Dauphin County Bar Association

Memorial Resolution upon the Death of

ROBERT S. MIRIN

Our friend and colleague, Robert S. Mirin, died on February 9, 2012 at the young age of 68. He was born on June 27, 1943 in Worcester, MA.

Bob grew up in the Washington, DC suburb of Silver Springs. He was the son of Eleanor and Simon Mirin. Bob's father owned a dry cleaning business and Bob always bragged about how they did work for the Redskins football team. That is how Bob became an avid Redskins fan and sports fan in general. He inherited 7th row, 50-yard line tickets from his father, which he kept and enjoyed all his life.

Bob attended high school in Silver Springs Maryland and went to college at the University of Maryland. He attended Vanderbilt Law School, graduating in 1968. He then earned the degree of Master of Laws in Labor Laws from George Washington University in 1974.

In 1968 he married Ruth Tork and they had two children, Sol and Seth. Their marriage ended in 1983 and after experiencing bachelorhood again, he met Joanna Bankus. They were married on September 25, 1987. Combined, they now have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Bob and Joanna enjoyed traveling and just socializing with friends. Bob loved history, was an avid reader, enjoyed playing
poker with his friends. Bob had an interest in old cars, although he was not the best driver, and was always interested in learning more about everything.

Bob began his professional career working for the National Labor Relations Board in New Orleans. After that he worked for the EEOC Commission in Washington. He then started to work as counsel for Hertz, in Washington, DC, where he could be seen running through airports with OJ Simpson. He left Hertz to work as General Counsel for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in Harrisburg from 1978 until 1983. After leaving the Human Relations Commission, he went into private practice. In 1986 he joined with Les Jacobson, in the firm of Mirin and Jacobson. In 1998 he opened his solo practice, on Front Street in Harrisburg, where he specialized in employment and civil rights law. He remained there in solo practice until he passed away.

Bob loved his work. He felt that everyone deserved representation and he would often take on cases that no one else would take. He always was optimistic about his cases and worked hard representing his clients. Many of his clients were disadvantaged, but Bob always worked with them, to his financial disadvantage. While he was not always known for being very organized, Bob was the most intelligent person I know. He seemed to know something about whatever subject was being discussed. As a true lawyer, he loved to talk. Bob would speak to anyone about anything. There was never a lapse in the conversation if he was around and he would often walk up to strangers and start a conversation.
As mentioned before, Bob was a big sports fan, especially the Washington Red Skins. He was proud of his collection of mementos, which included a football signed by Vince Lombardi and many autographed pictures of other players.

Bob was truly a good person with a big heart. He was a great friend to many and would literally give you the shirt off his back. He would always be there for his family and friends and would not expect anything in return. He was my mentor, so to speak, when I decided to go to law school. He would always help me when I had questions regarding a case. I am proud to have been his friend. He was the most optimistic person I know. No matter what happened, he would deal with it and his favorite phrase was “life goes on.” He was a devoted husband and father. Even at the end of his life, he always seemed more concerned on how everyone else was doing, rather than complaining about his situation.

Bob will be greatly missed as a colleague, friend, husband and parent.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in the passing of Robert S. Mirin, his family, friends and the community have lost a wonderful and caring person, and the bar has lost a man who performed his duties with dignity and honor.

And Further Resolved, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Robert S. Mirin, and tender our sympathy and condolences to his widow, children and grandchildren.
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 be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his widow and family.

Respectively Submitted,

Paul S. Allen

Les Jacobson

Dave Lehman