

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2026 BAR MEMORIALS CEREMONY

Friday, March 6, 2026  
4:00 p.m.  
Courtroom No. 2A  
Lehigh County Courthouse  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

IN MEMORY OF:

WILLIAM G. MALKAMES  
JAMES L. HEIDECKER, JR.  
HONORABLE WILLIAM H. PLATT  
GEORGE M. NACE, III  
DAVID B. SHULMAN

BEFORE:

HONORABLE DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY, P.J.  
HONORABLE ROBERT L. STEINBERG, J.  
HONORABLE J. BRIAN JOHNSON, J.  
HONORABLE JAMES T. ANTHONY, J.  
HONORABLE MELISSA T. PAVLACK, J.  
HONORABLE ANNA-KRISTIE M. MARKS, J.  
HONORABLE THOMAS M. CAFFREY, J.  
HONORABLE THOMAS A. CAPEHART, J.  
HONORABLE MARK B. STANZIOLA, J.

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1           PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Sergeant Gersbach,  
2 you may open court.

3           SERGEANT GERSBACH: Oyez, oyez, oyez. All  
4 manner of persons having anything to do before the  
5 Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County and which is  
6 here holden this day, let them come forward and they  
7 shall be heard. God save the Commonwealth and this  
8 Honorable Court.

9           Please remain standing for the Pledge of  
10 Allegiance of the flag.

11           (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was  
12 recited.)

13           SERGEANT GERSBACH: Please be seated.

14           PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Good afternoon.  
15 My name is Doug Reichley, and I am honored to serve as  
16 the President Judge of this Court.

17           On behalf of my colleagues on the Court of  
18 Common Pleas of Lehigh County, and personally, I  
19 welcome you to the Annual Bar Memorial Ceremony which  
20 is sponsored jointly by the Bar Association of Lehigh  
21 County and this Court.

22           Joining me on the bench in order of  
23 seniority, beginning to my right is the Honorable  
24 Robert L. Steinberg, the Honorable J. Brian Johnson,  
25 the Honorable James T. Anthony, the Honorable Melissa

1 T. Pavlack; and on the row below me, the Honorable  
2 Anna-Kristie Morffi Marks, the Honorable Thomas M.  
3 Caffrey, the Honorable Thomas A. Capehart, and the  
4 Honorable Mark B. Stanziola. Unfortunately, Judge  
5 Zachary Cohen is out of town today and is not able to  
6 join us.

7 We also recognize those other judges and  
8 other elected officials who are with us here today,  
9 including from the federal bench Judge Joseph F.  
10 Leeson, Jr., and retired U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry S.  
11 Perkin, along with former U.S. District Chief Judge  
12 Edward N. Cahn.

13 From our own local bench, we have the  
14 Honorable Edward D. Reibman, former President Judge of  
15 this body, along with Judge William E. Ford and Judge  
16 Daniel K. McCarthy. Other elected officials include  
17 Sheriff Joseph Hanna, former District Attorney James B.  
18 Martin, and our Chief Public Defender Kimberly Makoul  
19 Goodge.

20 In this special session of the court, we  
21 pause to remember and pay respects to our colleagues  
22 and fellow members of our Bar Association who have  
23 passed away during 2025. Just as a quick reminder, out  
24 of respect for these proceedings today, we ask all of  
25 you to ensure that your cell phones are on silent.

1           Those of us in the legal profession and those  
2 who live or work with us know that our days in this  
3 profession are often long. In times like this,  
4 however, we are reminded how our years are short.

5           In our annual Bar Admission ceremony, we  
6 admit new members to our Bar with great joy as they  
7 commence their professional lives, and with great hope  
8 that they will aspire to do well for themselves and  
9 their clients, but also that they will be good role  
10 models for our community and our profession. Today we  
11 have a more somber but no less important duty of paying  
12 respects to our departed colleagues.

13           Birth is a beginning, and death is a  
14 destination. Life is the journey between them. In  
15 remembering our departed colleagues and the journey  
16 they took, we also remind ourselves of our own  
17 mortality and the kind of life we live and the legacy  
18 we will leave behind.

19           At this time, the Court recognizes the  
20 President of the Bar Association of Lehigh County,  
21 Attorney Jenna Fliszar.

22           Attorney Fliszar.

23           MS. FLISZAR: Thank you, Your Honor. May it  
24 please the Court.

25           PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Attorney Fliszar.

1 MS. FLISZAR: We gather today for what could  
2 be our finest tradition: The Annual Bar Memorial.  
3 This is a long-standing tradition dating back to the  
4 beginning of this esteemed organization.

5 Today we honor those member attorneys that  
6 passed away in 2025. We thank the Court for its  
7 continued commitment for clearing the court calendar to  
8 join and assist us as we pay tribute to our members.  
9 We would also like to thank Attorney Shelby Knafo, who  
10 has worked diligently this year to help organize this  
11 celebration of life.

12 Today we gather to honor the memory of  
13 William Malkames who will be remembered by the  
14 Honorable William Ford; James Heidecker, who will be  
15 remembered by Michael McIntyre; the Honorable William  
16 Platt, who will be remembered by the Honorable Robert  
17 Steinberg; George Nace, III, who will be remembered by  
18 Philip Hof; and David Shulman, who will be remembered  
19 by the Honorable Melissa Pavlack.

20 Please welcome the Honorable William Ford.

21 JUDGE FORD: May it please this Honorable  
22 Court.

23 PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Judge Ford.

24 JUDGE FORD: Attorney Fliszar, members of the  
25 Bar, family and friends of Attorney William G.

1 Malkames.

2 Williams G. Malkames, a member of this Bar  
3 for 65 years, died on January 23rd, 2025, at the age of  
4 91. A famed writer could have had Bill Malkames in  
5 mind when he wrote, "To laugh often and much; to win  
6 the respect of intelligent people and the affection of  
7 children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
8 and endure the betrayal of false friends; to leave the  
9 world a little better whether by a healthy child, a  
10 garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know  
11 even one life has breathed easier because you have  
12 lived. This is to have succeeded."

13 Today we offer our final farewell to our  
14 colleague and good friend, who always smiled and  
15 readily laughed, who was fascinated by people, who was  
16 respected by bench and bar and throughout our  
17 community, who was kind, and who was devoted to serving  
18 others. Dedication and kindness marked this man.

19 Bill Malkames was born on November 12, 1933,  
20 in Hazleton. There, he attended the public schools and  
21 was the Hazleton High School Student Council President  
22 and graduated in the top 10 of his class of 440.

