

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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Held in Courtroom Number One on Tuesday, October  
25, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Honorees:

Lawrence J. Briody, Sr.  
Herbert Fishbone  
Gus Milides  
Nathan L. Reibman  
Milton B. Riskin  
Clyde W. Teel

Hon. James C. Hogan  
Joel M. Scheer  
Norman Seidel  
Hon. Jack A. Panella  
Michael Riskin  
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1 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Good morning.  
2 I'd like to welcome friends, family, and  
3 relatives of the community to our annual  
4 memorial service where we pay tribute to six  
5 outstanding members of the bar who have passed  
6 during the year.

7 We welcome you. This is an  
8 important day for this Court, and it is an  
9 important day for the Bar of Northampton County,  
10 and we are pleased that you have joined us  
11 today.

12 The Court recognizes Karl  
13 Longenbach, President of the Bar.

14 MR. LONGENBACH: Thank you, Your  
15 Honor. May it please the Court, distinguished  
16 jurists, fellow members of the Northampton  
17 County Bar Association, family and friends of  
18 the departed whom we honor here today.

19 As President of the Bar  
20 Association, it's a sad duty and annual duty on  
21 our part, nonetheless a privilege, and a  
22 distinction to participate in a formal  
23 proceeding to pay our respects and homage to  
24 those attorneys who have passed away during 2005  
25 and late 2004.

1                   Those individuals include today  
2       Lawrence J. Briody, Sr., who was admitted to  
3       practice in 1956 and died on November 22nd, 2004  
4       at the age of 80; Herbert Fishbone, admitted to  
5       practice in 1950. He died on March 29, 2005 at  
6       the age of 83; Gus Milides, admitted to practice  
7       in 1953. He died on June 14th, 2005 at the age  
8       of 76; Nathan L. Reibman, admitted to practice  
9       in 1935. He died on August 3rd, 2005 at the age  
10      of 94; Milton B. Riskin, admitted to practice in  
11      the year 1930. He died on November 15th, 2004  
12      at the age of 99; and Clyde W. