would go on to become
14 lifelong friends. Rick's waiting room was always full if
15 he was at the office. In 1993, a ship called the "Golden
16 Venture" ran aground off the coast of New York City, which
17 had been smuggling Chinese immigrants into this country.
18 At the time, our bar association made a concerted effort to
19 help many of these individuals seek asylum in the U.S. as
20 they were detained in Bethlehem. Richard took one of the
21 cases pro bono and successfully sought asylum for his
22 client, who later became a United States citizen. Each
23 Christmas time, this gentleman would come to the office and
24 give a token of his appreciation. Rick always found some
25 way to reciprocate the gesture.

1 When Rick was growing up in the small town
2 of Duryea in Luzerne County, he heard Polish being spoken
3 almost as often as English in his house. He was very
4 keenly aware of how lucky he was to be able to not only go
5 to college but to eventually go to law school. Because he
6 realized how fortunate he was, he tried to follow the maxim
7 repeated by one of his heros, John F. Kennedy, "For those
8 to whom much is given, much is required." He was always
9 willing to try to help those from immigrant communities,
10 those who spoke another language, those who faced
11 discrimination in the workplace, those who had come far
12 from home to try to find the American dream just as he had.
13 I remember the pride he had when accepting an award from
14 the Syrian Arab American Charity Association, one of the
15 few mementos that he hung in his office.

16 If Rick were here today, I know that he
17 would want you to know that he was the son of immigrants.
18 His father worked in the coal mine and later in his life as
19 a janitor in a baseball card factory. Rick worked his way
20 through King's College near his hometown and eventually
21 onto Cornell Law School where he met his wife, Kathy. He
22 would also tell you about his kids, Rick, Rebecca, Kevin,
23 Dr. Joe, and Katherine. Rick made a positive difference in
24 many lives. He didn't like to talk about himself. He was
25 most at ease telling the stories of others, but his memory

1 lives on in the lives of the people who he has touched, and
2 that's the way I think he would like it. Thank you.

3 MR. LESAVOY: Thank you, Robert. John
4 Leslie MacGowan of Coopersburg died on February 7th of
5 2020. He was born in Paris, France, in 1932 and lived in
6 Genoa, Italy, where his father worked for American Export
7 Lines until the outbreak of World War II when his family
8 returned to the states. He grew up in northern New Jersey,
9 graduated from the Peddie School, Middlebury College, where
10 he met his wife, Sally, and, thereafter, he attended the
11 University of Virginia School of Law. After graduating
12 from law school, he moved to Allentown and was a partner at
13 Perkins, Twining, Dower and Christie Firm. During those
14 years, he was active in the Allentown Salisbury Junior
15 Kiwanis Club and Boots and Saddle Riding Club where he
16 spearheaded the effort to preserve the club's land for the
17 Wildlife Conservancy.

18 A longtime member of St. John's Lutheran
19 Church, he was involved in a project the church undertook
20 to sponsor two Muslim families who had been ousted from
21 Uganda and later helped them buy their first Mosque. He
22 served on the church Vestry. He and Sally later bought a
23 farm, Spring Fields, where they boarded horses. John
24 enjoyed working around the property and was often found on
25 his beloved John Deere tractor. John was someone who put

1 others first, who loved to laugh, who was loyal, and who
2 could hold a fascinating conversation with almost anyone
3 about almost anything. In addition to his wife of 62
4 years, he is survived by his brother, Robert, and three
5 children: John and Emily of Coopersburg, David and
6 Elizabeth of Waterbury, Vermont, and Alexandra and David
7 Calligeros of Nyack, New York. He has six grandchildren,
8 Matthew and John Karl MacGowan, Paul and Joseph MacGowan,
9 and Thalia and Eugene Calligeros, as well as two
10 great-grandchildren, Owen MacGowan and John Daniel (Danny)
11 MacGowan.

12 At this time, please welcome Michael Prokup,
13 who will honor the Honorable Alan Black.

14 MR. PROKUP: May it please the Court,
15 retired judges, county officials, colleagues, friends, and
16 of course, the families of our recently deceased
17 colleagues. I am honored to have this opportunity to share
18 some thoughts about my dear friend and former partner Judge
19 Alan Black. None of my remarks, however, will relate to
20 Alan's years on this bench. Since I ceased trying cases
21 quite some time ago -- and even if I were trying cases, I
22 think for obvious reasons -- Alan and I would realize that
23 we could never be a judge and a lawyer appearing before
24 him. So for those of you who did appear before Judge
25 Black, I hope the things that I'm going to say will cause

1 you to nod your heads and say to yourselves, yes, that was
2 Judge Black. Alan practiced law and dispensed justice from
3 the bench as a man possessed with a powerful assortment of
4 abilities, a keen intellect, and a love of the law as an
5 intellectual challenge and as the set of rules through
6 which we conduct a well-ordered society. He possessed a
7 calm disposition which manifested itself in the
8 dispassionate manner in which he communicated with clients,
9 colleagues, and litigants, and he possessed an overarching
10 commitment to logic as the ultimate guide in dispensing
11 advice or in making an argument.