23 He started senior year of high school at age  
24 16. This was because the administration moved him  
25 along a grade due to his academic achievements. This

1 enabled him to graduate from high school with his older  
2 brother.

3 Bill received a full academic scholarship to  
4 Muhlenberg College. It was there as a freshman that he  
5 first encountered a high school senior by the name of  
6 Edward N. Cahn on an outdoor Muhlenberg macadam  
7 basketball court. The year was 1950. That day saw the  
8 beginning of a lifetime of friendship and good-natured  
9 competition for the two of them.

10 Over the years as each man grew his practice,  
11 one would often let the other know in gentle ribbing to  
12 demonstrate increasing prestige the number of  
13 secretaries he now employed and the hours worked over  
14 Saturdays and Sundays.

15 At Muhlenberg, Bill was president of the  
16 student council. He graduated as a history major in  
17 1954. He was a lifetime student of history with a  
18 particular admiration for Abraham Lincoln. Bill also  
19 loved classical music with a deep appreciation for the  
20 genius of Mozart. He owned the recording of every  
21 published composition by Mozart.

22 Bill earned a full academic scholarship to  
23 the University of Pennsylvania's Law School. He  
24 graduated from Penn in 1957. During law school, Bill  
25 married his first wife, Mae Slebodnik. Mae was a

1 consummate homemaker and housekeeper. Together they  
2 raised three wonderful, accomplished children:  
3 Attorney William K. Malkames who now resides in  
4 Tennessee; the late Mark R. Malkames; and his  
5 biologist-anthropologist researcher daughter Susan  
6 Malkames Glass, married to Greg, who now live in Tampa.  
7 Bill predeceased -- I'm sorry. Mae predeceased Bill.  
8 Their son Mark succumbed to COVID in 2022, an  
9 unexpected death which broke the hearts of Bill, young  
10 Bill, and Susan.

11 Bill began practicing law in Luzerne County.  
12 He first worked in the industrial relations department  
13 of Westinghouse. He then practiced as an associate for  
14 Attorney James Costello, his preceptor.

15 The Malkames family moved to 914 College Lane  
16 in Salisbury Township, just off South 24th Street in  
17 1959. Bill was admitted to the Lehigh County Bar on  
18 March 7, 1960.

19 In Allentown, Bill worked as an associate for  
20 Attorney Emanuel Scoblionko. He then formed a  
21 partnership with John Metzger and David Mellenberg.  
22 They were known as the three M law firm: Metzger,  
23 Mellenberg, and Malkames. They had their offices at 44  
24 North 6th Street, catty-corner to The Morning Call  
25 building. It was there that Bill began building a

1 legendary practice with expertise and care rendered to  
2 clients great and small. His practice continued to  
3 grow when he left that partnership and went into sole  
4 practice at 509 Linden Street. Among the proudest  
5 periods of Bill's life were the years when his sons  
6 Bill and Mark joined him in the practice of law.

7 Excuse me.

8 Bill's second wife, Lori -- I believe she is  
9 here with us today. She and Bill had a long, happy,  
10 and successful marriage. They went on biking trips,  
11 traveled with friends, and hosted many card nights.  
12 Lori still cherishes her many one-on-one Hearts card  
13 games with Bill.

14 Lori's son Luke and Bill became good friends.  
15 Bill had three biological grandchildren: Kurt,  
16 Elizabeth, and William. But if you asked him, he would  
17 tell you he had five grandchildren, the other two being  
18 Lori's grandchildren, Brock and Max, the children of  
19 Luke. Bill was very close to all of his grandchildren.

20 The Malkames family were raised in the  
21 Lutheran faith. But as Susan explained with a chuckle,  
22 it was Martin Luther doctrine with a Bill Malkames  
23 twist, as to many tenets of the faith, he investigated,  
24 challenged, and questioned. Not a surprise. Bill and  
25 Lori were active members of Bethany United Methodist

1 Church.

2 In his final months as Lori provided  
3 extraordinary care, Bill had serious problems with  
4 mobility. In an effort to assist with that, he moved  
5 to Fellowship Manor, but died peacefully only days  
6 after arriving there.

7 Bill was renowned for his dedication to the  
8 practice of law. Through hard work, fueled by a keen  
9 intellect, wise counsel, ardent advocacy, and an earned  
10 stellar reputation, he conducted a first-rate  
11 successful practice. Our Emeritus District Attorney  
12 Jim Martin on those occasions when Jim worked late and  
13 sometimes very late downtown, he drove by Bill's office  
14 on his way home. Perhaps without exception on those  
15 drives home, Jim saw the light still burning in Bill's  
16 office.

17 One Christmas Eve, as Attorney Freddy Charles  
18 and his opponent were passing time waiting for a jury  
19 to return with its verdict in a case that they had just  
20 tried, they're at the bar in the restaurant which used  
21 to be located at Fourth and Hamilton Streets. They  
22 were discussing and disagreeing about a matter in which  
23 Bill Malkames was involved. Fred suggested, "Let's  
24 call Bill and find out what happened." The other  
25 attorney responded, "It's Christmas Eve, and it's

1 9 p.m. We'll never find him." Freddy answered,  
2 "Watch." He picked up the phone and dialed Bill's  
3 office number. At the other end of the line, Bill  
4 picked up the phone and said, "Malkames Law Office."

5           Shortly before Bill died, he was probably 89  
6 or 90 years old, I bumped into him. Teasingly, I asked  
7 if he was still practicing law. He answered,  
8 "Certainly, I am." And I responded, "Why don't you  
9 retire and just enjoy yourself?" And his answer was,  
10 "I can't. My clients need me."

11           Although Bill spent many hours at the office,  
12 he was always present for his children when they needed  
13 him. He also built in quality time for his children.  
14 Among the special times, Bill and his two boys traveled  
15 every week to Penn's Palestra every basketball season  
16 to watch Big 5 basketball. They were also regulars at  
17 the Phillies' games.

18           Bill treated and traveled with his beloved  
19 Susan, his daughter, and her friends, including Judge  
20 Cahn's daughter, to Paris for a week. Susan related a  
21 touching incident from when she was a very young child.  
22 She was playing at the Green Acres playground while her  
23 dad was playing a pick-up basketball game. Susan fell  
24 into a muddy area, and her clothing was totally soiled.  
25 And she began to cry. Bill saw this. He stopped the

1 basketball game, walked over to her, comforted her,  
2 took her hand, and walked her home and cleaned her up.

