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In Memoriam

Honorable Francis W. Landry

December 15, 2017

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November 10, 2018

Eulogized by Honorable Roger Fritts

Please join us following the service for a reception in the Courthouse Rotunda



HONORABLE FRANCIS W. LANDRY

December 15, 2017

Honorable Landry was born in Plattsburgh, the son of the late Francis and Ida Mae Archambeault Landry. Having lived all of his life in Cohoes, he attended St. Joseph's School and graduated from La Salle Institute. He went on to graduate from Siena College and Albany Law School. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy on the Carrier Seabonnet. He was a confidential law clerk to Appellate Judge Ellis Staley; and in 1964 he was appointed Cohoes Police Court Judge and served in that capacity for four years. He was also Vice President of the Chicago Title Company. Francis was a member of the Cohoes Knights of Columbus and the Cohoes Bar Association. He and his late wife

Norma Spinaci Landry maintained a summer residence in Lake George.



JEROME "JERRY" LEFKOWITZ, ESQ.

December 21, 2017

Mr. Lefkowitz or "Jerry," as he was known to all who knew and loved him, was a devoted husband and father. Jerry was an accomplished attorney, advocate and community leader. His quiet passion for law and justice informed his career path. He spent 19 years as counsel at CSEA and served as the chairman of the Public Employment Relations Board of New York State until his retirement in January of 2015. Jerry was loved and respected by all those who knew him, friends, colleagues and courtroom adversaries alike.



ROBERT “BOB” P. ROCHE, ESQ.

January 9, 2018

Mr. Roche was born in Albany and graduated from Vincentian Institute, College of the Holy Cross, and Albany Law School. A long-time Albany attorney, he served many roles over the years, including Albany County Attorney, legal counsel for the Albany Police Department and Albany Sheriff’s Department. He was an inspiring orator in the courtroom and at lectures about legal ethics. He loved to talk and tell stories. He especially enjoyed telling jokes and making people laugh. He loved to read and to stay intellectually active. Bob was very knowledgeable about many topics and had a great recall of information. He enjoyed being involved in local politics and was an active member of the Albany

County Democratic Committee. He sat on various boards and was a former Chairman of the CDTA. He served as a brigadier general in the New York Guard, and coached a Debate Club at CBA. He loved helping others and was associated with various charities including the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was a talented vocalist, starring as a child in local television. As an adult he shared his beautiful voice with the Holy Cross Glee Club, choir director of St. James Parish, and a cantor for Historic St. Mary’s Church. He had a fondness for his faith and religiously attended St. Mary’s. He loved sports and was a Red Sox and Patriots enthusiast. He served as the manager of the Roche Clippers Softball Team which included many of his friends, and many hours of fun. He enjoyed stamp collecting, model airplanes, traveling and anything Irish. He was generous in every way and had a lot of love to give, especially for his family.



HONORABLE ROBERT F. DORAN

January 15, 2018

Judge Doran was born on June 5, 1930, in Rochester, but his family moved to Albany, where he graduated from Vincentian Institute in 1948, Siena College in 1955, and Albany Law School in 1957. U.S. Air Force service during the Korean War interrupted college from 1950 to 1954. A lifelong resident of his beloved Capital District, Bob practiced law for many years, first working in Albany at Newkirk Associates in legal publications. He moved his family to Clifton Park in 1963 and became town justice in 1967. He initiated and oversaw the formation of the Saratoga County Sewer District. In 1971, Bob opened a law practice, which ultimately became Carola, Doran, Grogan & Heggen, as well as a legal publishing business, Doran Publications. In 1978, he was elected to Saratoga County's Surrogate Court and served until 1985 when he was elected to the New York Supreme Court, serving in both the Fourth Judicial District and in New York County until 1993. He was also acting county court judge for major felony cases in Saratoga, Schenectady, and Westchester Counties; acting county court judge for civil cases in Saratoga, Schenectady and Westchester Counties; and acting family court judge in Saratoga and Warren Counties. Bob also spent a substantial part of his time acting as arbitrator and mediator for hundreds of personal injury cases. Blessed with a brilliant mind and devoted to the law and his work, Bob finished his career at Thorn Gershon Tymann & Bonnani, LLP, retiring only one year before he passed. Recipient of numerous legal awards over the course of his career, Bob was particularly honored to receive the President's Award of the Schenectady Bar Association in 2013, which then had only been given three times in the institution's more than 100-year history, and where he was identified as "one of the legal giants of our time." Known for his deep humility, generosity, constancy, approachable demeanor and his widely acknowledged understanding and recollection of many aspects of the law, Judge Doran accomplished much on behalf of the people he served, including clearing the calendars in all the courts where he worked over the years. His work ethic was legendary, and he applied himself with dedication and creativity. Hand in hand with his love of the law was his love of politics. A longstanding member of the Republican Party, Bob served as interim Saratoga County GOP chairman in 1976. He served as a committee person and remained active in politics throughout his life. Bob also served on the Board of the Birch Run Homeowners Association until his death. Loyal and committed to his family and good friends, Judge Doran looked forward to his well-entrenched, decades-long routines,

