

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

MICHAEL O. CONNAUGHTON

IRVING DROSS

GEORGE F. JUMP, JR.

JAMES I. KEANE

GOODWIN SCHLOSSBERG

THE HONORABLE RICHARD V. WALDRON

EDWARD O. WAYSON, JR.

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2 The Court commenced en banc at 3:00 p.m., there  
3 being present the Honorable WILLIAM D. MISSOURI,  
4 Administrative Judge; the Honorable GRAYDON S. MCKEE III,  
5 Chief Judge; GLENN T. HARRELL, Court of Appeals, JAMES B.  
6 SALMON, Court of Special Appeals; JOSEPH S. CASULA,  
7 Associate Judge; LARNZELL MARTIN, JR., Associate Judge;  
8 SHERRIE L. KRAUSER, Associate Judge; STEVEN PLATT, Associate  
9 Judge; RICHARD SOTHORON, Associate Judge; RONALD D. SCHIFF,  
10 Associate Judge; JUDGE C. PHILIP NICHOLS, JR.; Associate  
11 Judge; SEAN D. WALLACE, Associate Judge.

12 CHIEF JUDGE MCKEE: Welcome, ladies and  
13 gentlemen. Today we have gathered as we have for many years  
14 in the past to honor our colleagues, our associates and  
15 friends that have passed away during the past year. This  
16 Court is honored to welcome the friends and the family of  
17 those colleagues, as well as their guests.

18                   It is fitting that we take this time to remember  
19                   those who have been with us all these years. We pay special  
20                   tribute to Michael Connaughton, Irvin Dross, George Jump,  
21                   James Keane, Goodwin Schlossberg, Richard V. Waldron and  
22                   Edward O. Wayson, Jr. The Court recognizes the President of  
23                   the Prince George's County Bar Association, Mr. Todd Pounds.

24 Mr. Pounds.

25 MR. POUNDS: Thank you, Judge.

1                   Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. My name is  
2 Todd Pounds and on behalf of the Prince George's County Bar  
3 Association, I would like to welcome all of you here to this  
4 Memorial Service. I am very honored to be here and to be  
5 participating in this memorial.

6                   I just want to take a few moments and thank two  
7 people who have been very instrumental in helping organize  
8 this and that would be our current Executive Director of the  
9 Bar Association, Monica McKinnen and also Kathy Cook. I  
10 would also like to introduce the Chairman of the Memorial  
11 Committee on behalf of the Prince George's County Bar  
12 Association, the Honorable Judge Vincent Femia.

13                  JUDGE FEMIA: Chief Judge McKee, colleagues,  
14 ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, we have a number  
15 of people who have agreed, actually most of whom have  
16 expressed delight in being the presenters for those members  
17 of the association who have passed away in the last year.  
18 And first, I'm going to ask Judge Sherrie Krauser to come up  
19 and make a presentation on behalf of Mike Connaughton.

20                  JUDGE KRAUSER: I'm not sure delight was the  
21 feeling I was feeling when Judge Femia asked me to do this,  
22 but I am honored to do it.

23                  Chief Judge McKee, Administrative Judge Missouri,  
24 members of this honorable Court, members of the Court of  
25 Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, visiting judges, judges

1 of the Circuit Court, District Court and retired judges,  
2 members of the Bar Association of Prince George's County,  
3 family and friends, and many, many friends of Michael Owen  
4 Connaughton.

5 It is my privilege today to honor the memory of  
6 my friend, Michael Owen Connaughton. Mike lost his  
7 four-year battle with leukemia last spring at 62. He leaves  
8 behind his beloved wife, Nancy, his beautiful and  
9 accomplished daughters Kim, Karen and Kelly, his  
10 sons-in-law, his grandsons, his mother, his sister Kay and  
11 his many, many friends.

12 Mike grew up here in Prince George's County,  
13 graduated from High Point High School, as I did a few years  
14 later, graduated from the University of Maryland and  
15 University of Maryland Law School. He served as a trial  
16 attorney in the federal government and then came back here  
17 to Prince George's County to serve in the Office of Law.

18 His talents there were quickly recognized and I  
19 believe it was Judge Casula who named Mike as the Deputy  
20 County Attorney in charge of the litigation unit. Many can  
21 tell of Mike's talents as a trial lawyer. Judge Femia noted  
22 some of them in his profile in our program today. Mike  
23 convinced jurors that seemingly brutal acts by police  
24 officers were, in fact, just, appropriate efforts to combat  
25 crime. Mike could enchant juries in seemingly dull

1 condemnation cases that they should award his clients far  
2 more money for their property than the State was willing to  
3 offer.

4                   Mike was a consummate professional. He was  
5 always impeccably prepared and impeccably dressed. He was  
6 calm, sincere and utterly charming. But Mike's ability as a  
7 trial lawyer is only part of his story. As Deputy County  
8 Attorney for litigation, Mike built what he expected to be  
9 the premiere trial unit of any firm in the County. He  
10 scouted and recruited lawyers whom he believed could handle  
11 the job with the degree of excellence that he demanded  
12 regardless of sex or race. Some of the people that served  
13 in that litigation unit are -- let's see -- Judge Sean  
14 Wallace, Judge Steve Chappelle in Charles County, myself,  
15 Judge Toni Clarke, Judge Crystal, what's her new last name,  
16 Mittelstaedt. Thank you. I knew her before she was  
17 Mittelstaedt. David Blyden, John Breads, and many, many  
18 others, Al D'Appolito. Who can forget Al D'Appolito? Where  
19 is Al? But anyways, lots of people. And as you can expect,  
20 this was not an easy group to supervise or manage.

21                   I was the first woman included in that unit and I  
22 think that only came about because of the unexpected demise  
23 of another attorney but, you know, Mike decided he could try  
24 it out and if I worked well enough, then I would be a  
25 full-fledged member of the group and that eventually

1 occurred. The thing about Mike was that once you were part  
2 of the team, his support was absolute and unflinching.