3           Years later, Susan was given an unusual  
4 expensive purse that her mother proudly bought her as a  
5 college graduation gift. Susan loved the purse. The  
6 purse was stolen from her college dorm room. Susan  
7 told her father. He knew what the purse meant to her.  
8 He immediately drove from Allentown to Lancaster's  
9 Franklin & Marshall College. He and Susan went looking  
10 through campus trash cans for the purse. They were  
11 unsuccessful. So Bill called the secretaries and had  
12 them scour shops for an identical purse.

13           Athletics was an important part of Bill's  
14 life. It began with basketball on playgrounds and, as  
15 he called them, beer leagues. It moved to running.  
16 And when his knees gave out, he took up biking and was  
17 a champion at it. He competed in 138 biathlons in the  
18 United States, Spain, Italy, and Mexico. His favorites  
19 were the ones in which his teammates were his children  
20 and his son-in-law. Those continue to be precious  
21 memories for the children and the son-in-law.

22           In his later years, he was a regular in the  
23 stands at Allen's Swards gym, Central Catholic's  
24 Rockne Hall, and in his lawn chair under the trees at  
25 Cedar Beach, watching his favorite high school

1 basketball players.

2           At a recent lunch with Judge Henry Perkin and  
3 a few other lawyers, we discussed Bill Malkames, the  
4 lawyer. Judge Perkin told us that he had quite a few  
5 land use matters with Bill. As Judge Perkin told it,  
6 Bill was a fierce competitor on behalf of his clients  
7 during hearings and trials. However, before and after  
8 every hearing, he was a perfect gentleman. His word  
9 was his bond. And friendships never diminished as a  
10 result of his zealous representation of his clients.  
11 When Judge Perkin finished telling us this, all around  
12 the table agreed. It was like amen chorus.

13           Bill practiced the lawyerly aspirations which  
14 Thomas More beautifully wrote into his prayer: "To be  
15 able in argument, accurate in analysis, keen in study,  
16 correct in conclusion, loyal to clients, honest with  
17 all, courteous to adversaries, trustworthy with  
18 confidences, and courageous in court." He taught these  
19 to his lawyer sons through exhortation and example.

20           Bill was a kind man. May I tell you two  
21 personal experiences I had with him that demonstrate  
22 his kindness, and I am sure many of you have had your  
23 own pleasant memories of these kinds of interactions  
24 with Bill.

25           I rented two spacious rooms from Bill at 509

1 Linden Street for eight-and-a-half years. When I began  
2 practicing in his building, he charged me \$325 for rent  
3 each month. For those eight-and-a-half years, Bill  
4 paid the utilities. He gave me a computer. I used his  
5 copy and fax machines. He gave me unlimited access to  
6 his conference room and library. On occasion, if the  
7 need arose, he put his secretaries who had paralegal  
8 expertise at my disposal. So what was the rent at the  
9 end of the eight-and-a-half years? The very same,  
10 \$325.

11 Bill wanted me to succeed. When I began  
12 practicing at 509 Linden, he told me that he would be  
13 in each Saturday -- sorry. He would be in each  
14 Saturday morning. He was there Saturday afternoons and  
15 very often Sundays as well. He suggested while we  
16 don't -- why don't we meet in the conference room about  
17 mid morning each Saturday? I'll bring in pizza, and we  
18 can discuss our cases, helping each other out. Well,  
19 here is the way it went. We always discussed my cases.  
20 He guided me with explanations and suggestions. We  
21 never discussed Bill's cases. Those Saturday morning  
22 sessions were all to help me along.

23 I remember our judge, our beloved Judge  
24 Mellenberg. His portrait is over there. When he died,  
25 one of our colleagues said, "When I think of Judge

1 Mellenberg, I smile." When the beneficiaries of Bill's  
2 dedication and kindness think of him, I would imagine  
3 every one of them smiles. Dedication and kindness,  
4 that was Bill Malkames.

5 May perpetual light shine upon our dear  
6 friend, Bill Malkames. And I apologize.

7 MS. FLISZAR: Please welcome Michael  
8 McIntyre.

9 MR. McINTYRE: May it please the Court.

10 PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Attorney McIntyre.

11 MR. McINTYRE: Good afternoon. My name is  
12 Mike McIntyre. I'm honored to be here today to speak  
13 for my friend, James L. Heidecker, Jr.

14 I met Jim in 1975. We were working on a  
15 political campaign. We got to know each other and find  
16 out that we had similar backgrounds and similar plans  
17 for our future as defense attorneys here in Lehigh  
18 County. We became fast friends. We never stopped  
19 being friends.

20 Jim was born January 3rd, 1947. He went to  
21 Liberty High School. He went to Muhlenberg College.  
22 Then he went off to Pittsburgh where he fell in love  
23 and went to Duquesne Law School. While at Duquesne Law  
24 School, Jim was drafted in the Army during the Vietnam  
25 conflict. He finished up his two years in the Army,

1 received a dishonorable -- received an honorable  
2 discharge. I wanted to crack a joke, but not that way.  
3 He was honorably discharged and returned to Lehigh  
4 County in 1974.

5 Jim and I saw a lot of each other in the  
6 first 20 years after his return. I arrived a year  
7 later in 1975. We had a building together for a while.  
8 We were a partnership for a very short time. We shared  
9 office expenses for years.

10 In 1994, some of you may remember, the great  
11 sink hole came and took our building away from us. And  
12 basically, that was the last time I really was seeing  
13 Jim on a daily basis.

14 I last saw Jim on March 27th of last year.  
15 We had lunch with a mutual friend. Jim seemed fine.  
16 Jim was battling an illness at the time, but he was  
17 courageously speaking about a trial that he just had in  
18 Pike County and planning on doing more.

19 When I heard about Jim's death on October 3rd  
20 of last year, I went to the funeral. First of all,  
21 there was a viewing. And I was amazed at the amount of  
22 people that were there to show how they loved Jim and  
23 respected him and were paying him their respects.

24 Of course I met and rekindled the time that I  
25 had with his family, his wife Maureen, his children:

1 Ginny, Laura, and Jim and Reilly. I heard of the  
2 grandchildren, there were five of them there, and there  
3 were two great-grandchildren who I also heard about.

4           When I was asked to speak here today, I was a  
5 little bit worried about maybe they picked the wrong  
6 guy. I hadn't seen Jim in -- very often in 30 years.  
7 I would occasionally stop by his office and maybe once  
8 or twice a year we'd have lunch. But I wasn't aware of  
9 what he was doing, how he was practicing, what kind of  
10 a lawyer he had been. I knew him when he was younger.

11           So what I did was I contacted the judges who  
12 had ruled on his cases. I spoke to six of them. I  
13 talked to the District Attorneys who had been Jim's  
14 adversaries in his cases. I talked to his colleagues.  
15 I talked to his protégés. I talked to his friends, and  
16 I talked to his family. And so my knowledge of Jim was  
17 reinforced from that old -- my younger days with him to  
18 what I was finding out in my absence.

