

ELLIOT A. STROKOFF, ESQUIRE
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
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Court of Common Pleas Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE COURT, our colleagues at the Bar, and family and friends here today to celebrate the life of our colleague and friend, Elliot Strokoff.

Early on Monday, January 2, 2023, our friend, mentor, and esteemed colleague Elliot A. Strokoff departed this life at the age of 75.

Born on March 17, 1947, Elliot grew up in a row home above his father's butcher shop in a blue-collar neighborhood in Philadelphia. He was proud of his Philadelphia roots and often shared stories of his childhood growing up the son of a butcher.

Elliot attended Dickinson College in Carlisle where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He played football and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. From there, he went to the Dickinson School of Law where he served as a member of law review and The Corpus Juris Society.

Before entering private practice, Elliot worked for the United States Small Business Administration Flood Disaster Relief Program and served as legal counsel to the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee. He then entered private practice in Harrisburg, eventually opening his own law office with partner and friend James Cowden.

Over the next 40 years, Elliot's practice grew exponentially alongside his outstanding reputation. He tried and won many significant cases throughout the Commonwealth. A certain few made him famous, much to his annoyance. He would refuse to answer questions of reporters with camera crews parked outside the office dismissing them with a friendly smile and a waive of his hand. Elliot did not seek the limelight in his practice – he only sought to serve his clients.

Indeed, he took every client's case seriously. He would make the time to understand, research, and consider every issue confronting him. He would listen to clients with a compassionate ear and provide them with honest, if not sometimes hard to hear advice. By just being himself, his clients were at ease in his presence. Even clients of his from decades ago continue to comment on his warm yet serious demeanor. Their gratitude for Elliot's service extends far beyond the end of their legal case.

By colleagues, Elliot was known for his diligent and ethical practice. He would leave no stone unturned, and believed in absolute honesty in all aspects of his practice and his life. He was a model of civility to colleagues and adversaries in every respect. He maintained his composure, even when faced with particularly offensive behavior. When notifying courts and counsel of his passing, the response received was always the same: "There are not many lawyers out there like Elliot Strokoff."

But, you would not know Elliot's brilliance and success in the legal profession when talking to him outside of the office. He was reserved. He believed in, and in many ways personified, the Einstein adage "a quiet and modest life brings more joy than a pursuit of success bound with constant unrest." He acted in service to others, whether it be through his law practice, his time spent on the Boards of Open Stage of Harrisburg and the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, or with his family and friends. His life was not one dedicated to personal gain.

Indeed, Elliot's greatest joy in life was his family. His love and respect for his wife, Elaine, shown through every time he spoke of her. His adoration for his

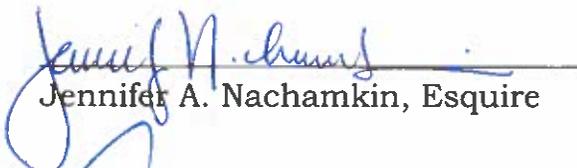
children was obvious in every story he told of them. And he told a lot of stories. As much as he loved being a husband and father, the title he clearly cherished the most was being "Zayde" (the Yiddish word for grandfather). He would regularly tell colleagues of ski trips and time spent at the beloved beach house with all of his children and grandchildren in tow.

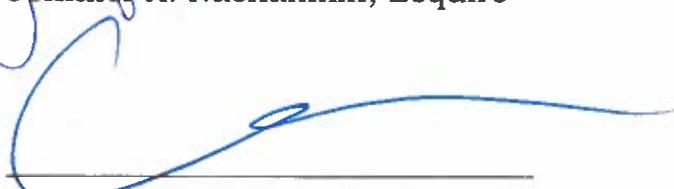
In the end, Elliot's love and respect for his family and colleagues is how we will remember him. A mentor to so many – perhaps unbeknownst to him – there is and was so much to be learned from his humility.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that in the passing of Elliot A. Strokoff, we have lost a giant in the legal community. But more than that, we recognize the loss to and tender our sympathy and condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, and friends.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial resolution be placed on the records of the Dauphin County Courts and Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his family.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Memorial Committee on the death of Elliot A. Strokoff, this 23rd day of August, 2023.


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