12 Throughout much of the 48 years that Judge
13 Black and I were friends, we most often referred to each
14 other as Blackie and Pokie, but I must confess -- and,
15 Donna, I apologize for this -- I had a secret nickname for
16 Alan. It was Mr. Spock. Because as we all remember that
17 character from Star Trek, he was logic personified.
18 Although as I was preparing these remarks, I was also
19 struck by something that I never, never observed in Alan's
20 behavior. Number one, he never lost his temper, and number
21 two, I never heard him curse. He had no need for such
22 behaviors as either emotional outlets or as performance
23 tricks. Simply put, Alan achieved success in his legal
24 career through the levelheaded and logical application of
25 his intellect. We commonly recognize and identify that

1 combination of capabilities as wisdom. I spoke with Donna
2 on Friday mainly to assure her that I would say nothing to
3 embarrass the memory of Judge Black. I think she was a
4 little bit disappointed that I was not going to delve into
5 the other side of Judge Black, the one that few people saw
6 and which would come as a surprise to many. He had a great
7 capability to be silly, to be a prankster, to love jokes
8 and to enjoy being sometimes the butt of the joke and
9 sometimes the one who was the instigator.

10 One of our former partners at Black,
11 Epstein, Prokup, and McCarthy, Dan McCarthy, who is in the
12 courtroom today, and I stopped to chat with Dan for a
13 moment commenting to him that we were the last two of that
14 fiercesome foursome. Howie Epstein, another of our beloved
15 partners, having passed just a few years ago, and Dan
16 kindly reminded me, yeah, but now you're the oldest. Thank
17 you, Dan. His other comment was, you're not going to say
18 anything about the Poconos, are you?

19 Alan was highly organized, famous for the
20 quality of leadership that caused him to make sure, if you
21 will, that the trains ran on schedule. The memory that
22 those of us who practiced with him have carried with us for
23 some 30 or more years and will take with us to our dying
24 days is the retreat that he organized in the Poconos not
25 long after we formed our partnership. We felt that we

1 should meet. We should discuss where we were today, where
2 we wanted to be in the future, the hiring of associates and
3 the growth of the firm. And although he carefully planned
4 this trip with the help of a travel coordinator, the
5 original resort in which we were to stay was not available
6 to us. We found ourselves shifted to what might be
7 politely termed a honeymoon hotel. The four of us walked
8 in to check in -- and I won't go into all of the sordid
9 details -- but suffice to say that Alan and Dan were sent
10 to their assigned room as Mr. and Mrs. Alan Black, and
11 Howie Epstein and I were sent to our assigned room as
12 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Epstein.

13 I mentioned that we liked to play pranks on
14 each other. Many of you will remember the old 7th Street
15 delicatessen, which was the eating spot mainly for Alan and
16 Howard and I. We would take our Christian partner, Dan,
17 along to show that we were equitable in our relationships.
18 Howard and I had lunch there one afternoon, and there use
19 to be -- polite term would be an antique shop next to the
20 deli; a less polite term would be a junk shop -- and it was
21 a nice summer day and sitting on a table outside was a
22 little statue of an Indian head. At the base, it had the
23 name Black Hawk. Howard and I realized this was something
24 that just had to go into Alan's office. So we brought it
25 back to the office. We waited for Alan to come back from

1 lunch himself, and while we were waiting, we unscrewed two
2 of the casters from the bottom of his desk chair. When he
3 came in, we said, come, we brought you a gift. Put it on
4 the credenza behind his desk and said, come, sit and enjoy
5 looking upon Chief Black Hawk. Howard and I made sure we
6 were stationed behind his chair. Alan proceeded to sit
7 down, and we caught him before any injuries ensued.