19           One of the things that I did to try to be  
20 able to speak intelligently about Jim Heidecker today  
21 was I went online. I read his obituary, which was I  
22 believe very well done by his wife and I believe his  
23 daughter Reilly. I don't know if anybody else  
24 contributed to it, but it was a beautiful obituary.

25           But what struck me was I read one of the

1 messages. And there were some messages, you know how  
2 people write in and give their condolences and their  
3 little thoughts. And there was one from a colleague  
4 and protégé of Jim's. And in an effort to thank Jim  
5 for what Jim had done for him, it started off with the  
6 words "love me some Big Jim Heidecker." And I was  
7 struck because in my years of knowing Jim, I had never  
8 heard Jim being referred to with the moniker of Big  
9 Jim.

10 But after I reflected upon it for a while, I  
11 thought to myself, how apt that expression is, because  
12 that's what Jim was. Jim was big. He was big in so  
13 many ways.

14 The first thing that I can think about was  
15 his physical presence and personality, larger than  
16 life. Jim, probably as a precursor to his days in  
17 trial when he would be a competitive attorney, Jim had  
18 been a very good athlete when he was in high school and  
19 at Muhlenberg College. He played basketball and  
20 football both at Liberty High School and at Muhlenberg.  
21 I never saw that, but what I did see came later on.

22 Years ago, back in the day, as they say, and  
23 I wish they were still doing it now, the lawyers  
24 actually had a basketball team and a softball team  
25 aptly called the Legal Eagles. We were enrolled to

1 play in the Allentown Recreational League, which was a  
2 fairly competitive league. And we were up against  
3 teams from the various industries in town who did not  
4 like the idea of losing to a bunch of lawyers. So we  
5 had competitive games. Jim was a power forward on the  
6 basketball team. And Jim was the cleanup hitter,  
7 hitting home runs for the softball team.

8 Our social life back then revolved around  
9 those softball games, especially in the summertime, and  
10 the celebrations that occurred afterwards. That's  
11 where Jim's personality, his larger-than-life  
12 personality shone. Jim was the life of every party he  
13 went to. Jim was the center of attention at every  
14 gathering that he attended. Jim loved to talk and tell  
15 stories and, boy, did his listeners like to listen,  
16 hanging on every word.

17 Jim was outgoing. Jim was an extrovert. He  
18 was in love with life. And if you were with Jim, it  
19 rubbed off on you. He was just a fun person to be  
20 around.

21 You can't talk about Jim and his sports too  
22 much, though, because he stopped playing eventually.  
23 We all did. You can't play too much softball and  
24 basketball when you hit your 40s and your 50s. But Jim  
25 transferred that into becoming one of the biggest

1 sports fans I've ever known.

2 Jim loved everything Pittsburgh, especially  
3 the Pittsburgh Steelers. He made trips out to games  
4 multiple times every year. He also liked the  
5 University of Pittsburgh and the Panthers too, because  
6 one time he took me out to a game there. And partying  
7 with Jim is something. I believe I told you that he  
8 was the life of the party, but he did love to party as  
9 well.

10 Jim was a foodie. I wasn't sure about that,  
11 but now that I think back about it, I heard it, and I  
12 remember going out with Jim. Jim had a knack, too, for  
13 being able to find the best foods wherever he went.

14 Besides having that athletic background,  
15 which I believe prepared him for his trials, you can't  
16 talk about Jim without thinking about Jim Heidecker,  
17 trial attorney. Jim Heidecker, counsel for the  
18 accused.

19 Jim had all of the assets that anyone needed  
20 to be a successful lawyer, but he had them in spades,  
21 and he had more. For example, Jim had a sharp wit.  
22 Jim was quick on his feet. Jim had the charisma that  
23 made him able to connect with every jury and judge that  
24 he was in the courtroom with.

25 Jim had a cool head about him. Jim had a way

1 of an instinct to know what the weak point was in the  
2 Commonwealth's case. Let me just take a step back for  
3 a second so you all understand what a criminal trial is  
4 like. A criminal trial is a fight. It can be a  
5 peaceful fight, or it be a bare knuckles brawl. But  
6 it's a fight.

7 Jim understood his role. And his role as a  
8 defense counsel was to push the Commonwealth to prove  
9 its case beyond a reasonable doubt in every case. And  
10 he knew that instead of putting his judgment or  
11 injecting that into the case, as long as he fought as  
12 hard as he could to make the Commonwealth satisfy their  
13 burden, justice would be done. And that's what the  
14 role was. Jim could have been successful and, in fact,  
15 I believe he was even feared based on his talent, based  
16 on the assets we've talked about, but Jim had more than  
17 that. Jim had assets that made him not only feared,  
18 respected, but he had assets that made him be loved.

19 I talked to the judges, by the way, and the  
20 district attorneys who had fought against Jim. And  
21 every one of them said to me that Jim was a giant, a  
22 giant in the profession of being a defense attorney.  
23 But not only that, Jim was respected.

24 Some of the words that I heard from the  
25 people that I talked to were straight shooter. Jim was

1 a straight shooter. Not every defense attorney can be  
2 a straight shooter. Jim was trusted. Jim was the kind  
3 of person that if he lost or won, he'd be willing to go  
4 out and have a beer or a drink with the prosecutor. It  
5 didn't matter to him.

6           When I think of Jim, I think of Teddy  
7 Roosevelt's Man in the Arena, the kind of person who  
8 wants to win but knows he's not going to win every  
9 case. He's going to take the hard cases, and that's  
10 what Jim did, too, as well, by the way. Jim loved to  
11 go out of county. Jim had trials in probably half the  
12 counties in Pennsylvania. And he loved to play -- he  
13 called them his away games. He loved the challenge.  
14 He's like "The Man in the Arena." He strove. It was  
15 the striving that matter to him.

16           Jim was for the underdog. Jim was always for  
17 the little guy. And that's how we thought of Jim, and  
18 what helped Jim so much was he was motivated. He was  
19 motivated because he cared about people, and he  
20 believed in his clients, and he cared for them. So the  
21 judges I talked to and the district attorneys I talked  
22 to regarded Jim as beloved, and that's the word they  
23 used.

24           One of the things that Jim did that we all  
25 have to remember, and I'll always remember and it can't

1 be understated, was Abe Lincoln once said that a  
2 lawyer's time and advice is his stock and trade. Stock  
3 and trade. Think about it. That's what a lawyer has  
4 to offer. That's what makes him worth something. Jim  
5 gave away his stock and trade for free, countlessly.

