

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION UPON
THE DEATH OF RONALD M. KATZMAN**

Ronald M. Katzman passed away on January 8, 2021. His death at age 88 ended a remarkable life and reunited him with his beloved Marjorie. Ron was born in Harrisburg on June 12, 1932, the son of Julius Katzman and Helen Barbush Katzman. He graduated from the former John Harris High School in 1950. Although coming from humble beginnings his inner drive next took him to the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1954. Not satisfied with one degree from an Ivy League School, Ron proceeded to Harvard Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctor in 1957. Although this concluded his formal education, Ron possessed an unquenchable love of learning.

Upon graduation from Harvard Law School Ron returned to Harrisburg to commence his long and distinguished legal career. Many are familiar with the phrase “Jack of all trades, Master of None.” Ron pursued his career to be the Master of all trades. He commenced his career as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter he and future fellow legends of the legal community Arthur Goldberg and Jim Evans formed Goldberg, Evans and Katzman in 1960. The firm transformed to Goldberg, Katzman and Shipman and ultimately to Goldberg Katzman P.C.

Although the complexity of practicing law has forced most lawyers to focus on a single practice area in hopes of being competent, Ron was excellent in every area he entered. He was a persuasive and successful litigator. He was as adept at serving as corporate counsel for a number of local businesses that had national and international reach. He also became one of the most respected members of the Estate Planning Bar. His extraordinary intellect enabled him to assist some of the most successful members of Central Pennsylvania to preserve their family wealth.

Because of his impeccable reputation Ron was even retained to handle numerous complex divorces and property settlement matters. Ron was also an expert in Municipal Law serving as solicitor to several local township boards for many years. Perhaps the only thing Ron did not accomplish in his 60 plus year career was his often joked about Constitutional attack on the criminalization of prostitution. Although a deeply religious man and one who thought the concept of prostitution reprehensible, his love of the law and knowledge of the Constitution made him incapable of believing that two consenting adults could not enter an arm's length negotiated contract for services.

While he loved the practice of law, he was never too busy to lend a hand assisting in the development of young lawyers. He mentored and guided countless young lawyers through his 60 years at Goldberg Katzman. He led by example and emphasized ethics, hard work and professionalism are the essential core elements of being a good lawyer. His willingness to teach was not limited to those fortunate to practice with him. He also served as an Adjunct Faculty Member of the Widener Law School and served on the Board of Trustees of Messiah College for 14 years.

Due to his widely recognized legal excellence Ron was approached and/or appointed to numerous volunteer positions. To name a few he was a member and Chairman of a Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Board of Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He was a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedure Rules Committee and was appointed to the Committee overseeing the selection process for a replacement judge for the late Judge Woodside of the Middle District Bankruptcy Court and elected President of the Estate Planning Council of Central Pennsylvania.

Although his reputation as an outstanding lawyer was known near and far his reputation for benevolence and charity may be less recognized. Some members of the bar may be surprised to learn the same man relentlessly advocating for his client during the day, much to the dismay of his over matched adversary, was also the same man who could be found roaming the streets of Harrisburg handing out blankets to the homeless. Ron and Majorie's community and charitable contributions are too numerous to list in their entirety. However, some of the most important to them include the Bethesda Mission, Trinity Lutheran Church, On Eagles Wings, the Lawrence L. and Julia Z. Hoverter Charitable Foundation and the Harrisburg Symphony.

Although his accolades as an outstanding lawyer and valuable member of the community were important to Ron, they pale in comparison to his deep-rooted faith and love for his family. Whether it was meeting for bible study or serving his church in any capacity he was asked, Ron always held Christ near to him. Ron and Majorie enjoyed a loved filled 43-year marriage cut short by Marjorie's unfortunate cancer diagnosis. Ron's love for Marjorie was evident. Thirteen years after her passing tears would well in his eyes any time he spoke her name. His love and pride for his three children, Deborah, James and Ron Jr. was just as evident. Ron would often boast of their successes and how proud he was. Later in life this love and pride was equally spread to his nine grandchildren. The joy they brought was palpable every time he mentioned them. Ron may be the only grandfather who traveled three quarters around the globe to a third-world country to see his granddaughter in an elementary school play.

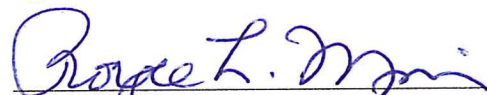
As a Jimmy Buffet fan, Ron would say "some of its magic, and some of its tragic, but I had a good life all the way."

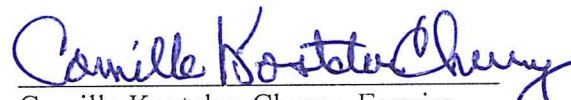
Therefore, be it resolved, that in the passing of Ronald M. Katzman, the bar, the Court, and the community have lost a friend, a mentor, a professional colleague, and valued citizen. We will miss him greatly and we tender our sympathy and condolences to his family.


Be it further resolved 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 children.

Respectfully submitted,



Hon. John F. Cherry, P.J.

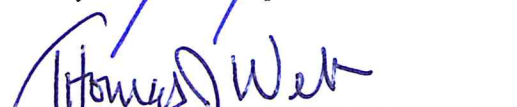

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