including early-morning breakfasts at the same location and a weekly poker game with his friends. It didn't matter whether or not you called him, he still called you, to hear your voice and offer support. Bob especially loved the Saratoga Racetrack, the New York Yankees, and Cape Cod (but, for Bob, it wasn't so much the place as it was the people, his family, whom he looked forward to seeing every year).



HONORABLE THOMAS W. KEEGAN

February 17, 2018

Judge Keegan was born on October 14, 1940, in Albany, N.Y. He graduated from Vincentian Institute High School, Siena College and Villanova University Law School. Upon graduation he worked at the N.Y.S. Commerce Department, then went into private practice. He was also employed as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Albany for several years. In January 1972, he took the Bench in Albany Police Court (now City Court, criminal part) where he presided for nearly 17 years. He was appointed, then elected as Albany County Judge in 1989 and thereafter was elected to the N.Y.S. Supreme Court in 1991. He retired in April 2004 and he and his wife moved to North Carolina and ultimately

to Naples, Fla., within the last six weeks. He and his wife planned to make Lake Norman their summer residence. During his 32 years on the bench, he presided over thousands of cases, with fairness and good humor. He was a member of numerous civic and fraternal groups. He loved fishing and gardening; and he loved life and tried to go through it with a smile.



TERENCE "TERRY" J. BURKE, ESQ.

February 22, 2018

Terry was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School and the University of Scranton where he earned a B.S. in Physics. He then served in the US Army as a 1st Lieutenant. Prior to attending Albany Law School, Terry was a nuclear engineer at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. He received a Master of Science in Physics from Union College. Terry graduated *cum laude* from Albany Law School in 1971, where he was a member of the Justinian Honors Society, and the Albany Law Review, serving as a recent decisions editor. He was a nationally recognized bond council for over twenty years and a member of the Construction and Commercial Panel of the

American Arbitration Association. Terry was the Northeast Subcontractor's legal counsel for thirty-six years and most recently served as Special Counsel at Nolan & Heller. Terry was an enthusiastic tennis player and in later years a challenged golfer.



CYNTHIA DEE SHENKER, ESQ.

March 26, 2018

Ms. Shenker was born April 4, 1955 in the Bronx, growing up in Rockland County and graduating from Spring Valley High School. Cindy attended Cornell University earning her degree in 1976. During her senior year she interned in the NYS Assembly. Cindy was employed as a committee clerk in 1977 and entered law school, attending Western New England Law School nights, graduating in 1981, all the while continuing to work. She later became Counsel to the Majority Leader, serving in that capacity for almost 20 years. She then joined Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker as a founding member of the

firm's Government Relations practice, attaining full equity partnership. In 2015, Cindy created her own firm of Shenker Russo & Clark. SRC has now grown to a staff of nearly twenty professionals. Cindy was known for her tenacious "never give up" personality, impeccable reputation, exceptional legal acumen and an unwavering commitment to superior service. Cindy resided in the Capital District for 40 years, and served her community by participating on a number of boards and organizations. Known for her unparalleled generosity, Cindy was never too busy to stop and help her colleagues, friends and family, no matter the request.



HONORABLE NICHOLAS J. GREISLER, JR.

April 2, 2018

Honorable Greisler was the son of the late Nicholas J. and Bertha (Schneider) Greisler. He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and Albany Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. Nick was married to the former Phyllis N. Smith and shared a blessed union of 40 years prior to her passing in 2011. Nick was a member of Lemery Greisler LLC in Albany for many years and was formerly with D'Agostino, Hoblock & Greisler LLC. For over 22 years he served as Justice of the Town of Colonie where he was instrumental in developing the Youth Court Program. He was former President of the Albany County Bar Association.

Nick enjoyed spending his summers at Peck Lake, where he loved fishing, boating and golf. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a medic for several years.



