

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. KAMINSKI**

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association met in a Special Meeting this 22nd day of June, 2108, to celebrate the life and honor the memory of our colleague and fellow member, William F. "Bill" Kaminski, who was called home by his Almighty God the 8th day of June, 2018; and

WHEREAS, although saddened by his death, it is our desire, and the tradition of the Franklin County Bar Association, to share our recollections of Bill and honor him with a Memorial Resolution at this Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, before offering this Resolution, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association desire to offer a brief record of his life and career.

Bill was born December 17, 1947 in Stamford, Connecticut, the son of the later William C. Kaminski and Estelle Skrzykowski Kaminski. He was married to his beloved wife, Kathleen, for 36 years who survives him and his stepson, Christopher Kendig.

Bill attended public schools in Stamford. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1969. He then enrolled in the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1972. Bill was admitted to the Bar of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on November 16, 1972.

Upon his admission, Bill began practice in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania in the office of Keller and Reichard. In 1974 he formed a partnership with colleagues Edward Beck, Stephen Patterson, John Keller and Gregory Kierz where he practiced until 1993. Bill and Janice Hawbaker formed the partnership of Kaminski and Hawbaker in that year and practiced together until his retirement in 2011.

Bill served for a time as an Assistant Public Defender for Franklin County.

Bill served as Solicitor of the Franklin County Controller's Office from 1996 until his retirement and was an active member of the Pennsylvania Controller's Association

Throughout his practice, Bill was an involved member of the Franklin County Bar Association, serving as its President in 1997 and spending 11 years on the executive committee. In addition to his activities with the Franklin County Bar Association, Bill was also active in the Pennsylvania Bar Association where he was an active member of the Family Law Section. He was among the first attorneys in the county to provide *pro bono* representation to the Women in Need offices. Bill always sought ways to improve the representation of his clients and was Co-Chair of the Franklin County Domestic Relations Committee which implemented the procedures for the Divorce Master and the Custody Conciliation programs. These programs were subsequently adopted by many other counties across Pennsylvania.

Active in Franklin County Republican politics, Bill's strategy, campaign leadership and endorsement of moderate local and county Republican candidates was sought out.

Having time to spare from his professional activities, Bill served as past president of the Antietam Humane Society and was involved in many other civic activities in the Waynesboro area.

Upon his retirement to his farm in Blue Ridge Summit, Bill spent countless hours in the landscaping and development of the acres surrounding his home. He was especially proud of the 60,000 Daffodils which graced the property each spring. He enjoyed reading, bridge, Bonsai and fine wines.

The following are some memories and observations submitted by his fellow Franklin County Bar Members:

Bill was an attorney who, while 100% committed to his client, worked professionally with opposing counsel to achieve justice for all parties. His keen intellect made for interesting side conversations and his mastery of language sometimes left me baffled. Bill loved a good time and anyone who ever saw him at our FCBA functions will never forget his unique moves on the dance floor. He equally respected and adored his wonderful wife, Kathy, and proudly spoke of her accomplishments. Bill had a plan for his life and he fulfilled it. He knew when it was time to retire and had several years to enjoy his farm but he is gone far too soon and will be greatly missed.
Honorable Carol Van Horn, President Judge.

Bill was tenacious on behalf of his clients. You always knew you would have to be prepared for every legal argument and equitable argument when dealing with Bill. Honorable Shawn D. Meyers, Judge

Bill was my friend, my colleague, my partner and a mentor. While he could be gruff, at times, on the outside, at times, he was a very compassionate and caring person who always looked out for his clients' interests and represented them zealously. He was a wonderful writer. There were times my staff "buzzed" me to ask what I thought he was saying on his dictation; we literally would be pulling the dictionary out to look things up. I was glad never to be a recipient of one of his letters as they were sometimes "nuclear". He loved his wife and family and spoke to me often of his sisters and nieces and nephews. If you ever were at a social occasion with Bill and there was music, you were witness to dancing that you would never quite forget. He was a Renaissance man who loved his land, reading, especially history and politics, and art and music. Janice Hawbaker

Even though I joined Kaminski & Hawbaker as Bill was looking to retire, I was lucky to have the opportunity to work with him and learn from him. Bill was always happy to share his knowledge, both legal and not, and not only did I learn a great deal from him about family law and the practice of law, I also learned things about life in general from our discussions. He will be greatly missed. Abby Salawage.

I appreciated the practical approach Attorney Kaminski would take when we worked through issues that were sometimes difficult. I worked with him most in my career as a newer attorney and he was always willing to consider my view and willing to change his opinion if he thought it appropriate. He always had a funny story to share when we talked. Mary Beth Shank

Bill and I were a year apart in law school. I remember Bill as someone who was a serious student but one who could enjoy a good time. After he graduated we lost touch until I joined the Franklin County Bar Association in 1983. Bill was a person who was willing to answer questions and help other lawyers. Although we did not practice in the same areas and were geographically separated Bill greeted you with a smile and hello. As many have said, I can remember the bar galas and Bill dancing the night away. He was a fine lawyer and a good friend of the bar. Forest N Myers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Franklin County Bar Association assembled at a Special Meeting held the 22nd day of June, 2018 express our sympathy on the occasion of the loss of our fellow member and colleague, William F. "Bill" Kaminski, husband and attorney at law. We will strive to keep his memory alive, for the strength, dedication and wisdom of those members who have gone before us represent the foundation of the future generations of our profession.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Memorial Resolution Committee
Franklin County Bar Association**

Shawn D. Meyers, Judge

Kristen Hamilton, Esquire
President, Franklin County Bar Association

Forest N. Myers, Esquire