

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF
THE HONORABLE TODD A. HOOVER**

Todd A. Hoover of Dauphin passed away on August 24, 2016 at the age of 61.

In Judge Hoover's passing, we have lost a fair, compassionate, hardworking and innovative judge. His contagious laugh, eternal optimism, warm smile and sincere interest in everyone he met will be sorely missed.

Todd A. Hoover was born on January 20, 1955 to Owen C. Hoover and Helen F. Hoover and raised in Elizabethville, Pennsylvania. He was a 1972 graduate of Upper Dauphin Area High School where he played football, basketball and ran track. He graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1976 and received his Juris Doctor degree from Delaware Law School in 1979. He was hired as an assistant district attorney by then District Attorney Richard A. Lewis and worked in that office until he entered private practice in 1983. He was a solo practitioner from 1983 to 1993, when he was elected to the Dauphin County bench.

Judge Hoover devoted himself to public service and believed strongly that God called him to be a judge so that he could help people and have a positive impact upon their lives.

Over the course of his career on the bench, Judge Hoover presided over civil, family, juvenile and criminal matters. He found most rewarding his assignments in Orphans' Court and Dependency Court. Judge Hoover worked closely with Children & Youth Services to develop best practices in dependency matters not only in Dauphin County but across the state. Judge Hoover spoke at state and national conferences on the use of Family Group Decision Making, an alternative decision making process through which family, community supports and social services professionals work collectively to reduce adversity in dependency cases and help

children move from foster care to a permanent family. Judge Hoover implemented Family Group Decision Making as an alternative to sentencing in adult and juvenile matters as well.

Judge Hoover served as Chairman of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee and as a member of the Juvenile Act Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the Statewide Committee on Elder Abuse.

Judge Hoover was innovative in his role as Orphans' Court judge. In conjunction with the Dauphin County Bar Association, he organized the Pro Bono Guardian Monitoring program. Inasmuch as a continuing duty lies with the Orphans' Court to monitor all guardianships, Judge Hoover saw pro bono monitoring as unique way for attorneys to satisfy pro bono service obligations. Through this program, a pro bono monitor visits the incapacitated person and the guardian once a year and reports impressions to the court. Judge Hoover called the monitors "the eyes and ears of the court". In most instances, a monitor reports that the guardian and the incapacitated person are doing well, but in some instances, monitors have alerted the court to concerns which require the court's attention. Today, approximately 60 attorneys serve as monitors in approximately 135 guardianships in our Orphans' Court. The Pro Bono Guardian Monitoring program has served as a model for the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Court's Elder Law Task Force and will live on as a legacy to Judge Hoover.

It has been said that adoptions and naturalization of citizens are the only happy matters which come before the court. Much to his joy, Judge Hoover presided over hundreds of adoption hearings which he conducted as special celebrations for the parents, children and other family members. Judge Hoover welcomed the attendance of extended family, friends, co-workers and church members to share in the happy occasion. He invited and encouraged anyone to speak at the adoption ceremony and emphasized, for all in attendance, the significance of the day for the

newly adopted child who would now become part of a loving family. Judge Hoover's courtroom would often be filled with the classmates of the soon to be adopted child, present to witness the special event in their friend's life. Frequently, families held celebratory receptions in the Lawyers' Lounge, where the adopted child received special mementos of the ceremony.

Judge Hoover also exhibited his deep commitment to youth in settings outside the regular court calendar. Each year, he served as a presiding judge in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Program. At the conclusion of each mock trial, Judge Hoover took the time to individually address the participating students. He always found good things to say about the students' performances and offered suggestions as to how they could improve for the next round of competition. Teachers, parents and students regularly expressed their gratitude for the time Judge Hoover took to interact with the young participants.

Judge Hoover brought to every situation his positive view of people and peaceful acceptance of life's circumstances. Simply stated, he saw the good in every person and every situation. In addressing those who came before him in court, Judge Hoover exhibited his deeply held belief that we are all God's children worthy of respect and of the opportunity for hope, forgiveness and redemption. That is not to say that he minimized the seriousness of the circumstances which may have led those people to court. However, Judge Hoover allowed each person the basic dignity which he felt they deserved as fellow human beings. He did not deem any person worthless because of his or her conduct.

Judge Hoover was a devout Christian whose life exemplified his faith. He often told people who were concerned about something not to worry, everything works out. His expression of optimism was always welcome, uplifting and comforting and, he was always right, things do work out.

Judge Hoover's deep faith provided him personal peace even when confronted with the most weighty and ominous matters as a judge. In extremely contentious or highly visible cases, Judge Hoover's peaceful and positive approach brought out the best in the attorneys. Frequently, attorneys left his chambers having reached resolution of an issue or a case one would have thought unattainable. At the time of his passing, attorneys from around the state who had appeared before him on both sides of the courtroom called to express their sadness and to share the sentiment that Judge Hoover was a remarkably kind, insightful and wise judge.