8 This must have stewed in Alan's mind for
9 months and months. There was one day that I was not going
10 to be in the office. I think I was traveling to perhaps a
11 distant fort such as Berks County. Howard and I were
12 normally the first two to arrive in the office. Well, on
13 this morning, I didn't show up, and so what I'm going to
14 relate to you was related to me only after the fact. My
15 secretary at the time, Debra, arrived at the office, walked
16 upstairs to the second floor where Howard and I had our
17 offices and the conference room, and as was her practice,
18 she walked into my office to put on the lights, and I am
19 told then admitted a blood curdling scream, because
20 someone -- later found out to be the Honorable Alan
21 Black -- had hung a rubber chicken with what appeared to be
22 its neck cut and blood flowing down out of one of the
23 filing cabinets in my office. Alan had much apologizing to
24 do to Debra, and I still to this day believe that's why she
25 left the office and never wanted to return.

1 Now, if I've painted a somewhat -- I don't
2 want to say dour -- but you might take away was Judge Black
3 just a soulless technocratic automaton in the Spock
4 fashion. Look, one thing that Alan demonstrated to me was
5 that nothing, nothing was more important than family, the
6 love of his life, Donna, his children, Martin and Sarah,
7 his grandchildren, Adam and Elise. This was the universe
8 in which he really traveled not to distant planets or
9 worlds unknown. He was an integral part of the Lehigh
10 Valley community. Alan served as Allentown's City
11 Solicitor. He was not just a member but the past
12 president, past chairman of the board, and constant advisor
13 to the leadership at Temple Beth El. He was the past
14 president of the Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh
15 Valley. He was on the Board of Governors of the Civic
16 Theater of Allentown, a member of the Rotary Club, board
17 member -- founding board member of Confront, and the list
18 of his community activities goes on and on.

19 C.S. Lewis is credited with the quote,
20 "Integrity is doing the right thing when nobody is
21 looking." It is a sad irony to use a quote which speaks of
22 the gift we all enjoy of sight and one that was taken from
23 Alan in his later years, but we can feel a warmth, feel a
24 kinship because what Alan has left with us is a memory of a
25 man who lived his life as the very embodiment of integrity.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. LESAVOY: Thank you, Michael. Now
3 please welcome Michelle Forsell, who will honor Samuel D.
4 Miller, III.

5 MS. FORSELL: Thank you. May it please the
6 Court. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to honor
7 and remember Samuel D. Miller, III. Sam was born in
8 Norristown on June 8, 1942. He graduated from A.D.
9 Eisenhower High School in Norristown in 1960 and went on to
10 earn his bachelors degree at Amherst College and his law
11 degree from American University in Washington DC. Sam was
12 a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam and retired
13 as a colonel with the Army Reserve after serving his
14 country for over 30 years. He was a longtime resident of
15 Upper Gwynedd Township in Montgomery County and an active
16 member of his church, the Church of the Messiah, located in
17 Lower Gwynedd. Sam practiced law for over 50 years and was
18 also very active in the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He
19 was the past president of the Montgomery County Bar
20 Association but most of us will remember Sam for his
21 participation with our bar association. Sam attended many
22 membership dinners and bench bar conferences.

23 It was at the bench bar conferences that I
24 had the opportunity to get to know Sam the person. He was
25 a very soft spoken individual of the highest integrity.

1 Many of us here today had the pleasure of hearing Sam
2 present numerous continuing legal education seminars on
3 various topics but most importantly on the ethical issues,
4 specifically, what we as attorneys should not do. Sam was
5 always full of adjunct lessons. He presented many modern
6 programs, and we would often watch a video of some of his
7 past programs while on the bus to attend the bench bar
8 conferences. I will never forget one of those bus rides
9 with Sam. He was on the bus with us, and the video player
10 was not working and everybody was so concerned, how are we
11 going to get our ethics credit. So I turned to Sam and I
12 jokingly suggested -- but not really -- that we did not
13 need a video because we have him right here with us on the
14 bus and we could still get our CLE credit. I'm sure he
15 could come up with something on the cuff. He laughed with
16 that special smile of his, and I think he would have
17 obliged us had not the video player started working.
18 Sadly, we lost Sam on September 24, 2020. He's survived by
19 his two sons and his two grandchildren. I'd like to think
20 that we are all better attorneys for what he has taught us
21 over the years. Thank you.

22 MR. LESAVOY: Thank you, Michelle. William
23 J. Fenza died on October 18, 2020 in Allentown,
24 Pennsylvania at the age of 91. He was born May 21, 1929 to
25 William J. Fenza, Sr. and Leona Lane Fenza of Ridley Park,

1 Pennsylvania. He played football for Ridley Park High
2 School. When he was a teenager, his piano teacher
3 encouraged him to attend Philadelphia Orchestra concerts;
4 he did so and became a lifelong lover and supporter of
5 classical music. He attended Johns Hopkins University
6 where he studied literature and creative writing. The
7 novelist John Barth was among his classmates. He was an
8 editor and contributor to the university's student
9 publications and became involved with the students' theater
10 group, the Barnstormers. He played the director in Thornton
11 Wilder's "Our Town" in a cast that included actor John
12 Astin.

