



**A RESOLUTION OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY DAVID WILMOT**

WHEREAS the members of the Franklin County Bar Association met in a Special Meeting this 6th day of January 2025 to celebrate the life and honor the memory of our colleague and fellow member, Timothy David Wilmot, who was called home by his Almighty God December 8, 2024 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 Tim 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.

Tim was born October 6, 1961, in Hamilton, New York the son of Annette Hotchkiss and the late Robert L. Wilmot. He is survived by his wife, Jean Wells Wilmot and children Joseph Wilmot, Steven Wilmot and Abigail Wilmot and grandchildren Wells, Savannah, Jace, Leo, and Colton and eight siblings Marie Sylvester, Dan Wilmot, Kathy Lowmaster, Sarah Malina, Jon Wilmot, Tom Wilmot, Jeremy Wilmot and Matt Wilmot.

Tim graduated from Ithaca College, class of 1983 and the Dickinson School of Law, class of 1995.

Tim proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as an aviator, graduating in the top 1% of his Naval Flight School Class. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1992 as a Captain.

Tim served as Divorce Master for the 39th Judicial District for 23 years. Tim clerked for the late William Kaye, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 39th Judicial District. He served in the Office of the District Attorney as an assistant and was the contract attorney for the Franklin County Prison, handling inmate civil claims.

Tim retired in 2019 leaving a legacy of professionalism and integrity in the office of Divorce Master. He was known for his meticulous adherence to the law, fairness and commitment to justice.

Tim was an active member of the community, volunteering with the Salvation Army, N.E.T.W.O.R.K. Ministries, Rhodes Grove Camp and Piney Mountain Home. Tim founded the Chambersburg Lacrosse Club and was a PIAA wrestling official. In his spare time, he coached Chambersburg Youth Wrestling, Little League, the Chambersburg Steelers and the Chambersburg High School Lacrosse Team.

Tim attended Salem United Brethren Church serving as a deacon, and Board President.

The following are memories and observations submitted by his fellow members of the Franklin County Bar Association:

The Common Pleas Judges for the 39th Judicial District are saddened to learn of the passing of Timothy Wilmot. Tim served as a law clerk, Assistant District Attorney, contract attorney, and Divorce Master/Hearing Officer over a career that spanned more than 25 years.

The following are a collection of observations made by the various Common Pleas Judges in response to learning of his passing:

Tim was a wonderful man of tremendous character. He loved his family and his community and demonstrated his commitment to both in everything he did. Tim embodied "do the right thing for the right reasons." He will certainly be remembered by his former DA colleagues and all of the attorneys who practiced before him as Divorce Master as a true professional and a just down to earth good man.

I will always remember Tim for his undying commitment to doing what is right, his investment in the youth of our community, and his honor.

I will miss seeing Tim around the neighborhood walking or jogging in his red and gold USMC windbreaker. As the juvenile prosecutor for the DA's office in one particularly memorable case, he was a very fair and reasonable man.

Attorney Wilmot's honorable reputation was well known.

He was a man of great integrity. I always admired him for his dedication to his family, country and community.

There honestly are not many like Tim. His word was solid, his efforts sincere, and his commitment to God, country, family and community unwavering. Even his physical limitations in his final years did not change his outlook. I am so sorry to learn of his passing.

We offer our collective prayers and condolences to his family, with the deepest sincerity and respect.

Honorable Judges of the 39th Judicial District, Shawn D. Meyers, President Judge, Angela Krom, Judge, Jeremiah Zook, Judge, Todd Sponseller, Judge, Mary Beth Shank, Judge, and Carol Van Horn, Senior Judge.

I succeeded Tim as Judge Kaye's law clerk in 1996. He was so helpful to me as I began my legal career. Later, in the District Attorney's Office, I got to know Tim better and appreciated what a fair and honorable person he was. He was so much prouder of his family than of any accomplishments he achieved himself. He was a class act and will be missed.

Nancy Meyers, Esq.

Tim was a kind, polite, and thoughtful straight shooter. He had the integrity all those in the legal field should have. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with him on criminal and family law matters.

Honorable Annie Gomez Shockey, MDJ

All the online tributes to Tim with his obituary clearly showed the impact Tim had on so many lives, be it his family, his faith, his involvement in wrestling and lacrosse, his service to the country and his just plain decency. I grew to know Tim in his role as what used to be called the Divorce Master and is now called the Divorce Hearing officer. He was one of a kind. Insightful, helpful, honest. His input at pretrial conferences helped solve many cases. Other practitioners and I knew that when he was at the helm, we may not have to go further than the pretrial conference. He was not a pushover, and he had a good b.s. detector, but he also listened to everyone's arguments and positions. It was a loss for all of us when he left the practice. I was pleased to run into him at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center in the summer of 2023. He called out to me. He was there with his children and grandchildren, and I was there with my children and grandsons. It was nice to see him and catch up. I will treasure that memory as well

as the years I was privileged to know him and practice in front of him. My sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Janice M. Hawbaker, Esq.

I was fortunate to have worked with Tim in the DA's office when I returned to Chambersburg following law school. As a new trial attorney, I learned a number of invaluable lessons from Tim. In and out of the Courtroom, he was always professional, acting with humility, dignity, and the utmost respect for the law. Tim was a man of honor, dutifully serving his community and his country. Tim will be missed, our profession and our Bar are very fortunate to have had him as a member.

Anthony Cosentino, Esq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Franklin County Bar Association assembled at a Special Meeting held the **6th day of January 2025** express our sympathy on the occasion of the loss of Timothy David Wilmot, son, husband, father, grandfather, sibling and friend and colleague of the members of the Franklin County Bar Association. We will strive to keep his memory alive, for the strength, dedication and wisdom of those who have gone before us represent the foundation of the future generations of our profession.

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

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