

RESOLUTION FOR MARYANN MURPHY

WHEREAS MARYANN MURPHY was born on March 26, 1947 in Bayside, New York, the daughter of Regina and Thomas Murphy, and mother of four children Bob, Tom, Sandra and Michael;

WHEREAS she received her Associates Degree Harrisburg Area Community College and Her Bachelors Degree from Penn State University, and her masters Degree in Counseling from Shippensburg University and her Juris Doctorate from Dickinson School of Law;

WHEREAS she practiced family law first with her mentor Judith A. Calkins, a law partnership Clough & Murphy, a time with Central Pa. Legal Services, then returning to solo practice;

WHEREAS Maryann had excellent conflict resolution skills, was trained as a mediator, also practiced collaborative law, was a Parent Coordinator in Cumberland and Dauphin Counties and ultimately in 2015 was appointed as a Custody Conciliator in Cumberland County where she excelled in assisting families resolve their custody conflicts until she became ill in 2025, which she considered her most fulfilling legal role where she excelled in conflict resolution, peace making, and her uncanny ability in high conflict situations to listen without judgment and insert calm in to chaos. She indeed counseled as she lived: be fair and take the high road;

WHEREAS Maryann often remarked that she had deep respect for and found it rewarding to work with the Judges, court officials and colleagues;

WHEREAS family was the most important priority in Maryann's life, and she loved her big beautiful family, enjoyed cooking and hosting holiday meals and loved dogs, spoiled dogs and had a number of wonderful dogs, the last of which was Finnegan, a slightly neurotic lovable mix breed, scared of his own shadow, certain flooring and objects on tv but nevertheless wore a service dog disguise and boldly walked in to Johns Hopkins Hospital and for over an hour gave an academy award winning performance so he could spend time with her to the great shock of all who have met him;

WHEREAS Maryann was also an incredible loyal and devoted friend who I was privileged to share 44 years of friendship with; she was there for her friends whenever

they needed them, listened without judgment, was a movie and popcorn with extra butter enthusiast, and had a wicked sense of humor enjoyed by those who knew her best;

WHEREAS Maryann is survived by her 4 children, her nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and her life long friend Mary Lynn Leach, and other close friends all of whom are grateful to have been part of her world and we are all the richer for having her in our lives;

WHEREAS Maryann died at home on April 26, 2025 after a brief illness;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, that it notes in great sadness the passing of our colleague Maryann Murphy and expresses its sympathy to her beloved children Robert Buhrig, Thomas Murphy, Sandra Wisner and Michael Murphy, as well as to all her members of her extended family and her friends. Be it further resolved that this Resolution be entered in to the official minutes of the Dauphin County bar Association and a copy be furnished to her family.

Dauphin County Bar Association

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