6 I look around here -- and my eyesight stinks,  
7 by the way, so I can't see how many of the people who  
8 he mentored are in this courtroom today. But Jim  
9 mentored at least a dozen people that I'm aware of,  
10 young lawyers that he would take and give advice to and  
11 give his time. People who weren't in his firm or  
12 weren't associated with him, who he had no financial  
13 interest in helping them, they would know about Jim,  
14 they would know about his reputation, and they came to  
15 Jim and they asked Jim for advice. And he gave it,  
16 freely.

17 Before I forget, one of those protégés of Jim  
18 who I do see in the courtroom, and as it turned out, is  
19 his daughter Reilly. Jim mentored Reilly. I don't  
20 know if she ever had a chance. I heard that Reilly as  
21 a child actually was in the courtroom with our next  
22 honoree Judge Platt because her mom was a court  
23 reporter. So poor Reilly got it by osmosis before she  
24 could probably even understand what was going on. But  
25 Jim then mentored her. And Reilly is now in her second

1 year at the University of Pittsburgh Law School. And  
2 Reilly is going to be carrying on in her father's  
3 footsteps as a defense attorney, attorney for the  
4 accused.

5 All those people that Jim mentored -- and by  
6 the way, I wanted to say this, too. Jim had -- what  
7 really I think made Jim a great lawyer was that Jim had  
8 a love for the justice system. Jim loved and respected  
9 everyone in the system. He respected the judges. He  
10 respected the process. He respected the jurors, and he  
11 respected the DAs who he fought with. Jim understood  
12 that everyone had their role to play. He played his  
13 role, and they played theirs. And he respected it.

14 But Jim had a love for his family, too. And  
15 I don't want to leave that without comment. Jim had  
16 four children, as I mentioned before. And he prided  
17 himself in all of their accomplishments and in their  
18 milestones. And he was so happy to celebrate.

19 Reilly wrote me, as I recall, and told me  
20 about what she remembered about Jim was just the little  
21 things. Like, Reilly can remember her father coming  
22 home day after day from work and instead of being  
23 fatigued and tired or depressed, Jim brought cheer into  
24 the house as he came in whistling, usually with some  
25 food under his arm that he had picked up at the

1 Allentown Farmers Market or Mary Ann Donuts. I guess  
2 you can do both of those. But that's how she remembers  
3 her father, someone who was brightening her life up  
4 every day.

5           You know, as I close, I'm sure I've forgotten  
6 to say so many things. There's so much to say.  
7 There's so little time. But I think of all of those  
8 people that I saw at Jim's viewing. I'll always be  
9 struck with that. I've been going to too many funerals  
10 these days. And I'm telling you, this was the most, by  
11 far, people that I've ever seen come to a funeral and a  
12 viewing. All of those people are Jim's legacy. Jim's  
13 children, his protégés, all of them for the rest of  
14 their lives will be able to say to themselves, loving  
15 you, Big Jim Heidecker. Thank you.

16           MS. FLISZAR: Please welcome the Honorable  
17 Robert Steinberg.

18           JUDGE STEINBERG: Colleagues, former  
19 colleagues and friends, friends and family of Bill  
20 Platt, and those of you who are here to participate in  
21 this tradition, the Bar Memorials.

22           There was a scholar, a philosopher, a lawyer,  
23 his name was Cicero who said, "The life given us by  
24 nature is short, but the memory of a life well spent is  
25 eternal."

1 Bill Platt will be remembered not just for  
2 his achievements and his contributions, but the  
3 difference he made in the lives of others. A tribute  
4 to the memory of Bill Platt would not be complete  
5 without mentioning three parts of his life.

6 First, his family, his love affair with his  
7 wife of 55 years who I've always called Mrs. P. Two  
8 partners could not be better suited. The yin and yang  
9 of each other, they were essential to each other. If  
10 Bill Platt was here, he may have said what my father  
11 said to my mother over 60 years ago, "As long as I have  
12 my dear wife beside me, I will be equal to all things  
13 that happen along the way."

14 His children, Billy, Meredith, and Jamie,  
15 each of them accomplished, they will carry on with  
16 pride the Platt name. Each of them made Bill proud.  
17 His grandchildren, Sydney, Mackenzie, Brody, and Emma,  
18 Bill would kvell over them. Some of you might not be  
19 familiar with the word kvell. It means exceptionally  
20 proud. They must have been exceptional because Bill  
21 was definitely not a kveller.

22 He had another family, his legal family,  
23 people like me. Bill made a difference in our lives.  
24 If not for Bill, I would not be here today. He gave me  
25 my first legal job in the Public Defender's Office. He

1 then hired me to join the District Attorney's Office.  
2 But I have to admit, he had his doubts. He thought I  
3 was too liberal.

4 He taught me and others how to be lawyers.  
5 And as Judge Perkin has said, he created a feeling of  
6 pride, fellowship, and common loyalty among those who  
7 worked for him. As an example of that *esprit de corps*  
8 that Judge Perkin once mentioned, while in the Public  
9 Defender's Office, we dressed in outlaw clothing, which  
10 is memorialized in these photographs.

11 Many of you will recognize the outlaws, and  
12 there are a couple of rogues in there, including you,  
13 Mr. McIntyre. We worked hard under his leadership, and  
14 we were successful. His last term as chief public  
15 defender, we won 10 out of 12 jury trials. Shortly  
16 thereafter, he was appointed as the District Attorney.

17 Second, the law. As those of you who knew  
18 him know, he was the Chief Public Defender. He was the  
19 District Attorney of Lehigh County. He was a judge of  
20 the Court of Common Pleas. He was a judge on the  
21 Superior Court of Pennsylvania. He was, however, much  
22 more than a title holder.

23 Unless you really worked for him, you may not  
24 have realized what type of person he was. He did not  
25 seek out publicity, but sometimes he could not avoid

1 it. Judge Ford reminded me, he had the gift of  
2 silence.

3 His knowledge of the law was second to none.  
4 He had an encyclopedic knowledge of the law. He was  
5 our go-to person if we had a legal question. He wrote  
6 scholarly opinions. Above all, he protected the  
7 community, protected the rights of all, protected the  
8 rule of law, even when he might not have agreed with  
9 it.

10 Third, his beloved Phillies, world champions.  
11 He loved the Phillies in the best of times, in the  
12 worst of times. There's one thing for sure, Bill Platt  
13 always rooted for them. He was a season ticket holder  
14 for over 40 years, always sitting on the third base  
15 line. He would travel to Clearwater to watch spring  
16 training games. He would even watch the replay of the  
17 games he had just attended in the middle of the night.