3 I remember the first time that I had a police  
4 officer as a client, and this gentleman's previous attorney  
5 was either Dean or Dap, and I'm not sure I remember which,  
6 but he just did not answer my phone calls. He didn't  
7 respond to my letters. I didn't know what was going to  
8 happen. So I went to Mike. And I knew through the  
9 grapevine that this officer had already called one of his  
10 previous attorneys demanding to know why he was assigned to  
11 me and not them. I went to Mike and said, I don't know what  
12 to do, you know, he won't respond. He won't answer  
13 interrogatories. I can't get anything. What am I going to  
14 do? And I fully expected him to take the case away from me.  
15 Mike said, I'll tell you what you're going to do. You're  
16 going to call his captain or lieutenant or whoever you have  
17 to get to and tell them that his defense is only paid for by  
18 the County provided that he cooperate and his failure to do  
19 so would mean he would have to insure himself. It worked,  
20 and I never had a problem with a police officer after that.  
21 But Mike was there. I mean, Mike's response was, you're  
22 going to do it because I know you can, and that's all there  
23 was.

24 Mike was always looking for new talent. He was  
25 always trying to recruit, and he was always having us kind

1 of scout for him. We weren't always successful. I remember  
2 the time I came back from a court hearing in front of Judge  
3 Johnson and had watched a young prosecutor handle what I  
4 thought was a very tough argument in front of a very scary  
5 judge and do so fluently, articulately and with absolute  
6 poise and confidence and came back and reported to Mike.  
7 And he listened and he said, well, describe him. I said I  
8 don't remember the name exactly, but it was something like  
9 Bill something. And he said, Sherrie, that's Bill Missouri.  
10 He's going to be a judge. He's not coming here. So that  
11 was the end of my recruitment efforts. Well, not quite. I  
12 did get Judge Toni Clarke into the unit and then Judge  
13 Mittelstaedt, so he did listen to me sometimes.

14 But Mike was incredible because he encouraged  
15 each of us to achieve the best that we could with our  
16 talents, and he was never threatened by anyone else's  
17 success or anyone else's talent no matter how great. He  
18 could hold his own with Jim Salmon and Ned Camus, and he  
19 wasn't worried about what the rest of us were doing except  
20 when we needed a sounding board for trial tactics or -- in  
21 the case of someone whose name will remain anonymous --  
22 reminders about deadlines and obligations to the court. And  
23 one attorney was often provided a clean tie before going to  
24 court, but Mike would do those things. It didn't matter  
25 what we needed, Mike found a way to do it and do it

1 tactfully.

2                   But while expecting excellence and internal  
3 preparation for every trial, Michael often maintained a  
4 balanced perspective on life. He was the one that first  
5 said to me, you know, Sherrie, no man ever went to his death  
6 bed wishing he had spent more time at the office. Go home.  
7 Something I hear occasionally from Judge Missouri. But Mike  
8 knew what was important in his life and to him what was  
9 important in his life was always his girls, first, his three  
10 daughters and then his beloved wife, Nancy. And Mike always  
11 found time for what was important.

12                   I know that he and Nancy hoped to have many more  
13 years together, and I know that things didn't turn out as  
14 they had wanted. But having had the privilege of working  
15 with Mike for only ten years, I know that Mike left a  
16 lasting impact on every life he touched no matter how brief.  
17 It was my privilege to work with Mike and to be his friend,  
18 and it is my privilege today to honor his memory. Thank  
19 you.

20                   JUDGE FEMIA: I now call upon Justin Dross to say  
21 a few words in memory of his father, Irving Dross.

22                   MR. DROSS: Chief Judge McKee, Your Honors,  
23 Prince George's County Bar Association, Judge Femia, ladies  
24 and gentlemen, Irving Dross was my father and my law  
25 partner. We were very close. We practiced law together for

1 almost twelve years and we were partners in our law practice  
2 for the last five.

3 Those of you who knew my father knew that he had  
4 a very strong personality and he certainly lived life on his  
5 terms. He demonstrated an uncompromising commitment to his  
6 beliefs, to his family and, of course, to his love of being  
7 a lawyer. It is just not enough to say that he was  
8 committed to the duties of a lawyer, and it is just not  
9 accurate to say that he would uphold those duties whether he  
10 liked it or not because he always liked it.

11 He was a lawyer's lawyer. He absolutely loved  
12 practicing law and being a lawyer, and he especially loved  
13 representing injured people. My father practiced law for  
14 over 38 years, and he practiced until the day he died. And  
15 he had a saying that he used to tell me on several  
16 occasions. He would say, Justin, in all the years I've  
17 practiced law, I can count on one hand the number of days  
18 that I didn't enjoy going to work.

19 He was the ultimate trial lawyer with a passion  
20 for argument and a constant sense of comfort in the  
21 courtroom. He was known for being tremendously confident in  
22 his legal decisions, and he had a talent for practical legal  
23 problem-solving that was truly incredible. He could take a  
24 look at almost any legal problem, any legal situation, one  
25 that myself and our other partners might have been laboring

1 over for hours, and in a matter of seconds, with a genuine  
2 air of confidence, he would tell you exactly what he would  
3 do to handle it, and he would almost always be right.

4                   In the weeks after his death, myself and my  
5 family received numerous letters from well-wishers sending  
6 their condolences and their compliments about my father and  
7 his career. And one of his longtime colleagues made a  
8 statement that really stuck with me because it so concisely  
9 and clearly captured the essence of my father's legal mind  
10 and abilities. He said, Irvin Dross simply had an  
11 incredible ability to cut through the irrelevant and seize  
12 the issues at hand.

