## CRAIG ALLEN STONE, ESQUIRE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

## DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Presented in Special Session
Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE COURT, our colleagues at the Bar, and family and friends here today to celebrate the life of our colleague and friend, Craig Allen Stone.

Craig was born on October 15, 1946 in Atlanta, Georgia. His parents were Lieutenant Thomas A. Stone and Lieutenant Irene C. Stone, both recently separated from active duty following World War II.

Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Craig attended Central Dauphin High School, excelling in football and baseball. He was later named to the Central Dauphin High School Hall of Fame for football.

Craig graduated from Central Dauphin High School in 1964 and entered Princeton University where he played varsity football and rugby. In later life, his colleagues at the Bar would accuse him of playing too many games "without a helmet" but the Princeton football archives do not support such a theory. There were no rugby records to review.

For the year following his graduation from Princeton, he worked in the insurance industry while completing his basic training in the Army Reserves. He entered Dickinson School of Law in 1969 completing that course of study in 1972.

Craig began his private practice of law with the firm of Goldberg, Evans & Katzman and soon found his niche in civil trial work. For the next 50 years he devoted his professional life to the defense of medical malpractice claims throughout central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia.

Craig was certified in civil litigation by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was a qualified member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Federation of Insurance Counsel. He was regularly selected to the list of The Best Lawyers in America, Pennsylvania's "Super Lawyers" and Best Lawyers in the Central PA Region. He was a frequent lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Although a tremendous advocate on behalf of his clients, the real loves of his life were his wife of 43 years, Kathy Anderson Stone, and their three children, Suzanne, Thomas and Samuel. He was blessed to be able to see the marriages of his three children and the birth of his first granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie, while courageously fighting a years' long battle with cancer.

Outside of his law practice he served as a board member of the Millennium Insurance

Company and the Central PA YMCA. He was Vice President and a Campaign Chairman for the

Dauphin Unit of the American Cancer Society. He was a past Master of the Robert Burns

Masonic Lodge in Harrisburg. For many years he was Chairman of the Central Pennsylvania

Princeton Schools Committee and he also served as Trustee for Pine Street Presbyterian Church.

He was active to the end although he had to curtail some of his hobbies which included riding motorcycles, sea and whitewater kayaking and running. He also had a passion for travel which he enjoyed with his wife Kathy and had memorable trips including hiking the Inca Trail in Peru, backpacking in the British Isles, exploring Ecuador's Galápagos Islands, kayaking in the Bay of Fundy, scuba diving throughout the Caribbean and motorcycling in New Zealand and Sturgis, South Dakota. Most notably he loved spending time at his home away from home in Avalon, New Jersey with family and friends. While doing all of this and practicing law, he also

had numerous unsuccessful attempts at mastering the five string banjo. Craig had an infectious laugh and the ability to make everyone in his life feel special.

He was a formidable opponent in the courtroom willing to take on all challenges. His fighting spirit was evidenced by the fact that it required not one, not even two, but three separate primary cancers to take his life. Like the champion he always was, he went the full 15 rounds before succumbing to this determined foe on August 30, 2022 at 75 years of age. The Dauphin County Bar was enhanced by his presence and is diminished by his passing.

And so, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bar Association mourns the death of Craig Allen Stone, and extends to his wife, Kathy Stone, and other family members and friends, our deepest sympathies. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial resolution be placed on the records of the Dauphin County Courts and Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his family.

Respectfully submitted by the Memorial Committee on the death of Craig Allen Stone, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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