18 Now, I need some help with a song Bill Platt  
19 would appreciate. This is going to be the sing-along  
20 portion of my comments. It's a song called "High  
21 Hopes" which was made famous by Frank Sinatra but  
22 immortalized by Harry Kalas. So I'll sort of chant the  
23 first stanza, and then I'm going to sort of turn to you  
24 to sing along with me. Ready?

25 Next time you're found with your chin on the

1 ground, there's a lot to be learned, so look around.  
2 Just what makes that little old ant think he'll move  
3 that rubber tree plant, anyone knows an ant can't move  
4 a rubber tree plant. But he's got high hopes. He's  
5 got high hopes. He's got high apple pie in the sky  
6 hopes. So any time you're getting low, instead of  
7 letting go, just remember that ant. Oops, there goes  
8 another rubber tree plant. Oops, there goes another  
9 rubber tree plant. Oops, there goes another rubber  
10 tree plant.

11 Bill Platt was my mentor, my boss, my friend.  
12 Every day I've tried to make him proud. I hope that I  
13 have. Thank you.

14 MS. FLISZAR: Please welcome Philip Hof.

15 MR. HOF: Thank you. George M. Nace, III,  
16 Esquire, was born on June 3rd, 1948, and passed on  
17 December 10th, 2025.

18 He was the loving husband of Patricia, whom  
19 he shared 53 years of marriage. An Ohio native, George  
20 earned his Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern  
21 University. He practiced medical malpractice defense  
22 with Post & Schell for 35 years before his retirement.

23 This Honorable Court, colleagues, friends and  
24 family, the challenge really is not in finding the  
25 words but in limiting them. Like any fine gem, George

1 was possessed of distinct facets. And of these  
2 several, permit me please to touch upon five of them.

3 First, George, the worker. Managing partner  
4 of the Allentown office for a time, George was tireless  
5 in his preparation, his advocacy. He would arrive  
6 early, work late, and then decide what to bring home  
7 for work. George saw one singular purpose to Saturday  
8 mornings: To prepare for the upcoming week.

9 During trial week, the Nace dining room would  
10 transform into a war room of documents, oversized  
11 binders, and glossy foam board exhibits. Post & Schell  
12 colleague Jaymie Dodd-o marveled at George's  
13 dedication. For him, a place to work was a happy  
14 place. He worked long hours, sometimes scheduled  
15 vacation time specifically for a week uninterrupted to  
16 get his case prepared for trial.

17 Second, George, the kind, the caring.  
18 Priorities intact, George's long hours would give way  
19 to the next planned trip with his bride Patricia. When  
20 describing the vacation venue, George would look almost  
21 contented and relaxed for a moment. And that look  
22 would not fade when updating on the progress of his  
23 daughter Courtney, now an accomplished CRNP in internal  
24 medicine, or their son Christopher, then a law clerk  
25 for the Superior Court and now executive administrator

1 for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

2 "Dad was always the first I would call,"  
3 Courtney shared. "Undecided, I told him, 'I'm thinking  
4 about going to nursing school.'" George's reply, "Go,  
5 right now, to apply. It's an admirable profession."  
6 And so she did. Courtney always wanted to make her dad  
7 proud.

8 And George's love overflowed onto his  
9 granddaughters, always making time for Peyton and  
10 Parker. They absolutely adored Papa George. Heather,  
11 receptionist to this day and ambassador of good will  
12 for the entire Post & Schell Allentown office,  
13 described George's sincere interest in the lives of  
14 others, often asking about vacation plans of her and  
15 her husband Fred or inviting them to the Nace home for  
16 a Christmas party. "He was really hardworking,"  
17 Courtney shared. "His work was meticulous, but he  
18 valued us more like family than just employees." He  
19 was referred to here as Boy George in part because of  
20 his smile. And with his sweet tooth, he was always  
21 grateful for the home-baked cherry pie. Mostly, he was  
22 always a gentleman.

23 Third, George's love for a special place.  
24 His hours of work were only matched by thoughts of  
25 their next trip to his place of escape, Sanibel Island,

1 Florida. Just mention Sanibel, and George would be  
2 transported with an away look and a smile. When there,  
3 he would meet his friend and sometimes trial opponent  
4 Todd Miller, who is here today, for an afternoon visit  
5 or offshore fishing.

6 When work would weigh heavy, George could be  
7 heard at the office threatening, "I'm going to take a  
8 job as managing partner of that upscale Sanibel general  
9 store." My wife Ellen and I were not strangers to the  
10 island. So when car phones came to be, George and I  
11 would call the other from the very top of the Sanibel  
12 Causeway. And it wasn't to rub it in that one of us  
13 was on vacation, but to invite a vicarious moment of  
14 sharing, looking out over the expansive gulf.

15 Fourth, George, the good sport and the one  
16 with his own mischief. Yes, he worked a lot but never  
17 at the expense of a little fun. In part perhaps  
18 because he was so secure in his own self, George  
19 enjoyed the teasing of colleagues. George could catch,  
20 and George could also pitch.

21 Behind only his family, his work, and his  
22 dog, he deeply loved his '91 Turbo Saab. He had been  
23 warned, but he persisted in parking it under the only  
24 shade tree in the Cedar Crest Boulevard parking lot.

25 During a break from depositions and with only

1 the most prodding, receptionist Heather acceded to the  
2 wishes of Joe McNulty with my encouragement and buzzed  
3 George to announce that the landlord was towing the  
4 Saab from under the shade tree. We then sat back and  
5 watched George hustling in his white shirt down the  
6 stairs, he didn't even want to wait for the elevator,  
7 only to return with sweat and a tiny bit of contempt at  
8 the made-up farce, mostly appreciating the entire  
9 orchestration.

10 George would often initiate. Representing  
11 Geisinger Medical Center, George traveled to Berwick  
12 for an early predeposition coffee shop breakfast. His  
13 emblematic white shirt and necktie drew attention and  
14 prompted inquiries from the locals. They wanted to  
15 know who was he. He replied, "Really, well, I'm a  
16 salesman with business in town, and that's my off  
17 season. But during the season, you may know me. I  
18 play second base for the New York Yankees."

19 By the end of breakfast, two of the locals  
20 swore they recognized him, saw him on TV. And later,  
21 when the depositions broke for lunch and the lawyers  
22 said, "Let's go to this diner and coffee shop down here  
23 for lunch," he said, "You go. I think I'm going to  
24 stay behind."

