

DR. PAUL S. ALLEN, ESQUIRE
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Presented in Special Session of the Court of Common Pleas
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 3, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, our colleagues at the Bar, Paul's beloved wife, Julie, and family and friends, my name is Mark Silliker, and I am honored to speak on behalf of our colleague and dear friend, as we gather today to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Paul Allen.

Paul was born in Passaic, New Jersey in 1948. He completed his undergraduate degree at Rutgers University, and then received degrees from Tufts University in Dentistry and Johns Hopkins University in Oral Surgery.

In 1980, Paul moved to Harrisburg, where he practiced dentistry right up until a year before he passed away.

Paul is survived by his lovely wife Julie, as well as his beloved daughters Laurie, Michelle, and Jayden. Unfortunately, Paul was predeceased by his son, Michael, and it is my hope that they rest peacefully together now.

During his life, Paul enjoyed playing poker, golfing, competing in fantasy football, and most of all, spending time with his wife and family. Together they traveled all over the world!

Now, so far this does not quite make sense but this is absolutely where Paul's commitment to the community cries out.

Paul was very generous with his time, and without question he had a heart of gold. Paul was extraordinarily gifted intellectually and he was blessed with more energy than anybody I know. Paul began practicing oral surgery in 1978, and long about 1990 he started getting bored with dentistry, so he decided to go to law school!

He enrolled at Widener Law School and took night classes, all while working 50 to 60 hours a week as an oral surgeon. In 1994, he successfully passed the bar and became a licensed attorney.

I met Paul in 1995. He had just started practicing law and I was a custody conciliator at the time. Paul showed up to a conciliation conference representing a pro bono client. He was extremely pleasant and clearly he had a very strong desire to help his client.

Paul was always a gentleman, and clearly had a strong desire to help people. We got to talking a little bit, and I was somewhat amazed by the fact that not only was he an oral surgeon, but he was also now a new lawyer.

I hemmed and hawed a little bit. Finally, my curiosity got the better of me, so I asked him: WHY? I mean seriously, you make a lot of money as an oral surgeon right?

He started to laugh and answered yes, he did make a lot of money, but that he was also very fascinated by the law; that he wanted to learn more about it and that he wanted to become a lawyer. Paul impressed upon me that he wanted to help people. He explained that a lot of his surgical clients had problems beyond dentistry, and they would share their personal problems with him. Eventually, he thought that he could do more to help the community.

After that, we saw one another on a fairly regular basis and quickly became good friends.

Paul did simple divorces, and took on a considerable number of pro bono custody cases; he also did Wills for his friends and coworkers in his free time; and of course this was all done out of his surgical office. Again, most of his work was on a pro bono basis, or for an extremely reduced fee.

Paul was always a pleasure to work with and his clients spoke very highly of him. I can personally attest to the fact that I saw him help a lot of people in need.

Obviously, Paul's was somewhat of a different career trajectory than most of us follow. However, it is a testament to his desire to contribute to the people of our community.

Dr. Paul Allen exemplified the greatest parts of our profession. Money was always an afterthought. Paul took on cases because of his respect for the law, and a desire to help people where he could. As members of our bar, we could not have asked for more.

I knew Paul, and I am definitely better for it. I was honored to know him, and I will miss him tremendously.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the passing of Paul Allen, the bar, the Court, and the community have lost a friend, a mentor, a professional colleague, and valued citizen. We miss him greatly and we tender our sympathy and condolences to his widow and his family.

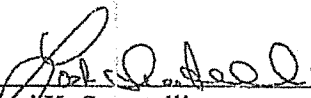
Be it further resolved that we reaffirm for ourselves that the life example Paul gave us of civility, professionalism, and of service to others is one which we would do well to emulate.

And resolved further that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and copies transmitted to his widow and his family.

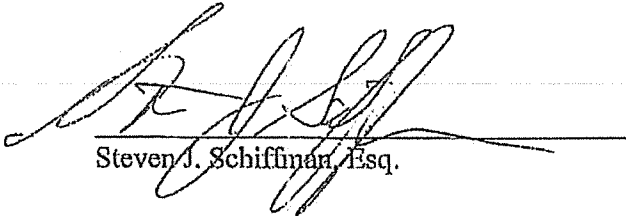
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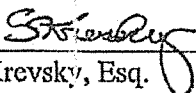
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