13                   My father was a genuinely happy man who was  
14 extremely secure with who he was and usually found a way at  
15 some point in every situation to flash his great big smile.  
16 My father gained respect from people by giving respect to  
17 people, and not just the judges and the lawyers. From the  
18 staff in the judges' chambers to the sheriffs' deputies to  
19 the court reporters to the assignment office to the clerk's  
20 office, to his own staff in his own office, Irving Dross  
21 always respected and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with all  
22 of the people in the system from the top to the bottom.

23                   Perhaps one of the greatest testaments to the  
24 person and the lawyer that he was was the fact that among  
25 the letters that I received following his death were

1 numerous letters from well-known defense attorneys in this  
2 area, attorneys that he had fought his legal battles against  
3 for many years. One after another they all said essentially  
4 the same thing.

5 "Dear Justin: Your father was a great lawyer.  
6 He fought tough and hard, but he was always a gentleman and  
7 he will be missed." The fact that his long-time legal  
8 opponents had maintained such a great respect for him speaks  
9 volumes about his true character, and I believe it is a  
10 lesson for our profession.

11 In his personal life, my father was a devoted  
12 husband, father and a grandfather. He was married to my  
13 mother, Lillian Dross, for nearly 43 years. There are three  
14 children in our family, and last week we welcomed his fifth  
15 grandchild into the world who was born to my brother and his  
16 wife and was named after my father. Together my parents  
17 lived their lives by a code of loyalty, sacrifice and love  
18 for each other and for their children first before  
19 themselves. My father believed that you should do good  
20 things during your life, but even more importantly, you  
21 should try to do things on this earth that will last longer  
22 than you.

23 I am proud to memorialize Irving Dross as a man  
24 and a lawyer who did more than his share of good things for  
25 a lot of people while he was here and who always made so

1 many differences and positive differences in so many  
2 people's lives that will truly last forever. I thank you  
3 all.

4 JUDGE FEMIA: Thank you, Justin.

5 Next I call upon Joe Kneib from down south. We  
6 gave him a visa to come across the border to make a  
7 presentation on behalf of George Jump who passed away much  
8 too early.

9 MR. KNEIB: Chief Judge McKee, members of the  
10 bench, colleagues of the bar, President Pounds, families of  
11 the honorees and guests here today, Judge Femia is correct.  
12 I did come from down south, all the way down in Charles  
13 County and I don't make too many forays in this area. I've  
14 been called upon to report the passing of George F. Jump,  
15 Jr. in December of 2004. As the spokesman before me, it is  
16 an honor to do so and not necessarily a pleasure.

17 As I heard last week in some of the remarks in  
18 Charles County that often we are told the mark of a man can  
19 be determined by attending his funeral, at George's funeral  
20 and at his service, the mourners paying their respects  
21 filled the room. They filled the anterooms. They filled  
22 the vestibule and they virtually poured out onto the  
23 streets. We heard at that time from childhood friends,  
24 college friends, law school associates, all of whom extolled  
25 his virtues and told stories while everyone sat in rapt

1 attention.

2 George was a very quiet man who entered our  
3 profession with wide-eyed wonderment. He entered it about  
4 two years before I joined him. So at that time I considered  
5 him to be a grizzled veteran because he had been practicing  
6 law for two whole years. He eventually worked his way into  
7 doing title work almost exclusively and working in the real  
8 estate profession. I worked with him for approximately  
9 seven years, five here in Prince George's County and two in  
10 Charles County in that endeavor. He was detailed and he was  
11 meticulous in his work.

12 He constantly saved his partners from making  
13 unforgivable errors in the heyday of our doing so many  
14 closings we couldn't count them. He asked questions that we  
15 were unaware needed to be asked. He detected facts we were  
16 unaware needed to be detected and basically put many of his  
17 partners in a position where, frankly, we're still able to  
18 practice law today. For that, we owe him a great debt of  
19 gratitude.

20 Because of his type of practice, George was not  
21 as well known as some of the other honorees among judges,  
22 courthouse staff and to a great extent members of this  
23 association. He gave the appearance often physically of  
24 being slight and bookish, but it was extremely deceptive.  
25 George was a fiercely competitive combatant in every

1 endeavor. He had incredible strength. On the golf course,  
2 despite my always outweighing him by fifty pounds, he always  
3 out drove me by fifty yards.

4 I'm going to mention two very short stories about  
5 his competitiveness. On one occasion we attended a  
6 conference in Seven Springs in Pennsylvania. The night  
7 before our first meeting, a group of us began a fairly  
8 intense but relatively well-organized competition. It  
9 consisted of ping pong, skee ball, free throws, who knows  
10 what. At 1:45 George and I were in this statistical dead  
11 heat for the championships, and we began foosball, the final  
12 event of evening. At 3:15 we were tied after about 24 games  
13 and I offered to let the next game determine the  
14 championship. George would have none of it. He reminded me  
15 that the rules require that you win by two. At 3:45 he  
16 finally declared victory and needless to say, he was at the  
17 9:00 meeting the next morning, I was not.

18 On another occasion, we had four couples spend a  
19 very long weekend at Tom Yewell's cabins as many of you know  
20 Tom in West Virginia. We again had a lot of fierce  
21 competitions, one of which was the cookoff. Each couple was  
22 to prepare a meal and then there was to be determined the  
23 winner of who did the best job. My wife and I were last in  
24 order, so it was relatively easy for us to prepare a meal  
25 which probably in taste, elegance, bounty outdistanced the

1 other three by a wide margin. George sat down at the table.  
2 Upon taking the first bite, he violently thrust his plate  
3 forward, his chair backwards, grabs his throat and runs  
4 outside and his other five co-conspirators ran right behind  
5 him. He was determined not to lose the competition  
6 regardless of what the cost.