25 And finally, George, the trial lawyer. I've

1 spent hundreds and hundreds of hours with George Nace.  
2 In the several jury trials when George and I went toe  
3 to toe, I was successful against him 100 percent of the  
4 time. Specifically, I helped George to achieve a  
5 defense verdict against me 100 percent of the time.

6 Before a jury of 12, George would assimilate  
7 to become juror number 13 as if he was struggling with  
8 them to reach a fair verdict together. For those here  
9 who have come after George's career and his retirement,  
10 I'd ask you just to visualize walking into the  
11 courtroom an 8-year-old red-cheeked towhead blond  
12 cherub with a smile. He was like something out of the  
13 movie *Big*, a 50-year-old lawyer in front of a jury who  
14 saw him as an enlarged 8-year-old boy.

15 And it was no debate club advocacy with him.  
16 Passion down to his core, George would manage to convey  
17 subliminally what the court rules did not otherwise  
18 allow him to say expressly, that the indelible and  
19 enduring impact of an adverse verdict on the reputation  
20 and very persona of a client physician can stay with  
21 her or him for life.

22 Medical malpractice cases are so challenging.  
23 My hope was that I brought to the jury only the most  
24 compelling cases. And that would seem to be going  
25 pretty well until I'd say, "I rest, Your Honor," and it

1 was time for the defense to open and George stood up.

2           Questioning his physician client, his M.O.  
3 was always the same from the start: Keep reminding the  
4 jury that this defendant is a member of the most  
5 venerated profession. And how would he remind them?  
6 Well, the question would sound something, it's a little  
7 exaggerated, but it would sound something like this:  
8 "Now, Doctor, please explain, Doctor, why, Doctor, you  
9 chose, Doctor, a suture of monofilament silk, Doctor,  
10 instead of, Doctor, a nonabsorbable Vicryl if, Doctor,  
11 you can explain that, please, Doctor?" The jury had no  
12 doubt that whatever suture size the physician chose,  
13 this highly educated professional deserved their  
14 deference.

15           And then the closing argument. And I could  
16 see it coming like I was strapped to the tracks with a  
17 freight train heading right in my direction. Clinical  
18 judgment. The flag of clinical judgment George Nace  
19 would put around himself, "Ladies and gentlemen, when  
20 did we start telling doctors to use cookie-cutter  
21 recipes instead of exercising clinical judgment for  
22 ourselves and those we care about? Is this jury to  
23 give a message that clinical judgment should be left at  
24 the curb? Please, ladies and gentlemen, don't take  
25 away clinical judgment."

1           So at that point, although all the jurors  
2 were not scowling at me, I just wanted to stand up and  
3 leave and ask the tipstaff to tell me how long it took  
4 for them to render a verdict. Yes, we would settle  
5 cases, and it was not the typical settlement  
6 negotiations.

7           George cared very little what the odds were  
8 of winning or losing a case. He would opt to try a  
9 case if it was, in his word, defensible. That was his  
10 worth. The odds were less important than his mind that  
11 he could defend this physician. And when the court  
12 would pressure to settle, defensible was his favorite  
13 word. It was like his safe harbor so that he could  
14 politely decline capitulation.

15           In a deposition, there's a challenge to  
16 effectively questioning a physician defendant. The  
17 question would come up, "Doctor, you've reviewed the  
18 expert reports of others, the literature on the  
19 subject. So I must ask, three years later, would you  
20 still use the same size suture or has your opinion  
21 changed?"

22           And as often as I would ask it, in my ear I  
23 could hear George's objection as if it were already on  
24 the transcript. "Phil, the doctor's not going to  
25 answer that." "George, are you making an objection?"

1 "Phil, the doctor is not going to answer that question,  
2 not a question like that. Now, let's move on."

3 "George, are you instructing your witness not to  
4 answer? The amendments to Rule 4003.1 (c)," I -- I  
5 knew if it was George Nace, I had to memorize the rule  
6 number before going into the deposition. "Those  
7 amendments allow for questions of opinion."

8 Whenever George was my opponent, I knew what  
9 he was going to say. I would say, "George, we can  
10 adjourn for the moment and seek a ruling from the  
11 assigned trial judge." "Phil, we're not going to  
12 belabor this. The doctor is not going to answer the  
13 question, and we need to move on."

14 And more amazing than his taking this  
15 approach was how often it was effective and how I or  
16 another colleague would grumble and say, "Well, we're  
17 bringing the doctor back another day, I'll tell you  
18 that." But we would move on. It was -- it was  
19 masterful.

20 On occasion, in a contrasting capacity,  
21 George and I would also work side by side. I would be  
22 sometimes personal counsel and often a friend of a  
23 physician who had been sued. I was able in that  
24 capacity to support George in his representation and  
25 defense. But first-hand, I saw his comfortable

1     repartee and deep empathy for his client, the  
2     physician. It was really something. Many trial  
3     lawyers are zealous advocates, but George was one of  
4     the few whose heart and soul knew a very deep  
5     dedication.

6             To close, I just say George was -- well, he  
7     was just such a thoroughly decent colleague. If this  
8     entire courtroom knew him and he walked through that  
9     door as the last one here, at least half the courtroom  
10    would smile, and they wouldn't even know why they were.  
11    He just had that effect on people.

12            He was meticulous and caring and so  
13    professional and a capable opponent. He was an  
14    absolute friend of mine. Our legal community, our  
15    world, this Bar, they're all better places for George  
16    having been a part of it.

17            May wonderful memories be his legacy and soon  
18    cushion the loss and sadness of his passing. Thanking  
19    the Court for this opportunity and the Bar for setting  
20    it up and sending loving condolences to Patricia and  
21    family. Thank you.

22            MS. FLISZAR: Please welcome the Honorable  
23    Melissa Pavlack.

24            JUDGE PAVLACK: My colleagues, ladies and  
25    gentlemen.

1           David B. Shulman was born in Philadelphia.  
2           His path in life brought him to the Lehigh Valley to  
3           practice law, getting his start as an attorney working  
4           for the famous and sometimes infamous Martin Philip in  
5           Palmerton. In that regard, Dave was not much different  
6           from other attorneys, as most Carbon County attorneys  
7           got their start for about two generations working at  
8           the Martin Philip law firm.

9           But Dave took that knowledge gained and  
10          expanded his legal career to practicing in Lehigh,  
11          Carbon, and Northampton Counties. His great pride was  
12          to join his son Josh at Shulman Law Office in 2019.

13          David Shulman embodied, truly embodied the  
14          philosophy of helping people. He did that in his law  
15          practice even if it meant undercharging clients so that  
16          they could have good legal representation. He gave of  
17          himself to the community with his years of service on  
18          the Northampton School Board, representing the  
19          Palmerton School Board, the Carbon County and  
20          Northampton County Housing Authorities, serving on the  
21          Lehigh Township Planning Commission, acting as a poll  
22          watcher, and volunteering with the Lion's Club.

