

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
UPON THE DEATH OF  
SAMUEL A. SCHRECKENGAUST, JR.**

Samuel A. Schreckengaust, Jr. died on March 30, 2008, at the age of 93, at Bethany Village in Mechanicsburg. He was born in Harrisburg on September 5, 1914 and resided in the Harrisburg area throughout his life. His Harrisburg education was from Steele Elementary School, Governor Pinchot Keystone School and William Penn High School. In 1935, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Gettysburg College and in 1938, he obtained his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle. Among his fellow graduates were two future judges, Dale Shughart, of Cumberland County, and Charles Greevy, of Lycoming County, and Dauphin County barristers Carl Chronister and Edward First, a group which lunched regularly for many years and came to be known as the "Sunshine Boys."

Upon graduation from Dickinson Law School, he was an associate with the Harrisburg law firm of Weiss and Rhoads. In 1943, he was commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Army and assigned as an instructor in the Judge Advocate General's program at the University of Michigan. During this World War II service, he attained the rank of Major.

While at the University of Michigan, Sam met and married Barbara Starr, whose father was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan and later a United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan. The backyard of the Starrs' Grand Rapids home adjoined the rear yard of the home of another Grand Rapids resident, Gerald R. Ford. The Starrs and Fords were long time neighbors and Barbara was a contemporary of Gerry Ford.

When he returned from military service in 1946, Sam ran into Paul Rhoads on the street and asked him if he knew of anyone who might be hiring, and Paul sent him to Gilbert Nurick. In 1946, he joined McNees Wallace & Nurick. Sam was hired as the firm was looking to expand its horizons beyond the truck and bus industries and the various Hershey interests, and to make greater inroads into general business and corporate work. From 1946 until 1949, Sam served as an adjunct professor at Dickinson School of Law, teaching a course in negotiable instruments.

Sam was a major player at McNees almost from the time he joined the firm in 1946. He was hired as a "generalist" with a solid Harrisburg family base and an outstanding academic record. He was active in civic and community affairs. He tried cases in state and federal courts. He became active in the labor field, and in the '50s began assisting Gilbert

Nurick with many of the Hershey matters, and particularly, the chocolate corporation's labor relations concerns, which in later years would be his principal, and eventually, almost his sole professional involvement. Upon Gilbert Nurick's retirement from his Hershey Board posts in 1971, Sam Schreckengaust replaced Gilbert in these positions. He was also the first designated Managing Partner in the McNees firm, serving from 1971 until 1976, and was the originator of the firm's "department" system. During Sam's tenure first as a partner, and then as managing partner, McNees, Wallace and Nurick constantly increased the size of its professional staff to become, as it is today, the largest Pennsylvania law firm outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In 1976, Sam left McNees and spent three years as a Vice-President and the first "in-house" General Counsel of the Hershey Foods Corporation, positions which he held until his retirement as an officer.

Upon being elected the first General Counsel of Hershey Foods, Sam organized and staffed the company's Law Department. He worked closely with and mentored the new members of the department. Sam personally hired each of the attorneys who would succeed him as the company's general counsel over the ensuing thirty years.

In his role as the company's General Counsel, Sam continued to provide legal and business advice and counsel as he had previously as its primary outside counsel.

As the company's General Counsel and later in his "Of Counsel" role, Sam successfully adapted his always measured and professional approach while representing the company's legal and business interests throughout the world, including in Mexico, Brazil, Japan, the Philippines, Sweden and England. He never tired of traveling and experiencing the excitement and challenges of immersing himself in new and different social and business cultures.

Sam Schreckengaust is survived by Barbara, his wife of 64 years, five children, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Therefore, be it resolved that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Court and the Dauphin

County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his widow and family.

Respectfully submitted,

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