7 George's greatest love I must tell you, however,  
8 who he devoted almost all of his non-working hours were his  
9 wife Linda, his sons, David and Michael. His loss, as Judge  
10 Femia stated, was entirely too soon. It should not have  
11 occurred, and it created an emptiness, I'm sure, in his wife  
12 and in his sons which I can only hope will be filled in part  
13 by his undying spirit and the memory that he leaves.

14 Thank you. And I would ask the Court to make  
15 these remarks a part of the permanent record of this Court  
16 as a tribute to George Francis Jump, Jr.

17 JUDGE FEMIA: Thank you, Joe.

18 The next lawyer that we are going to memorialize,  
19 this memorial is going to be offered by Judge Ahalt. I look  
20 around this room -- let me say this. I've been doing this  
21 memorial service now for the bar, I don't know, six or seven  
22 years. My memory is not what it used to be, ever since Jake  
23 Levin retired and gave it up. And this next memorial, I  
24 will tell you, is the one that convinces me it's time to  
25 pass it onto somebody else.

1                   It's the memorial to Jimmy Keane. And what  
2 really got to me, as I was preparing this is, I remember the  
3 memorial for his father. That's a long time ago, and I'm  
4 looking around and I'm seeing a few folks. I can tell you  
5 by your white hair, Bob. Sometimes you wonder when you are  
6 memorializing the children of people you sat through the  
7 memorials of the parents, maybe it's time to pass it onto  
8 somebody younger who can be around a lot longer.

9                   Anyway, my personal feelings aside, I invite  
10 Judge Ahalt to offer the memorial for Jimmy.

11                  JUDGE AHALT: Judge McKee, honored family, guests  
12 and my colleagues, Cynthia, it is a pleasure for me to be  
13 able to honor the memory of James Ignatius Keane. As Vince  
14 has said and he so eloquently put it, the written memorial  
15 in the program before you, Jim was the son of an extremely  
16 famous trial lawyer, Iggy Keane. I never knew Iggy Keane  
17 because he had passed away several years before I came to  
18 the bar personally, but I knew him as every young lawyer in  
19 Prince George's County came to know Iggy Keane.

20                  And then I had the good fortune of coming to meet  
21 his son as I was leaving, clerking for Judge Dudley Digges,  
22 Iggy Keane was coming in clerking for Judge Dudley Digges.  
23 And that began a long association with Jim Keane.

24                  All of his accomplishments are detailed in the  
25 program before you and I won't recite those for you except

1 to maybe highlight a few things. He was a trial lawyer at  
2 heart, although he didn't try many cases. He was a  
3 visionary, international visionary for technology as it was  
4 related to the law. He co-authored the only authoritative  
5 work on litigation support system that is used by the entire  
6 profession worldwide. He was a generous contributor to bar  
7 activities as a participating member of the ABA law practice  
8 committee, technology committee of the State Bar  
9 Association, and Jim probably spent at least once a month  
10 somewhere in the world conducting a technology show to help  
11 lawyers understand how to use technology to be better  
12 lawyers.

13 Jim was above all a mentor of what I would call,  
14 most of us would call, a lawyer's lawyer, although in an  
15 unusual fashion. We think of a lawyer's lawyer often as  
16 someone -- Judge Salmon is a lawyer's lawyer -- who you can  
17 go to and ask a legal question and know that you're going to  
18 get the right answer. Well, Jim was a lawyer's lawyer for  
19 the practice of law of the business processes, the  
20 computerization, and hundreds of lawyers around this country  
21 have been mentored by Jim in establishing computer systems  
22 to help them be better at what they did for their clients.

23 Jim was also a friend of the Court. He couldn't  
24 say no to a judge. And as I worked with him first here in  
25 Prince George's County on our electronic filing system and

1 then around the country on electronic filing systems, I saw  
2 the unique ability of Jim to be able to communicate complex  
3 technology issues to the members of the judiciary so they  
4 understood it and were able to incorporate it into their  
5 courts.

6                   He prepared the technology plan for the business  
7 and technology case management program in the State of  
8 Maryland for Judge Platt. Perhaps his impact  
9 internationally is best recognized by Lord Henry Brooke,  
10 Vice President of the Court of Appeals of London who said  
11 this upon Jim's passing: "Jim was a breath of fresh air in  
12 the Transatlantic discussions about the possibilities of IT  
13 in the courts. He played a starring role in the last ABA  
14 conference in London. He will be sorely missed over here.  
15 It was good to see his photograph again and to be reminded  
16 of what a very nice, kind and imaginative man he was."

17                   Now the Lord blessed Jim with all sorts of  
18 tremendous character traits, among them being available,  
19 compassionate, creative, dependable, diligent, enthusiastic,  
20 faithful, forgiving, resourceful and sensitive to name a  
21 few. And his family, Cynthia, Meghan, his mom, sisters,  
22 brothers were always first to Jim. I can remember many  
23 phone conversations ending, especially when I was here in  
24 court and I was using his consulting time for free, Monty, I  
25 have to go, Meghan needs a dinner tomorrow. I have to do

1 some billable hours.

2 Jim was a thespian at heart, and there was no  
3 doubt in my mind that had he chosen to be a trial lawyer, he  
4 would have far exceeded his dad's accomplishments because he  
5 loved to perform. And the energy and the talent and  
6 creativity he would put into an otherwise boring technology  
7 show for lawyers and judges was just astounding to me.

8 With Jim there was always a right way to do  
9 things, never a shortcut. He consulted in this technology  
10 field and would refuse to take a commission from suppliers  
11 of technology and from large multi-national law firms while  
12 other consultants did that on a regular basis. He always  
13 worked for the public good and he would never turn his back  
14 on a friend. But most importantly, Jim had fun. He was a  
15 fun-loving Irishman and to have a dinner with Jim was an  
16 extravagant event. You could be sure that there would be no  
17 less than a six-course meal.

