MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
UPON THE DEATH OF
DAVID B. DISNEY

David B. Disney died on March 14, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome). He graduated from Brighton High School in Rochester, New York, attended Kenyon College in Ohio for two years, then graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, MN in 1964 with a degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish.

David then enlisted in the Army's Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduated as a second lieutenant, and then served in Giessen, Germany with a Mechanized Artillery Battalion. He returned to the United States as an Executive Officer and Cadre Tactical Officer in the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Upon discharge from the Army, David worked for a year at Eastman Kodak before entering law school at Columbia University. He graduated from Columbia in 1971 and was hired by McNees, Wallace & Nurick in that year, after having served as a summer intern in 1970. He became a partner, and retired in 2005 because of ill health.

David was a nationally recognized bond counsel, served as a lecturer and published course materials on tax-exempt financing in Pennsylvania, both for the National Association of Bond Lawyers and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. He served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. Some major projects on which he worked while at McNees were the Volkswagen plant in Westmoreland County, representing the Commonwealth, and Harristown, where he participated in putting together the development team and the financing for the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel, which opened for business in November of 1990.

His volunteer service included Campaign Chair and Chair of the Board of the United Way; Counsel to CREDC (the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation);
Counsel to the Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority; founding member and Chairman of the Board of Leadership Harrisburg; Counsel to Planned Parenthood; Counsel to the PA ACLU in a landmark case creating the right to petition to expunge arrest records. David was a member of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, a member of its Board of Trustees and a former member of the Country Club of Harrisburg where he was an avid, if hopeful, golfer.

David had a gift for organization and discipline that had its personal counterpart in lifelong habits of orderliness. You saw that if you spent any time in his office or his home. But he also had an eye for beauty and for design in the world around him. He supervised a major two-year "space renovation" project for McNees that benefited greatly from his capacity for managing complex enterprises and making sound decisions in the process, including overseeing cutting through 4 inches of reinforced concrete on two floors for the installation of the spiral staircase connecting floors 6, 7 and 8. David was incredibly bright, but also decisive; he could effectively analyze a problem, but didn't get bound up by analysis. Secure in himself, David had little time for people who were hyperbolic or self-important. His wit could cut to the quick when exposing hypocrisy, but he had great empathy for others. During his term on the firm's Management Committee, he dealt with difficult personnel situations that showed his understanding and deep sympathy for the firm's employees and its partners. David also knew the value of friendship, and the importance of enjoying his friends' company. He did that well and often. David Disney was a good man.

He was a member of the Dauphin County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations and participated regularly in the activities of our association, rarely missing a Thursday afternoon social meeting in Bar Headquarters on Front Street, to review events of the week (in the front room on the second floor).
David was a frustrated sailor. For many years he had boats on the Chesapeake Bay, which got bigger and more elaborate as the years went by. Many of his friends enjoyed wonderful days on the Bay on David's boats, usually ending up at St. Michael's on the eastern shore, where the hard-shelled crabs were hungrily devoured, washed down by suds of choice. David then shifted gears and constructed a wondrously elaborate model railroad village, with multiple tracks and even a lake.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Scalise) Disney of Mechanicsburg, two brothers, Robert Disney, Basalt, CO; Dr. George Disney and wife Sarah, Peru, NY; a sister, Linda Bennett and husband Marcus, Lowville, NY; aunt Ruth Currie of Williamsburg, VA; stepmother Rosemary Disney Sherman, Pittsford, NY; two stepsons, David Stewart and wife Sasha, Broomfield, CO; Michael Stewart, Atlantic City, NJ; twin grandchildren, Elena and Jack Stewart, along with several nieces.

David fought a long, agonizing battle with MDS, stoically and with humor. His passing is mourned by his family, his friends, his colleagues and former clients. We will miss him, but with fond memories of a life well spent.

Respectfully submitted by the Memorial Committee upon the death of David B. Disney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, extend our sympathy to David's wife, Dorothy Scalise Disney, and to his family and we direct that the Report of the Memorial Committee and this Resolution be spread upon the records of the Association and the records of the Dauphin County courts.
I move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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