MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
ON THE LIFE OF
NORMAN P. HETRICK

Norman P. Hetrick, Esquire.
Norman P. Hetrick, father, husband, brother, attorney, Rotarian, supervisor, county commissioner, partner, community leader, bar association member, delegate, volunteer-extraordinaire, and friend to all here, and so many more.

Norm, the corporeal being with the incredible smile, died on June 30th, 2009 at the age of 66 years, at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, where, on the night of his death, a Minister, unknown to Norm, or his family, stopped by to pray. Hearing from Norm Jr. of the life this beautiful man lived, the Minister inquired as to his livelihood and, upon being told “politician and attorney,” replied: “That’s a surprise.” Even in dying, he was leaving behind for us a shining example as to how we might continue living as humans and as lawyers.

Norm was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 5, 1943. Growing up in the Colonial Park area, he was a student in the Central Dauphin School District where, in high school, he was a student leader and football star. Just recently, the School District honored the 1959 football team of which Norm was an integral part. From Harrisburg, it was on to the University of Pennsylvania, where, again, he was a football player and, along with fellow student, Ed Rendell, a student leader. The two remained lifelong friends.

From Penn, Norm began his law career at Dickinson Law School, graduating in 1968. But, law school graduation did not mean simply a law career. Norm, by every instinct in his being and with unparalleled drive, began in earnest four compatible endeavors: family, law, governance and community. Only a few reach his heights in any one of those undertakings.

Let us spend a moment with each endeavor.

As with all of us, FAMILY was most important with Norm. Everything else was second. Norm is survived by his loving wife, Sue, his two children, Page who, like Norm, is a member of the bar, and young Norm, whose own efforts are, primarily, in the governmental area (these apples didn't fall far from the tree), and two beautiful, young grandchildren. This small, loving family meant everything to him. Norm had a large and supportive sibling family as well, all who looked to him as the family patriarch, a role he cherished.

As for the LAW, in his passing, the Bar has lost a most capable and compassionate practitioner, and a loyal colleague. His practice areas, varied and far-ranging, included estate administration, public finance,
state administrative agency, lobbying, and general civil court. He was a regular PBI lecturer in estate administration and public finance. To continue on the threshold of the legal practice, Norm was an active member of the National and local Associations of Estate Planners, the National and Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers (a founding member of PABL). He was a founding member of Hetrick, Zaleski and, upon its merger with Eckert Seamans, Norm became an equity partner until his retirement. Norm served as solicitor for the Dauphin County Office of the Register of Wills and for the Dauphin County Housing Authority. Norm was a genuine gentleman in all aspects of his life, and nowhere was it more evident than in the practice of his beloved law profession.

With GOVERNANCE, Norm was in his natural element and, perhaps, his most passionate field. He served with the highest distinction and honor as a township supervisor, and Chairman, of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township, and later, he served with the same distinction, honor and energy as a Dauphin County Commissioner. He was a leader within the Dauphin and Pennsylvania Republican Party, and served as a delegate to the 1996 Republican National Convention. During his tenure as a County Commissioner, Norm was an active member of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, serving a term as President of the Association. His role in government was not limited to elected office; successive Governors appointed Norm, first, to the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority and, later, to the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Board. As with all of his efforts, Norm served in both of these capacities with fervor and endless capacity.

Finally, COMMUNITY, what may well be, certainly, within Dauphin County and the South Central Region of Pennsylvania, the part of his life where Norm had the most, greatest and best impact on all of us, his fellow citizens, as individuals, families, and neighbors, for we or someone we know, at some point have had need of the community chest – of the help of our neighbors. A short list of his many civic services includes:

- University of Pennsylvania: University Board of Trustees, Medical School Board of Overseers;
- American and Pennsylvania Lung Associations: President and Board member;
- WITF: Vice President and Director;
- Dauphin County Historical Society: President of the Board of Trustees;
- Dauphin County Library System: President and Board Member;
- Colonial Park Rotary Club: President;
- St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church: Senior Warden;

As so often said, Norman was a true gentleman and scholar, with more than his share of compassion for all he knew, worked with and served, and those he knew by their needs. He is missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues at Bar and all who knew him.
Therefore, Your Honor, the Norman Paul Hetrick Committee moves, as follows:

Be it resolved by the Dauphin County Bar Association, that with the passing of Norman Paul Hetrick, the community has lost a true gentleman and a respected citizen, the Bar has lost one of its able practitioners and his family has lost an affectionate and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother.

And further resolved, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Norman Paul Hetrick, and tender our sympathy and condolences to his widow, children, grandchildren and family, and by each member of the Bar here assembled unto each other.

And further resolved, 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 wife and family.

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