18 Jim and I and Cynthia and Sammy traveled to the  
19 ABA convention in London and part of the beauty of that trip  
20 was meeting Lord Brook and all these international  
21 technologists, and Jim was conducting the technology portion  
22 of this program for this event, but he also wanted to be  
23 with Cynthia and Meghan on some of the side trips when he  
24 had an opportunity.

25 On this one day there was a side trip to a castle

1 somewhere outside of London and Jim went on the Internet and  
2 figured out that he could cut out for that side trip at noon  
3 and catch a train in this town and get back to his meeting  
4 at 3:00 in the afternoon. So we went and Jim left. Jim had  
5 a change of clothes with him. When he got back home, we  
6 went to dinner that night and saw him, and said, Jim, how  
7 did your trip turn out. He said, you wouldn't believe it.  
8 He says, I got to the train station and it was surrounded by  
9 a fence and the train was sitting in this train station so I  
10 climbed this eight-foot fence and I threw my computer over  
11 my back, braced and caught the train as it was leaving the  
12 station. That was just typical Jim.

13 Jim was a leading-edge technologist. He was  
14 always ahead of the time. He challenged everyone to be  
15 better by being more competent himself. He was the epitome  
16 of a multi-tasking road warrior. It was rare to find him  
17 without his laptop, his hand-held device and his cell phone  
18 all working simultaneously.

19 Cynthia related to me the other night she had a  
20 dream about Jim. And in this dream, she said to Jim, "Jim,  
21 come home, I need you." And Jim's reply was, "I have three  
22 more emails to get done, Cynthia, and then I'll be home." I  
23 am absolutely confident and sure that Jim is at St. Peter's  
24 gate telling St. Peter that there's a better way to automate  
25 this process and he should be able to get the line down

1 faster.

2 I thank you very much for this privilege and  
3 honor and have a great day.

4 JUDGE FEMIA: Thank you, Monty.

5 I call upon Phil Epstein to memorialize Goodie  
6 Schlossberg. I didn't know Goodie except -- come on up,  
7 Phil -- one time I met him in an arbitration. I am very  
8 sorry I didn't know Goodie Schlossberg, but I learned an  
9 awful lot preparing this report.

10 MR. EPSTEIN: Chief Judge McKee, members of the  
11 bench, members of the bar and ladies and gentlemen, bear  
12 with me. My voice isn't a hundred percent today. Change in  
13 the weather always causes my sinuses to act up, but putting  
14 that aside, I'm here to talk to you for a few minutes about  
15 Goodwin Schlossberg, or as we know him, Goodie. I had the  
16 opportunity and experience, great experience to share  
17 practicing law with him in an office space in Bowie. He  
18 passed away too young at the age of 53 and all of us who  
19 knew him sorely miss him. He was one hell of a guy to use  
20 the certain vernacular.

21 I want to tell you a few things about him. He  
22 was born in Brooklyn, New York, on January 4th, 1951. He  
23 was raised in New Jersey, obtained his undergraduate degree  
24 from Boston University. Later he graduated from the  
25 University of Maryland Law School, and he was admitted to

1 practice in Maryland in 1980.

2                   Initially, Goodie practiced law in the District  
3 of Columbia as a corporate lawyer, but later he came to  
4 Maryland where he ultimately opened an office in Bowie in  
5 2000. That's the year that I first met him. He had a  
6 general practice with an emphasis on family law and personal  
7 injury. And during the period of time that he practiced in  
8 Bowie, he made a remarkable impression on everybody that  
9 knew him.

10                  He'd spend a fair amount of time in my office  
11 developing his practice and come in and just talk to me  
12 about questions he had, and I was more than happy to help as  
13 others had helped me in the past at the same stage. He  
14 would come in and I would answer his questions. Then later  
15 on in the day, I'd go in his office and say, Goodie, how do  
16 you work this computer, how do you use this software program  
17 and how do I use the Internet? And he was very helpful in  
18 that because I was a neophyte. I didn't know what I was  
19 doing. But certainly with his help, I learned how to use a  
20 computer pretty well, at least for a novice in any event.

21                  He handled his client's problems very capably and  
22 at the same time he gave himself freely to others. He was  
23 not only their attorney, but he was also their friend, their  
24 confidant and on occasions their mentor also. Fellow  
25 attorneys found him to be a gentleman of the bar. He never

1 took undue or unfair advantage of any situation. You didn't  
2 have to confirm by mail a conversation you had with Goodie.  
3 His conduct was professional and made the practice of law a  
4 pleasure as it used to be when issues were in contention,  
5 not personalities.

6 As an example of the manner in which Goodie  
7 practiced law, I want to share with you a letter written by  
8 Thomas Ellis, an Annapolis attorney, to Judge Dwight Jackson  
9 of the Prince George's County Circuit Court which concerned  
10 a difficult case in which Mr. Ellis and Goodie were opposing  
11 counsel.

12 "Dear Judge Jackson, I would like to take a  
13 moment of Your Honor's time to comment on the conduct of  
14 Goodwin Schlossberg in the above-captioned case. As Your  
15 Honor may recall, this was an extremely difficult case in  
16 which a baby was seriously abused allegedly by the natural  
17 mother's boyfriend. Mr. Schlossberg represented the natural  
18 mother. I represented the natural father. I have not  
19 previously had the pleasure of working with an attorney who  
20 brought sensitivity as well as professionalism to the  
21 handling of a most difficult case.

22 While never failing to represent his client and  
23 her interests, Mr. Schlossberg proceeded in a manner that  
24 never lost sight of the benefits of moving gently so as to  
25 protect the potential of a longer relationship among the

1 parents and, more importantly, both of the parents with  
2 their minor child. Naturally, emotions ran high and  
3 steering a safe and productive course was a delicate task at  
4 best. This Mr. Schlossberg did with courtesy and  
5 thoughtfulness."