FRANK J. LASCH, ESQ.

May 16, 2018

Mr. Lasch was born in Albany on April, 1, 1932, the son of Edward J. Lasch and Mary O'Brien Lasch. Frank graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, College of the Holy Cross and Cornell Law School. Upon graduating from Cornell, he was commissioned by the Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. as a Lt. j.g. in the United States Navy from which he was honorably discharged in 1960. While still in the service in San Diego, he attended the Democratic Presidential Convention to watch John F. Kennedy's nomination acceptance speech. After leaving the Navy, he joined the law firm of DeGraff Foy in Albany and thoroughly enjoyed a 40-year law and lobbying practice representing clients large and small. He had a deep sense of caring, decency and ethical integrity that formed the basis of his character, and for which he credited the Jesuits at Holy Cross College for instilling in him at a young age. He also took pleasure in mentoring many of the firm's young lawyers as well as enlisting them as crew for his sailboat racing. His time in the Navy ignited a lifelong passion for travel, adventure, and love of being on water. Frank had a great love of sailing, especially on Lake George. He also liked being captain, not crew, and countless people have stories of sailing with him. He loved traveling, having visited all seven continents, and often reminisced about the trips he took over the years with dear friends. But he was happiest surrounding himself with family. He loved organizing numerous family outings and vacations, providing a life full of memories cherished by his children and grandchildren. In later years, he was content sitting on the porch at Lake George looking at the water and being with his family. Frank donated his time and talent to numerous organizations in the Capital Region. He had a strong commitment to service in all forms and on all levels. Frank's community involvement included serving as president and trustee of the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum (USS Slater); trustee of the Teresian House; treasurer and trustee of the Community Foundation of the Capital Region; trustee of the LaSalle School for Boys; trustee of Siena College, trustee of Maria College; president of the local Holy Cross College Alumni Club; president and trustee of the Fort Orange Club; president and trustee of the Lake George Club; member of the Albany Country Club; parishioner of St. Pius X Church and enthusiastic member of the Dine-a-Round. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the In Hoc Signo award, Holy Cross Alumni Association's highest honor for outstanding and lengthy service to the College in 2006.



JAMES CHILTON BLACKMORE, ESQ.

May 24, 2018

In May 2018, Carter Conboy lost our friend, mentor and partner, James C. Blackmore. Mr. Blackmore was a proud member of Carter Conboy for 50 years. During that time, he was universally recognized for his intellect, creativity, diligence, loyalty to his clients, honesty, and integrity. Although he tried to hide it at times, Mr. Blackmore was a warm and generous friend and partner to all at Carter Conboy. We are proud that he was one of us and we miss him.

Mr. Blackmore is survived by his wife Josette Hogan Blackmore of Naples, FL and Nantucket, MA, Jeffrey Blackmore and his wife Melissa of Plano TX, and Jennifer Blackmore and her husband John Melder of Castro Valley, CA.

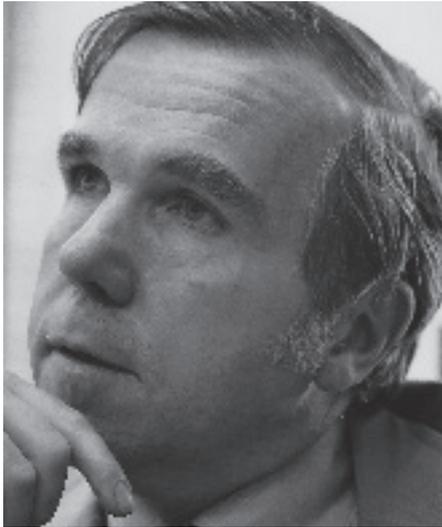


FRANCIS THOMAS ROACH, JR., ESQ.

June 7, 2018

Mr. Roach was born in Schenectady, and graduated from Syracuse University and Albany Law School, where he was an Editor of the Law Review. He was a veteran of the United States Army. As an attorney and CPA, he founded Stulmaker, Roach, Dorfman & Company in 1961 and practiced law at the Law Firms of Roach & Harris and LaVelle and Finn until he retired in 2006. Mr. Roach was a former President of the Northeast Chapter of the New York State Society of CPAs, a Director of ARAF, and an active member of the New York State Bar Association, the Albany Bar Association, the NYSSCPA and the American Institute of CPAs. He lectured extensively on tax matters to civic and professional groups. Mr.

