## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH AYCOCK HOFFMAN

Elizabeth Aycock Hoffman was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 17, 1938 and died in Portland, Maine on August 29, 2021.

Elizabeth's parents predeceased her. Her father was an engineer and owned Aycock Inc. and Cumberland Bridge Co. in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth lived with her mother, Marion, in Miami, Florida until she was 16 when she moved north.

Elizabeth graduated from Camp Hill High School in 1956. She spent a few years at Penn State University and then worked for her father before marrying Robert Carl Hoffman of Camp Hill and moving to Denver, Colorado where Robert was stationed in the Air Force. Always active, Elizabeth worked in Denver before moving to the Mojave Desert where her daughters Denise and Sharon were born. After Robert left the Air Force, the family moved to Rochester, New York and Elizabeth's sons, Michael and Jason were born there. In Rochester, Elizabeth went back to school, ultimately working her way through a Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate in English literature at the University of Rochester in 1986. She loved teaching undergraduates there and

at the Eastman School of Music, but also wanted to move closer to family in Pennsylvania.

After relocating back to the Harrisburg area with her then teenage son Jason, she changed direction by enrolling at Widener University Law School in Harrisburg, from which she graduated in 1991. She began her legal career in the Dauphin County Courthouse as a clerk to Judge Joseph H. Kleinfelter. She enjoyed working in the court system but was also eager to have her own practice. She opened an office in Richard Maffett's building on North Second Street in Harrisburg. A few years later, she moved to Walnut Street, sharing space with Robert Tarman and William Fulton.

Given her earlier career as a Professor of English, it is not surprising that Elizabeth distinguished herself as an appellate lawyer. She was one of the few local lawyers adept at litigating Post Conviction Relief Act cases in the trial and appellate courts, giving many convicted defendants a chance to get back in court after exhausting their options on direct appeal.

Elizabeth's practice also focused on family law to include divorce, custody and child dependency cases. In addition, she served as a volunteer in Judge Hoover's Pro Bono Guardianship Monitoring Program.

Elizabeth's profound passion for lawyering was obvious to anyone she encountered and almost equal to her passion for her grandchildren whom she truly adored and would frequently travel to visit. At home, she found great

joy in her beloved dogs and cat, her small garden and Mediterranean style cooking. We will always remember Elizabeth for her strength of character, quick wit, her contagious laugh and her passionate defense of the underdog.

Reflecting on her judicial clerkship, a good friend from the courthouse remarked that Elizabeth was the only employee in a certain judge's chambers who never made her cry.

Elizabeth had an engaging openness and honesty, an easygoing unaffected personality distinguished by level-headed thought, plain speech, a wry, mischievous sense of humor, a quiet, dependable sense of goodwill, and a spirit which moved always toward kindness. She had exceptional integrity and her life brightened all of ours.

Elizabeth died unexpectedly last summer as the result of pulmonary fibrosis. She is mourned not only by those of us who were friends and colleagues, but also by her children and three grandchildren, two brothers and two half-sisters, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends from her academic and legal careers.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the passing of Elizabeth Aycock Hoffman, we have all lost a good lawyer, mother and friend.

And resolved further, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed

colleague, Elizabeth Aycok Hoffman, and tender our sympathy and condolences to her family and other friends in the community and her clients.

And resolved further, that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original copy be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to her family.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 23, 2022

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