6 As an example of the impact Goodie made on his  
7 clients, I want to share with you the following e-mail  
8 message sent to legacy.com by two of Goodies' former clients  
9 soon after his passing.

10 "My husband and I just received notice today as  
11 we were clients of Goodies'. Needless to say, we were  
12 completely shocked and are still having trouble believing  
13 it. Although clients, we often spoke about various things  
14 as we were going through a difficult time when my husband  
15 was in an accident at work. Goodie did not take cases like  
16 ours usually, but he said he would because we were already  
17 clients and he wanted to help us. We were new to Maryland  
18 and we didn't know any other attorneys. He has been a great  
19 help and was always very understanding. He listened and was  
20 compassionate."

21 Goodie was also involved with AA. He was a  
22 member and he found peace and balance in the fellowship and  
23 principles of AA. He helped dozens of individuals  
24 throughout the State of Maryland to turn their lives around  
25 through AA and share in the peace he had found.

1                   I want to share with you another e-mail sent to  
2 legacy.com by a friend that relates her memories of Goodie.  
3 "I have so many fond memories of Goodie. He was the first  
4 boy to ever ask me out - when I was in the 6th grade - to a  
5 dance at a country club. My parents said I was too young.  
6 I remember Goodie all through our school years as being  
7 funny and kind and a good dancer! I remember parties in his  
8 rec room. We had the chance to reconnect at the Great  
9 Reunion and he was still the same Goodie." And here is  
10 someone going all the way back to the 6th grade who took the  
11 time to send in condolences.

12                   Goodie was also a multi-talented musician and an  
13 avid reader. While he and his wife, Cyndie, had no  
14 children, they shared a love of animals. With everything  
15 from birds to frogs, they maintained a menagerie. Aztec,  
16 the cockatoo, claimed ownership of Goodie. While Aztec  
17 would tolerate Cyndie, his wife, she would screech loudly if  
18 anyone else attempted to divert his attention from her.

19                   Goodie is survived by his wife, Cyndie  
20 Schlossberg, who resides in California, his father, Alvin  
21 Schlossberg of West Palm Beach, Florida, his mother, Flora  
22 Reff of Rockville, and his brother, Jay Schlossberg of North  
23 Potomac, Maryland.

24                   As I said at the beginning, I only knew him for a  
25 relatively short period of time, but he made a tremendous

1 impact on myself, as well as the other attorneys in the  
2 office space that we shared. And as I also said, he will be  
3 sorely missed by all of us.

4 JUDGE FEMIA: Thanks, Phil.

5 Richard V. Waldron, Judge Waldron. All the  
6 lawyers in this room remember Judge Waldron. I knew Judge  
7 Waldron when he was just Dick Waldron, practicing counsel at  
8 917 15th Street in Washington, DC. At that time I was a law  
9 clerk to a lawyer by the name of Leonard C. Collins. He has  
10 also gone onto his eternal reward or damnation as the case  
11 may be.

12 Dick became a judge in 1967, appointed by the  
13 late great Governor Spiro Agnew prior to his later judicial  
14 involvements. And as I was thinking what to say about Dick,  
15 I pretty much put everything in the memorial that I think  
16 ought to be said. But the thing I want to emphasize is  
17 something that I truly believe most everyone misunderstood  
18 about Dick Waldron. Dick Waldron was a product of his  
19 upbringing. I said it in here. He was a Midwesterner. He  
20 was an FBI agent in the days when being an FBI agent meant  
21 you were an enforcer of the law and you lived by that.

22 You didn't sneak around bedrooms and things or  
23 have a Patriot Act or use shoe leather to do the job, and he  
24 was a United States Marine. Dick, when he became a judge,  
25 one thing about Dick was he lived almost in a paranoid fear

1 that people would mistake the way he ran his court, the way  
2 he dealt with the bar, the way he dealt with fellow judges  
3 with a statement that it's some kind of country club, that  
4 there was favoritism of any sort. I will give you an  
5 example.

6 I was Bud Marshall's deputy and he had a young  
7 whipper snapper by the name of Jayson Amster out in  
8 Hyattsville court who worked in Judge Waldron's court. This  
9 is the same whipper snapper that the judge ordered to shave  
10 his beard or not go to court in front of Judge Parker again.  
11 But anyways, he called downstairs one day and he said I am  
12 going crazy down here. He said this judge is driving me out  
13 of my mind. I said, all right, I'll come up tomorrow  
14 morning and see what the problem is.

15 I went up the next morning. I said, I'll take  
16 your court, Jayson. I went into court. It was your motor  
17 vehicle court. Now in those days, prosecutors were in every  
18 motor vehicle court, not just in jailable offenses. We were  
19 in there for the parking tickets.

20 On this particular day, the first case called was  
21 of a trucker who had dared to pass through Prince George's  
22 County without the gas taxes affixed to his cab. Very  
23 serious offense. What was going on in those days was the  
24 truckers would send their money in, but the comptroller  
25 couldn't get the stamps back. Here's a trucker sitting with

1 a load of shrimp in Virginia trying to get to Delaware. He  
2 had no choice but to either lose a load of shrimp, a half  
3 million dollars worth of shrimp or head north with nothing  
4 but the telegram. And we prosecutors all did the same  
5 thing. If you plead guilty, we will recommend a suspended  
6 fine, no points, and they all do the same thing.

7 Well, that was the first case called in Dick's  
8 court that morning. Call the case. Fellow comes up. Judge  
9 Waldron said, how do you plead, sir? He said, guilty. I  
10 said, Your Honor, the State recommends a fine of \$25 and  
11 costs suspended. Judge Waldron said, call your first  
12 witness. And I fixed him with an eye and I said, witness?  
13 We don't generally call witnesses in guilty pleas. If you  
14 would like to call a witness, we can do it and sentence him.  
15 He did. He called the state trooper. Put the state trooper  
16 through the whole 100 yards, found him guilty and fined him  
17 \$25 and costs suspended.