Roach served as a trustee of Siena College, where he received the St. Bernardine of Siena award. He was also a trustee of the Teresian House and DePaul Management Housing. Mr. Roach was an avid golfer at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, where he created the Wolfert's Roost Caddy Scholarship Fund while serving as a Director of the Club.



JAMES H. TULLY, JR., ESQ.

June 10, 2018

He was one of the top state finance officials during the New York City fiscal crisis and chairman of Hugh L. Carey's successful campaign for Governor of New York in 1974. Jim's May, 2017 retirement from the New York State Tax Appeals Tribunal, where he served as a commissioner and was a former president, marked the end of a long and impactful career of public service. From 1975 through 1982, Jim was commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the agency that assumed collection of New York City taxes in response to the mid-1970s fiscal crisis. Following an important legal victory during his tenure, NY Daily News columnist Beth Fallon wrote: "James Tully, smallish, merry-eyed and that much-maligned entity, a political appointee, can take some credit. In a world that loves not the tax commissioner, he should get it." Jim was born in Brooklyn on May 19, 1931. He served in the New York State Assembly representing Park Slope, Brooklyn and was a delegate to the 1967 State Constitutional Convention. Jim's commitment to public service continued during periods of private legal practice, during which he provided counsel to the New York State Comptroller's Office and the Port of Albany. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Little Flower Children's Services of New York, founding president of the Council of Voluntary Child Care Agencies of New York and co-founder of the Helen Owen Carey Child Development Center in Brooklyn. A graduate of Georgetown University, he was adjunct professor of taxation at Albany Law School (1978-1982) and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army infantry (1953-1955). Jim loved his wife, his family, his country and his Lord and Savior. All who knew him experienced Jim's intellect, his wit and humor, his gift for storytelling and his kind and generous heart. And, of course, his endless support for the Mets.

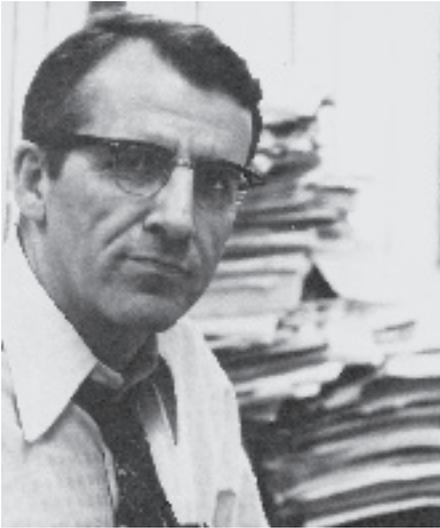


FRED STANTON ACKERMAN, ESQ.

September 16, 2018

Mr. Ackerman was the son of the late Mollie and Harry Ackerman of McKeesport, Pa. Fred grew up in McKeesport, Pa. and attended McKeesport High School and the University of Pittsburgh. In 1960, Fred was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served at Fort Knox. In 1963, he began his legal studies at Albany Law School and after passing the bar examination in 1967, he began his legal career at the law firm of Ungerman and Harris, which later became Ungerman and Ackerman, and is now Ackerman, Wachs and deArmas. Fred had several passions. He loved practicing law. He was a fierce defender of all his clients and protected their rights to the fullest. Fred also taught criminal law

at Hudson Valley Community College and enjoyed passing his knowledge of the law to other lawyers while lecturing at various Continuing Legal Education seminars. Fred loved sports and would often be found watching/sleeping in his favorite chair. He was a diehard fan of all of the Pittsburgh teams and would certainly let you know if they beat your team of choice. Fred enjoyed coaching and was the basketball coach at Milne High School as well as an umpire for Albany Babe Ruth. He was an avid and skilled golfer. You would often find him on the golf course. Fred was a member of various local country clubs and was the former president of the Board of Directors of Shaker Ridge Country Club. During the summer, you could always count on seeing Fred at the Saratoga Flat Track. Fred also loved spending the winter months in West Palm Beach, Fla., playing golf and soaking up the sunshine at Ibis Golf and Country Club.

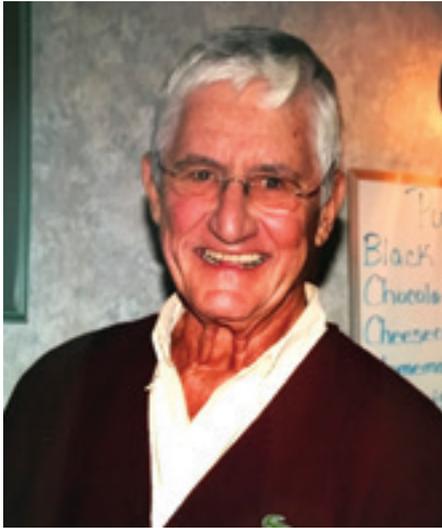


FRANCIS HOWARD ANDERSON, ESQ.