13 He went on to marry Dolores Duda in 1951.
14 Upon graduating, he was drafted into the U.S. Army.
15 Because he graduated from a famous medical university, the
16 Army assumed he knew something about medicine and assigned
17 him to Army hospitals in Texas and Landstuhl, Germany.
18 While he was stationed in Texas, he met enlisted former
19 members of Harvard's Hasty Pudding Theatricals, who helped
20 to reassign him to the Army's Unit of Special Services. He
21 was part of a special services troupe that staged a
22 musical, Xanadu, for the entertainment of the troops
23 stationed in Europe.

24 After he was discharged from the service, he
25 earned his law degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

1 He married Myra Wolf in 1969. He moved to Allentown where
2 he became General Counsel for General Acceptance
3 Corporation, which became Finance America and then,
4 ultimately, Chrysler First Financial. He continued his
5 participation in theater throughout the Lehigh Valley's
6 various community theater groups including, Civic Theatre
7 of Allentown, Guthsville Playhouse, Municipal Opera
8 Company, Monopco Musical Theater, Touchstone, and the
9 Pennsylvania Playhouse. He directed successful productions
10 of Godspell, Company, The Fantasticks, Man of La Mancha,
11 Luv, Mame, and A Streetcar Named Desire. He also performed
12 as an actor in many other productions. In 2004, at
13 8,000 feet on the mountain of Big Sky Resort in Montana, he
14 married Joan Miller Moran, who shared his love for skiing,
15 worldwide travel, theater, classical music, and opera. He
16 and his wife supported the Curtis Institute of Music, the
17 Metropolitan Opera, and Miller Symphony Hall.

18 Survivors include his wife, Joan Moran;
19 daughters, Christine Hill and J.J. Fenza; sons, David
20 Fenza, Richard Fenza, and James Moran; as well as his
21 grandchildren, Cierra, Heather, Travis, and Alex; and three
22 great-granddaughters.

23 John O. Karns, Esquire, passed away at 86 on
24 November 6th of 2020 at his home in Lower Pottsgrove,
25 Pennsylvania. He was the loving husband of M. Louise

1 (Renninger) Karns with whom he shared over 60 years of
2 marriage. Born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on September
3 23rd of 1934, John was the son of the late John G. and
4 Claribel (Kough) Karns. John received his undergraduate
5 and law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He
6 was a partner at the Law Firm of Ballard Spahr in
7 Philadelphia for 26 years. He and his wife then moved to
8 Allentown where he opened his own law practice. He served
9 for six years in the U.S. Army Reserves. John was involved
10 with many civic and international organizations throughout
11 his life but particularly enjoyed his involvement with the
12 Kiwanis Club of Allentown and the Lutheran Historical
13 Society. He loved to travel, hike, and especially enjoyed
14 sitting down to read a good book.

15 In addition to his wife, Mr. Karns is
16 lovingly remembered by his son, Byron Karns; his daughter,
17 Joan Karns; his grandchildren, Natalie Karns and Sam Karns;
18 his daughter-in-law, Julie Bourman; his in-laws, Doris
19 Callow, Frank and Nancy Renninger, Shirley and Bob
20 Cressman, Carl Renninger, and Fran Heffner; as well as 18
21 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister,
22 Joycelyn Montney; brothers-in-law, Roy Jay Montney, Paul
23 Callow, and Kenneth Garner; sisters-in-law, Esther Garner
24 and Mary Ann Renninger; and nephews, Mark Callow and Chris
25 Cressman.

1 Attorney Joseph L. Rosenfeld of Allentown
2 passed away November 19th of 2020 at age 84. He was born
3 on October 1, 1936 in Allentown. He was the son of the
4 late Albert and Sadie (Arnovits) Rosenfeld. Joe was a
5 graduate of Moravian College and Temple Law School, where
6 he was elected class president in 1961. He served in the
7 U.S. Army National Guard for six years, and he graduated
8 from the Pennsylvania Officer Candidate School. In 1968,
9 Joseph was named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by
10 the Allentown Jaycees. He was a practicing attorney in
11 Allentown for many years and served as the City Solicitor
12 in Allentown.

13 He was survived by his sons, Jonathan
14 Rosenfeld, Andrew Turner; and his wife, Eileen and their
15 two children; as well as his brother, Michael Rosenfeld,
16 and his wife, Linda.