18 But I picked up all the tickets that were left,  
19 and Bud Marshall used to provide all State's Attorneys with  
20 a little stamp that said nolle-pros, and I went through  
21 them, stick, stick, stick, stick and nolle-pros, nolle-pros,  
22 nolle-pros the fifty tickets and said, morning, Your Honor,  
23 and walked out.

24 Well, in those days, if you'll remember, in  
25 Hyattsville, the State's Attorney's Office was next door to

1 the Judge's office. And Allison, some of you may remember  
2 Allison Gizelle, came around and said, Judge Waldron would  
3 like to talk to you. I said, certainly. He said, Vinnie,  
4 what are you doing? When I worked downtown, everybody  
5 called me Vinnie, not Cousin Vinnie, just Vinnie. He said,  
6 Vinnie, what are you doing? I said, Dick, how long have we  
7 known each other? He said, I don't know, ten years or so.  
8 I said, do you have any reason to think that I would ever do  
9 anything to you or cause you any embarrassment. He said,  
10 no. I said, what the hell are you doing to me out there?  
11 And then it came out the first time I think I really  
12 understood Dick Waldron. His fear wasn't that I was going  
13 to do something to him or hold him in disrepute. His fear  
14 was that the process that he sat at the head of might in  
15 some respect, in any respect whatsoever, would become  
16 suspect.

17 Whether it would be by a smile, an acknowledgment  
18 or anything else, he didn't want that. He wanted that  
19 process to be squeaky clean in everybody's eyes and,  
20 regrettably, many people misunderstood and thought what he  
21 was being was deliberately abrasive or discourteous. Never  
22 happened. Any lawyer who practiced in front of Dick Waldron  
23 will tell you, he never smiled, but I got a fair trial. I  
24 won't mention the Judge's name on this bench who said to me  
25 last night when he was sober, I loved the man. I loved to

1 take cases in front of him. I knew I was going to get a  
2 fair shake, and that's true. Dick gave everybody a fair  
3 shake. He may not have smiled at you doing it, but he gave  
4 you a fair shake.

5 Another trait of Dick's that I don't think too  
6 many people realized is Dick's fate was a part of his life,  
7 his every day life. There are still clerks around this  
8 courthouse who remember Dick saying to a defendant if he was  
9 found not guilty, sir, it may be that you have fooled me,  
10 but there's a higher authority than I, because Dick really  
11 believed that and he lived that way.

12 In his personal life, of course, he was another  
13 Dick Waldron entirely. He was the golfing, good buddy,  
14 friend, but none of us knew because he never let us into his  
15 personal life. Again, this would be taboo. Dick was a  
16 quiet Midwesterner. He was an arrow straight ex-FBI agent  
17 and he was a get-the-job done right Marine and that's the  
18 way he lived his life, and it's been my pleasure to get up  
19 here and bring that to your attention. Thank you.

20 Certainly, and by no least, we call upon the  
21 County Executive, Jack Johnson, to memorialize Eddie Wayson.  
22 And I would say this, the message came back to me, you let  
23 me know when and where and Mr. Johnson is here to  
24 memorialize him.

25 JACK JOHNSON: Thank you.

1                   Chief Judge McKee, Honorable Judges, Judge Femia,  
2 members of the Prince George's County Bar Association,  
3 families of the honorees and certainly the family of Ed  
4 Wayson, to his wife, Jeannine, his two daughters, Sarah,  
5 Anne, and also Kacey, his other daughter, to his mother,  
6 Ruth Ann, and also to my friend and his brother, Abel  
7 Wayson.

8                   I think you really have to understand the  
9 circumstances under which he and I met to really understand  
10 the depth and the kind of person Ed Wayson was. You've got  
11 to remember that it was 1972. It's a few years after the  
12 assassination of Dr. King. There's the riots that recently  
13 ended. There's all kinds of racial tension in America.  
14 It's expected to some extent that schools will now be open  
15 to African Americans and it was so much easier for an  
16 African American to go to a predominantly white school. But  
17 even when they decided to do that in those days, it took a  
18 little courage.

19                   But here was a young man that grew up in what I  
20 thought was the north, Southern Maryland, in a different  
21 environment and yet he had the courage and it took courage  
22 in those days to decide that he was going to come and study  
23 at the Howard University, School of Law. It told something  
24 about him, about his parents, about his family, and about  
25 how he believed that no matter what society said, that we

1 are all sisters and brothers in a sense.

2                   So I walked on August 23rd, 1972, coming up to  
3 the steps of the law school and here is this big, fat white  
4 guy sitting on the steps and saying to me, what are you  
5 doing here. So then I said to him, I said, where is the  
6 rest room. And he said, right in that door. And I walked  
7 in the door. I had just driven up from New York City a day  
8 late for registration and I walked into the door and  
9 realized that it was a female bathroom and he had this just  
10 wonderful great smile on his face. He always had that  
11 smile. It's a smile that I still remember.

12                   The other thing that I always remembered is that  
13 he loved sitting on the steps of the law school. I can't  
14 say -- I cannot say that the years in law school were always  
15 easy. There were times when people said some unkind things  
16 to him, but he was bigger than that and I don't know why he  
17 and I saw so much in each other and how we became friends,  
18 but for three years at the law school, every time you saw  
19 Jack Johnson, you saw Ed Wayson, and every time you saw Ed  
20 Wayson, you saw Jack Johnson. We were members of the same  
21 study group. We took virtually every one of our classes  
22 together.