October 24, 2018

Mr. Anderson grew up in Oneonta, Providence, and Gloversville. After high school Howard worked in a sawmill, studied at Albany State Teachers College, and went to the University of Chicago. Howard served during World War II in North Africa as an enlisted man. During Rommel's last Tunisian battle, he became separated from his unit at night. He walked 100 miles behind enemy lines through the desert to return to the American lines. Howard served in the First Armored Division in Italy during the battles at Cassino, Anzio, Rome, and north through the mountains until the end of the war. He was wounded three times earning the Purple Heart, received the Bronze Star for heroic achievement

during a battle near Serra di Gatto, and earned a battlefield commission as an officer, a recognition he considers the proudest of his life. Howard also served in the Judge Advocate Corps during the Korean War. Howard earned his law degree from Albany Law School in 1947, worked in a general law practice in Cooperstown, and joined the Albany Law School faculty in 1958, teaching there until his retirement in 1980. He continued part-time teaching for ten more years at the Law School pro bono as his special contribution. Howard loved the outdoors, passing on the love of hiking and bicycling to his children. He was an avid racquetball player and earned several regional and national championships in 1981.



JOSEPH F. MONAGHAN, ESQ.

November 5, 2018

Mr. Monaghan was born in Troy on April 3, 1932, Joseph was a son of the late Peter J. and Evelyn J. (Bouchard) Monaghan. He was raised in both Watervliet and Troy and was a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Troy and Catholic Central High School, class of 1949. In 1954 he graduated *cum laude* from Siena College earning a bachelor of arts degree and in 1957 earned his juris doctor from Villanova Law School. He passed the New York State Bar Examination in 1957. Joseph enlisted and served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1951 until 1957 and was a member of the 367th Field Artillery Battalion having obtained the rank of sergeant. He began his legal career in 1958 as an associate

and partner with the John F. Kelly Law Office in Cohoes and in 1961 founded the Joseph F. Monaghan Law Offices in Watervliet. He worked as a sole practitioner and provided legal counsel to the residents of Watervliet and the surrounding communities until his retirement in 2016. In addition, Joseph served the City of Watervliet as Deputy Corporation Counsel from 1964 until 1990 and as Corporation Counsel from 1990 until 2008. He was a member of the Albany County Bar Association, the Rensselaer County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, all New York State Courts, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, the Committee on Character and Fitness, Appellate Division, Third Department, New York State Supreme Court. He served on the Board of Trustees of Pioneer Bank from 1970 until 2007, the Watervliet Public Library from 1983 until 1998 and the Watervliet Civic Center from 1960 until 2009 after which he was appointed an emeritus member of the Board. Joseph was also a member of the University Club of Albany, the Van Schaick Island Country Club, Watervliet Knights of Columbus, Father Van Rensselaer Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Watervliet Elks Lodge, Watervliet Rotary Club, Siena College Alumni Association and the Villanova School of Law Alumni Association. He was a communicant of the former Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Watervliet where he enjoyed membership in the Men's Association of Sacred Heart of Mary (MASH). In recent years, he was a communicant of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham. Joe enjoyed golfing, traveling and solving crossword puzzles. He was an avid reader and took great pride in attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities.



THOMAS W. JERAM, ESQ.

November 10, 2018

Mr. Jeram was born in Albany to Frederick and Marguerite Trombly Jeram, he was raised in Delmar, graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, Siena College and Albany Law School.

Mr. Jeram was a practicing attorney with D'Agostino, Hoblock, Flannery and Jeram. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association and served as past president and treasurer of the Albany County Bar Association. He was a member of the National Guard for 10 years, the attorney for the Selkirk Fire Department for many years. He was a lifelong communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. His greatest joy in life, along with his wife Ann, was raising eight children and nurturing their Catholic education

at St. Thomas the Apostle School. He coached several of his children's teams. His example of a strong work ethic and compassion for others was instilled in his children. As a humble man, he enjoyed doing things for others. No one could miss his friendly smile and the twinkle in his eyes. His strength and sense of family will forever be in our hearts and actions.

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