

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
UPON THE DEATH OF  
JASON P. KUTULAKIS**

**WHEREAS**, Jason P. Kutulakis was born on May 29, 1968, the son of Peter and Mary Kutulakis; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Big Spring High School, received his Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University in 1991 and in 1994 followed in the footsteps of his father and received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an Assistant Public Defender in the Dauphin County Public Defender's Office from 1997 until 1999 when he joined the Camp Hill firm of Marshall, Smith and Haddick, P.C., where he was a civil litigator; and,

**WHEREAS**, from 1999 to 2010 he served as a Solicitor for Dauphin County Children and Youth Services, where his experience in child advocacy inspired his passion to fight statewide for the most innocent members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, he served from 2000 to 2006 on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Juvenile Procedural Rules Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, he was a driving force in the formation of the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Solicitor's Association; and

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**WHEREAS,** he fulfilled a lifetime professional dream in 2001 by founding with Jay Abom, his own law firm, Abom and Kutulakis in downtown Carlisle, where his woodworking and remodeling skills can be seen throughout the building; and

**WHEREAS,** at the time of his death in 2016 he focused his practice on child advocacy, civil litigation, worker's compensation and business counseling; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2009, he helped to create ChildFirstPA, making Pennsylvania the 17<sup>th</sup> state to offer certified forensic interview training for child abuse investigators and prosecutors; and

**WHEREAS,** he was appointed in 2012 by Governor Corbett to serve on the Task Force on Child Protection, which held public hearings and made recommendations later adopted by the General Assembly; and,

**WHEREAS,** he served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance and helped secure a Department of Human Services contract to provide training to mandated reporters of child abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** he served as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission in 2015 and 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** Jason received numerous professional and volunteer awards, including: The Pennsylvania Bar Association's Children's Rights Committee *Child Advocate of the Year Award*, *The Brad M. Jackman Award* from the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Solicitor's Association, *the George*

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*E. Hoffer Service to Youth Award* from the Cumberland County Bar Association; Central PA Business Journal's 40 under 40; 2006 *Outstanding Citizen* award from the Dauphin County Commissioners; and the 2006 *Child Advocacy Award* from the Cumberland County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, he was on the Board of Directors of the Greater Carlisle Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee at the Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, the first President of the Big Spring School District Bulldog Foundation, and the Vice-Chairman of the Cumberland County Republican Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason is survived by Joanne, his wife of 17 years, and their cherished daughter, Alexandra, his mother Mary, and his wife's parents, Marrie and Richard Cassidy. Jason and Joanne shared a passion for family life and created a home full of love and selfless service. He loved to cheer on Alex during gymnastic meets, field hockey, volleyball and basketball games and instilled in her an abiding love of animals; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an avid sportsman who drew inspiration from the natural beauty of Pennsylvania and introduced his wife and daughter to camping, boating, tubing and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a member of the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Cumberland County Bar Association where he served on the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2015 and as its social chair from 2006 to 2015;

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**WHEREAS,** Jason P. Kutulakis died suddenly and unexpectedly on January 31, 2016,

**Therefore,** be it resolved, that in the passing of Jason P. Kutulakis, we have all lost a good lawyer, citizen and friend.

And resolved further, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Jason P. Kutulakis, and tender our sympathy and condolences to his family, his law firm and other friends in the community and his clients.

And be it 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,

Dated: April 6, 2016



William J. Fulton, Chair



John A. Abom



William M. Shreve

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