23                   And I remember on graduation day when my parents  
24 came down, I said, you've got to meet Ed. I had talked  
25 about Ed all the years and I didn't think -- I forgot to

1 tell them that he was white. And they walked up to Ed, oh,  
2 how are you doing. And after law school, we went our  
3 separate ways for a number of years. I became a tax lawyer,  
4 took a job with the Internal Revenue Service. Ed moved back  
5 and became a clerk for the court, and we stayed in contact,  
6 but not very closely. We talked maybe once a month or a  
7 little less sometimes. And then I moved back to the region  
8 and moved back to Prince George's County, and I can remember  
9 like yesterday when Ed came over to my house. He knew my  
10 wife because she went to law school the year after us, and  
11 he was so excited that I had moved into Prince George's  
12 County.

13 I remember Ed was just a really gifted man and he  
14 had a talent to do so many things and I mean that literally.  
15 At one time, Ed practiced law and he created basically two  
16 banks: One in Annapolis and one here in Prince George's  
17 County. He got me appointed to the board of the Second  
18 National Bank. There I got to meet not only his family, but  
19 the Buck family. We got involved in the Buck Award, working  
20 with so many charitable organizations.

21 The board meeting was in Salisbury so we saw each  
22 there once a month, and I saw something about Ed also during  
23 that time. It was the time when we had the banking crisis  
24 and the Second National and the other bank were having  
25 problems. And I can tell you that Ed's leadership and his

1 abilities put the bank right at the brink of success. We  
2 were never able to get the federal government to listen to  
3 us, and that was probably the most difficult time of Ed's  
4 life. He lost millions and millions of dollars and I knew  
5 he lost a lot of money, but I never knew he was really kind  
6 of down for the first time. For five or six years, I would  
7 see him and he never indicated at all that his financial  
8 circumstances had really, really changed. In fact, I  
9 learned that after the funeral when I talked to Jeannine and  
10 she told me about how difficult it was for Ed at that time,  
11 but he never indicated that.

12 He began to practice law and got involved in so  
13 many business ventures, and he wanted me to join his country  
14 club. He was always proud to tell people that I was his  
15 friend, and I was proud to tell people that I was his  
16 friend. He began to get more involved in the gambling  
17 business and he invited me to Las Vegas, actually, the May  
18 before he died. I got there and, of course, he had the  
19 limousine and everything to pick me up. At the hotel where  
20 they had the casino, the family business, he had a room as  
21 large as this courtroom for me. But he was very serious  
22 when he called. He said, is your room okay? And I'm like,  
23 are you crazy. I said, this place is bigger than my house,  
24 Ed. But he was very serious about if I was not comfortable,  
25 he would change the accommodation because that's just the

1 way he was.

2 One of the last times I saw him, he was on the  
3 steps of the Capital in Annapolis. And it was kind of  
4 interesting because I remember him sitting the very same  
5 way, the day that I met him when he sat on the steps of  
6 Howard University, School of Law. He was a giving person.

7 If you attended his funeral, the mass ceremony,  
8 they talk about the amount of money that he contributed to  
9 his church. He was a very spiritual person, but he never  
10 talked religion. He was a giving person and he was a person  
11 that was able to transcend race and gender and all the other  
12 issues long before it was fashionable. And I really say  
13 without any equivocation that he was a courageous man and it  
14 took courage, I believe, to come to the Howard University,  
15 School of Law. But because he was courageous, he made so  
16 many life-long friends at the university, and we were all at  
17 his ceremony when he was buried and we will always remember  
18 his strength of character and all of us will remember our  
19 good and dear friend. And I will personally miss him so  
20 very much because he had been my best friend.

21 So, Your Honor, we request that these remarks be  
22 made a permanent part of the record and, Ed, I know you are  
23 smiling up there. Make a bet for me. Thank you.

24 JUDGE FEMIA: Thanks, Jack.

25 Well, Chief Judge McKee, thankfully that's it for

1 this year. I'd only remark to the lawyers in the room, I  
2 advise them to stay healthy. Remember, if you don't, I  
3 write your memorial.

4 Also, Chief Judge McKee, I'd ask that all the  
5 remarks be spread upon the records of this Court. Thank  
6 you.

7 CHIEF JUDGE MCKEE: Judge Femia, President  
8 Pounds, it is only appropriate that I take a few moments to  
9 recognize the numerous trial judges that are scattered not  
10 only to my left and right, but also throughout the  
11 courtroom, both the circuit and the district court. We are  
12 honored by their presence and it is only fitting and proper.

13 We wish to also recognize Judge Harrell from the  
14 Court of Appeals, Judge Salmon from the Court of Special  
15 Appeals and Jim Kenkel recently of the federal bench. We  
16 also have two county execs or one ex-county exec and the  
17 present county exec and the Court is honored by their  
18 presence. Of course, both Jack Johnson and Larry and  
19 Mrs. Hogan are with us, I understand. Some of the young  
20 people might not remember, but us old guys remember, he not  
21 only was a county exec, but he was also a congressman and we  
22 are proud to have him with us here today.

23 The judges of this court are grateful to the  
24 Prince George's County Bar Association and to the committee  
25 which put together to present and prepare these memorials

1 and that made the arrangements for these ceremonies.

2 President Pounds, it is only fit and proper that  
3 we have maintained this tradition in this County for so  
4 many, many long years. In fact, it predates even my ancient  
5 memories and probably Judge Femia's also.

6 Many of you have enjoyed the very pleasant and  
7 warm personal relationships, obviously, with those  
8 individuals we have memorialized today. The Court orders  
9 that these memorials that were presented be spread upon the  
10 permanent record of this Court and that a copy of those  
11 records be made and sent to the families of those that we  
12 have honored today.

13 Mr. Bailiff, it is appropriate for you now to  
14 order adjournment.

15 THE BAILIFF: All rise. Circuit Court for Prince  
16 George's County now stands adjourned.

17 (Adjourned at 4:14 p.m.)

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