17 At this time, please welcome our final
18 speaker, Briana Gaumer, who will honor Stacy Lynn Morane.

19 MS. GAUMER: Good morning, Honorable Judges
20 of the Court, colleagues, friends, and family. Most known
21 as a family law practitioner for over 30 years in this
22 county, Stacy was beloved by everyone who met her. For
23 someone who talks for a living, I can honestly tell you
24 this was one of the more difficult tasks asked of me thus
25 far. It is near impossible to put into words how special

1 Stacy was. I will do my best. First, I want to share some
2 words and thoughts of others who knew her so well. Penny
3 Lesavoy, a lifelong friend, shares: Stacy was a liver of
4 life, a lover of practicing law, known best for her genuine
5 love and consideration for others. Stacy was always ready
6 to lend a helping hand. Her loving husband, Tommy, fondly
7 shared with me stories of her childhood and of their lives
8 together. Her infectious "spicy" energy ever present. He
9 confirmed that her love of helping others, especially
10 children, started early on with her desire to become a
11 schoolteacher. This desire she later fulfilled when she
12 was able to stay home with her beloved grandkids during the
13 pandemic for virtual learning. Nonna was the best teacher.
14 Lori, her beloved friend, confidant, and right-hand woman
15 shares: Stacy was the epitome of a good and decent human
16 being. She was a beacon of light for those who were
17 blessed to have known her. Her strength gave you strength,
18 and you were a better person for having shared even the
19 briefest of moments in her journey through life.

20 Stacy was a rare breed. If you met her,
21 even for one instance, you knew she was something special.
22 We know this is not an easy profession. I will go out on a
23 limb and say that family law, especially, is not an easy
24 profession. Stacy not only mastered her craft but did so
25 with so much grace and respect for others. She achieved

1 the ultimate balance of being beloved and respected by her
2 colleagues, and she never once wavered in her devout
3 advocacy for her clients. Stacy was my first friend in
4 Lehigh County. We instantly clicked. She exuded a
5 realness that is hard to come by these days. She taught me
6 so much about practicing law but more about being a good
7 and decent person while doing it. Before ever talking
8 shop, she'd ask me how I was doing, and she truly meant it.
9 She gave the most genuine hugs. So many of my bad days
10 were made better by a hug and a pep talk from her. I have
11 learned in preparing for this that in the past she was a
12 cheerleader in her adolescence, and that kind of all makes
13 sense to me now. She was everyone's cheerleader and still
14 is. I only hope to be half the attorney and person she
15 was. Thank you.

16 MR. LESAVOY: Thank you, Briana, and thank
17 you to all our speakers today. As I turn our ceremony back
18 over to the Court, I'd like to share a quote by Maya
19 Angelou that really represents all of our dear friends we
20 say goodbye to today: "A great soul serves everyone all
21 the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together
22 again and again." Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Lesavoy. Each
24 member of the court has treasured memories of those
25 memorialized this morning. The Court expresses its

1 appreciation to the bar association for continuing this
2 tradition, to Attorney Jenna Fliszar, the Chair of the Bar
3 Memorials Committee, for her hard work in making this
4 ceremony a success, and to the speakers who have so
5 beautifully memorialized our departed colleagues. They
6 have helped to continue a great tradition, allowed us to
7 share in the lives of our departed members, and to be
8 reminded of or learn some of the qualities we wish to
9 emulate. We are grateful for the lives of those we have
10 honored today and for their commitment to the principles of
11 justice that we share. We thank you all for joining us
12 today in remembrance of thought. We also acknowledge the
13 presence of Former Judge of this Court Daniel K. McCarthy
14 and Sheriff Joseph Hanna.

15 We especially thank the family members,
16 friends, and associates of our departed colleagues for
17 sharing them with us. They have enriched our lives as well
18 as yours. The official court reporter is directed to
19 transcribe the notes of testimony of these proceedings and
20 to make a digital copy of it available for the Bar
21 Association of Lehigh County. The bar association will
22 publish the transcript on its homepage at
23 <http://www.Lehighbar.org>. One may read, print, or download
24 it from that site. Today, because of COVID concerns, we
25 will dispense with our usual practice of holding a

1 reception after this ceremony. At this time, we will
2 adjourn this ceremony out of respect for our departed
3 colleagues and in honor of the profession of law in which
4 they served and the honorable traditions of Lehigh County.
5 Mr. Metzner, you may adjourn court.

6 (Whereupon, the Bar Memorials Ceremony
7 concluded at 9:49 a.m.)

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