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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
UPON THE DEATH OF  
VICTOR A. BIHL**

VICTOR A. BIHL died on April 26, 2011 at the age of 80 years. Vic was a "Harrisburger" through and through, spending most of his life in the Harrisburg community, although he was born in Audabon, New Jersey on May 30, 1930. Vic's father died in 1941 when Vic was only 11 years old. He and his sister, Jodi, were raised by their mother, Mary, a strong and determined woman.

Vic attended William Penn High School, but his mother enrolled him in Mercersburg Academy, secured a scholarship for him there and Vic graduated from the Academy. He always felt that his positive Mercersburg Academy experience was the only reason that he applied to and attended Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1952. In addition to his academic success, Vic was especially proud of his football career at Princeton where he played for four years and in his senior year was named to the All-East team as a guard on the offensive line. This was the Princeton team which boasted running back, Dick Kazmeir, the 1952 Heisman trophy winner, who was always reminded by Vic of the fact that Vic was opening the running holes for him. Vic's athleticism continued throughout much of his life, enabling him to play excellent tennis and squash.

At Princeton Vic enlisted in the ROTC to help his mother with the financial commitment required for his education and, upon graduation, served in the Navy for three years. He served on the battleship New Jersey during the Korean conflict in 1952 and 1953 and traveled the world during his Navy term.

After the Navy Vic returned to Harrisburg, married Suzanne Straits and enrolled in Dickinson Law School under the GI bill. After graduation from Dickinson Vic joined the Dauphin County

District Attorney's Office as Assistant DA. Vic began his general practice of law with James W. Reynolds and William W. Lipsitt, until Judge Lipsitt became a member of the Dauphin County Bench in 1965. Vic and Jim practiced law together as Reynolds and Bihl until 1968 when the partnership expanded by the inclusion of Herbert A. Schaffner. In 1976 the partnership further expanded to include David A. Wion. During this period both Francis A. Zulli and Michael L. Solomon became associates with the firm. Judge Schaffner left the firm in 1983 to assume his role as a Dauphin County Judge. Vic continued the practice of law with Jim Reynolds, Dave Wion and Jean D. Seibert until Jim's retirement and finally Vic's own retirement in 1992.

Vic had a deep religious faith. He attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Harrisburg and St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church in Hershey.

A strong family man, Vic had three children, V. Scott Bihl, Karen Bihl Scholl, and David S. Bihl, as well as several grandchildren. In 1967 his wife, Suzanne, died. In 1982 he married Mary Ann Dougherty with whom he spent the last 28 years in a supportive, loving marriage and whose children and grandchildren enriched his life.

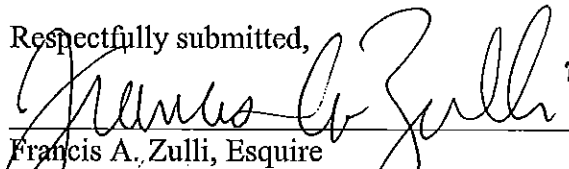
Vic was an extremely capable attorney. As a municipal authority Solicitor, he represented both the Swatara Township Authority and Steelton Borough Authority for over 25 years. He represented several large businesses in the Harrisburg area, including Francis for Fords, Sutliff Chevrolet, Sunderland Chevrolet, Handy Markets, and Preis Consumer Discount Companies, to name just a few. He excelled not only in the practice of law, but as a sole proprietor of rental and commercial establishments, and as a partner in apartment complex developments, and various commercial enterprises, and as a partner in commercial chain grocery markets.

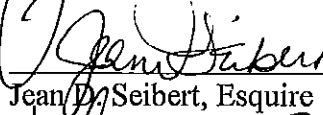
A congenial personality, Vic enjoyed his association with other members of the Bar, particularly a "poker club" with fellow attorneys, George Gekas, John Shumaker, Leonard Tintner, John "Jack" Hall, Dick Placey, Dave Eaton and Craig Staudenmeir.

With warm memories and deep respect for an admirable colleague, and amiable friend, we express our gratitude for the many years his life enriched ours. We will miss him.

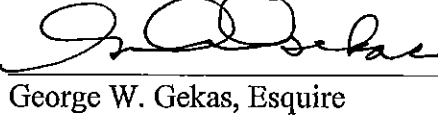
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy to his wife, Mary Ann, and his sons, Scott and David, his grandchildren, his stepchildren and step-grandchildren, and we share in their loss, and that this Memorial Resolution be spread on the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association.

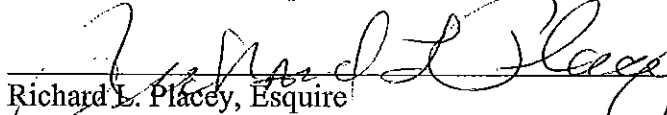
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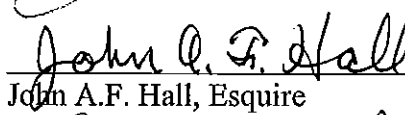
  
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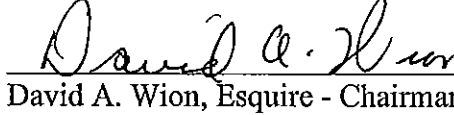
  
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