Judge Hoover served as President Judge from 2010 to 2014. During his tenure, Judge Hoover inspired the court to move from a traditional model of relationships among county departments to a truly unified, collaborative and problem solving model which continues to enable all departments to work toward a common good.

Judge Hoover was selflessly devoted to his family. He was married to Sue Hoover, his high school sweetheart and best friend, for 36 years. Judge Hoover and Sue were blessed with four sons, Owen, Jaren, Namen and Hanlen who describe him as the greatest Dad in the world. As busy as Judge Hoover was in his professional life, he found time to spend with his sons and coached their many sports teams and participated in their extracurricular events.

Judge Hoover loved nature and God's creation. He spent as much time as possible in the woods in the spring, as a turkey hunter, and in the fall as an avid deer hunter.

He was an active member of Brookfield Bible Church for over 30 years where he served as a deacon, a junior church teacher and Sunday school teacher.

Judge Hoover touched the lives of countless numbers of people and is sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and three of his four sons, Owen, Namen and Hanlen, as well as his brother, Greg, and his sister-in-law, Deb.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the passing of the Honorable Todd A. Hoover, the community has lost a great jurist, a respected citizen and that his family has lost a wonderful husband, father and brother.

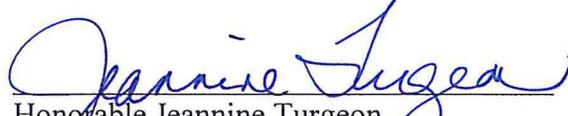
And be it resolved further, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Todd A. Hoover, and extend our tender sympathy to his widow, children, brother and sister-in-law.

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 his widow and family.

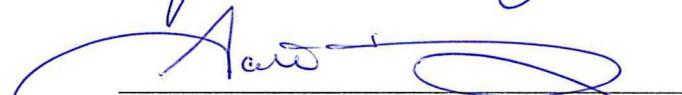
Respectfully Submitted,



Honorable Richard A. Lewis

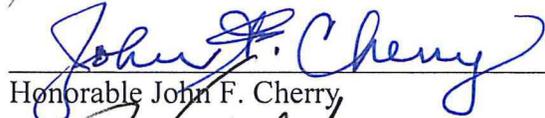


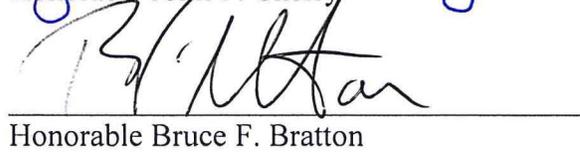
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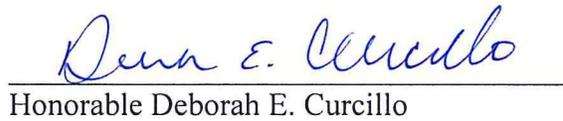


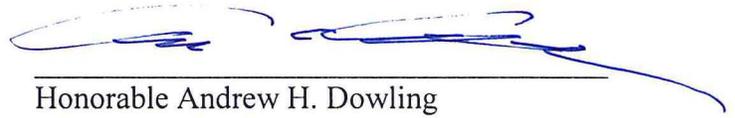
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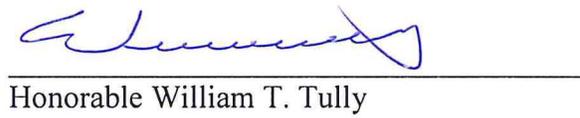

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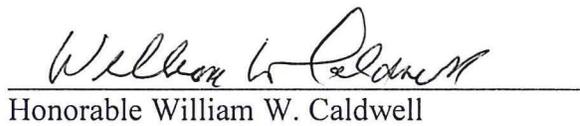

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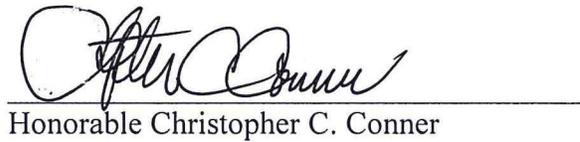

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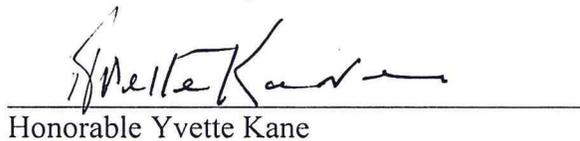

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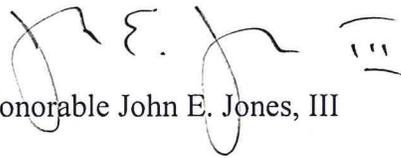

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