23          With an over 50-year legal career, he left us  
24          too early at the age of 76. His skills and intellect  
25          set him apart from other attorneys. However, his

1 gentlemanly demeanor was what each of his adversaries  
2 would have to remember him most by. You see, when you  
3 had a case against Dave, it was truly an experience  
4 fulfilled with camaraderie, respect, and confidence  
5 that your adversary was honest about every detail.  
6 Cases were approached from a standpoint of working  
7 toward a resolution and not inflaming the hostilities  
8 of our clients.

9           On one occasion that I remember vividly, his  
10 client, the husband in the case, was particularly crass  
11 and vulgar to my client, the wife in the case, during a  
12 four-party settlement conference. Dave had no issue  
13 with me throwing his client out of the settlement  
14 conference and out of my office. Dave was a true  
15 gentleman as he chimed right in with me in admonishing  
16 his client for his bad behavior.

17           Now, I could go on and tell you many more  
18 stories about the cases we had against each other or  
19 the crazy clients that we represented in those cases.  
20 I could tell you how he worked so well with other  
21 attorneys to provide discovery and to attempt to work  
22 out resolutions. I could also even tell you more about  
23 his legal work and his volunteer work and what he did  
24 outside his normal business day. But that would be to  
25 tell you things that you probably already know if you

1 knew David Shulman.

2           You know, we often go away from these Bar  
3 Memorials learning something we never knew about  
4 someone. You see, so far everything I've told you  
5 about Dave Shulman should give you a vision of a  
6 gentleman in a suit going to work, coming into a  
7 courtroom, sitting in an office or a hearing room  
8 somewhere. I am now most happy to give you a much  
9 different vision and tell you the one thing that you  
10 may not have known about Dave Shulman. Let me give you  
11 a hint. Here's your hint.

12           Dave had a special place in his heart for  
13 Disney World. That feeling carried with him well,  
14 well, well into his adulthood. Dave was, in fact, an  
15 expert on all things Disney and particularly on how to  
16 travel to Disney World and get the most out of your  
17 vacation experience.

18           Long before the Internet was giving us tips  
19 on how to spend days in Disney or apps told us about  
20 wait times for rides and attractions, Dave ran a  
21 comprehensive class at the community college filled  
22 with helpful travel ideas, park maps, and strategic  
23 planning for which direction to head in as you entered  
24 a park on any particular business -- on any particular  
25 day to get the most of your adventures in Disney.

1           Now, of course, as you might have guessed by  
2 now, I took his class before my husband and I took our  
3 family to Disney in the 1990s. With Dave's knowledge  
4 and guidance, what could have been a very hectic,  
5 tiring, and even awful vacation turned into a  
6 delightful experience that we repeated every other year  
7 until our children were grown. Dave took travel and  
8 enjoyment seriously and made sure that he made the most  
9 of every magical experience in Disney.

10           On one trip to Disney, we were there at the  
11 same time. Dave made sure that we were dining together  
12 with him and Claudia at the best place to see fireworks  
13 from two parks. We were enjoying a lovely dinner on  
14 the top floor of the Contemporary hotel when all of a  
15 sudden Dave said to our children, "Kids, don't worry  
16 about finishing dinner. Come with me." He whisked  
17 them away from the table, out some secret doors where  
18 they could experience the magic he wanted them to see:  
19 First, fireworks from Magic Kingdom, and then they ran  
20 to another portion of the rooftop to see fireworks from  
21 Epcot.

22           Dave had as much fun as our children did. He  
23 was truly a kid at heart and always appreciated the  
24 magic, not only of Disney, but also the magic of his  
25 family and his friends. He found joy in the simplest

1 things. His presence was uplifting in the way that he  
2 always made you feel that he was truly happy to be in  
3 your company. He will be missed and never forgotten.  
4 Thank you very much.

5 MS. FLISZAR: As I turn our ceremony back  
6 over to the Court, I would like to share a quote by  
7 Maya Angelou that really represents all our dear  
8 friends as we say goodbye today: "A great soul serves  
9 everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It  
10 brings us together again and again."

11 PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLEY: Thank you,  
12 Attorney Fliszar.

13 Before I begin my final remarks, I want to  
14 take the time to recognize some of our other colleagues  
15 here in the audience: Our current Senior Judge and  
16 former judge of this court and president judge of this  
17 court, Carol McGinley; District Attorney Holihan who is  
18 in the audience as well as former county commissioner  
19 Jim Kozuch; former Magisterial District Judge John  
20 Zettlemyer. And I apologize to Judge Perkin. I  
21 thought I'd mentioned your name the first time I went  
22 through it. But this is maybe just an effort by Judge  
23 Steinberg to make me say it twice, so I don't know. So  
24 this way --

25 JUDGE PERKIN: You did.

1           PRESIDENT JUDGE REICHLLEY: Okay. Good  
2 enough. Each member of the Court has special memories  
3 of those we remembered today. But it is always  
4 fascinating how much more we learn about our colleagues  
5 at this ceremony.

6           The Court expresses its appreciation to the  
7 Bar Association for continuing this tradition, to  
8 Attorney Shelby Knafo, the chair of the Bar Memorial  
9 Committee, for her hard work in making this ceremony a  
10 success, and to the speakers who have so movingly  
11 memorialized our departed colleagues.

12           Today's ceremony is an important tradition.  
13 It allows us to share in the lives of our departed  
14 members and to be reminded or learn something of the  
15 qualities we wish to emulate. We are grateful for the  
16 lives of those we've honored today and for their  
17 commitment to the principles of justice we share.

18           Thank you for joining us today in remembrance  
19 and thought. And we especially thank the family  
20 members, friends, and associates of our departed  
21 colleagues for allowing us to hear one last word on  
22 their behalf.

23           The official court reporter is directed to  
24 transcribe the notes of testimony of these proceedings  
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1 Association of Lehigh County. The Bar Association will  
2 publish the transcript on its home page at  
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4 download the transcript from that site.

5 The Bar Association of Lehigh County invites  
6 all of you to a coffee reception in the hallway  
7 directly outside this courtroom immediately after the  
8 ceremony.

9 Sergeant Gersbach, you may adjourn court.

10 SERGEANT GERSBACH: All rise. This memorial  
11 session is adjourned.

12 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at  
13 5:06 p.m.)

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this transcript of proceedings is true and correct and meets the format specifications established by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in Rule 4010.

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Date



Edda Bartko

Official Court Reporter