

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
CHARLES J. DEHART, III**

**DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Presented in Special Session  
Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
October 9, 2024

**TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE COURT**, our colleagues at the Bar, family and friends in attendance today to acknowledge **Charles J. DeHart, III**.

Charles, known as Chuck to his friends, family, and colleagues, passed away on January 14, 2024, at the age of 77. He was born in 1946 in Harrisburg and was raised in a traditionally strict Pennsylvania Dutch household. Chuck graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1968 and Dickinson Law School in 1972. Upon graduation from Dickinson, Chuck joined Caldwell & Kearns, where he practiced for nearly 50 years until his retirement in 2021. While working at Caldwell & Kearns, Chuck commuted by train to Philadelphia to attend Temple Law School and earned his master's degree in taxation in 1978. In 1987, Chuck became the Middle District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Trustee, a position which he held until he retired in 2021.

Chuck juggled both his private practice at Caldwell & Kearns and his bankruptcy position with great efficiency. Never one for the spotlight, Chuck worked quietly, but, when called upon, always had an immediate answer which was direct and to the point. Chuck's work ethic and demeanor brought great respect from colleagues, clients, and the community. Chuck was meticulous and extremely organized. He was fanatical about having his desktop clean. There was never a file sitting on his desk.

Chuck and his first wife, Elaine, until her passing, lived in Hummelstown where they raised their three children, Tracy, Chad, and Jason. Chuck was a devoted husband and father and was widely respected for his volunteer work in the Hummelstown community. He coached

his children's sports teams and served as Solicitor for Hummelstown Borough. He also served on the Fulton Bank Advisory Board.

Early in his career, Chuck was instrumental in the creation and formation of Keystone Human Services. He then served as Keystone's corporate counsel for more than 40 years. Chuck took great pride in the growth and accomplishments of Keystone Human Services in the community. Chuck supported and attended Keystone's Chocolate Ball every year, where he treated everyone to his infamous dance moves.

Chuck's unyielding loyalty was contagious to those around him. When Chuck established his Bankruptcy Trustee office in Hummelstown in 1987, many of the staff he hired the first day, loyally worked with him until his retirement in 2021, when they, too, retired. A consummate professional, Chuck approached his bankruptcy practice with empathy and grace, and artfully guided those humiliated by their circumstances through the process in a dignified manner.

In addition to his bankruptcy office in Hummelstown, Chuck was the principal attorney at Caldwell & Kearns' Hummelstown office where he represented many in the community with estate planning and estate administration matters.

Chuck began his tenure at Caldwell & Kearns with its founders, Thomas Caldwell and Richard Kearns. His partnership at Caldwell & Kearns with Carl Wass, Jim Campbell, Jim Clippinger, and Jim Goldsmith resonated in loyalty and devotion. The five of them worked together for decades, setting aside their egos with little concern as to who brought in the most money, to create a business model that has become their legacy.

Chuck's financial savviness boded well for his position with Caldwell & Kearns as its treasurer and managing attorney. Chuck also served as Judge William Caldwell's treasurer and

financial advisor for Bill's campaign to become a judge of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.

An avid baseball fan, Chuck would always find time in his hectic schedule to attend his children's and grandchildren's baseball games. And, as we all know, Chuck loved the Phillies!

Throughout all his accomplishments and accolades, Chuck remained a humble and kind person. As many clients, friends, and colleagues have told me over the years, Chuck was simply a great guy. Chuck was great at being a father, a husband, a lawyer, a colleague, and a friend. Whoever Chuck encountered; their life was made better because of his incredible spirit.

During the last twenty years of his life, Chuck lived in Hershey with his second wife, Madeleine. Chuck and Madeleine enjoyed traveling and eating new cuisine which was a far different lifestyle from his Pennsylvania Dutch upbringing. Chuck was blessed with the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of his labor with Madeleine during the twilight of his life.

Chuck's positive attitude, impressive work ethic, and commitment to both his colleagues and family set excellent examples for all of us. Chuck is greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

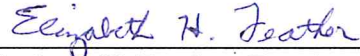
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in the passing of Charles J. DeHart, III, the community has lost a respected attorney, friend, colleague, husband, father and grandfather.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of Charles J. DeHart, III, and extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife, children, and grandchildren.

**AND RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Memorial Resolution be placed 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 that copies be transmitted to his wife and children.

Respectfully submitted,

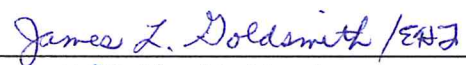


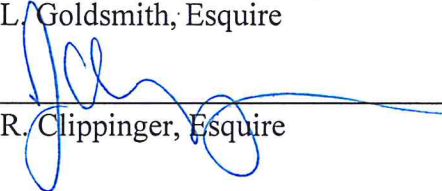
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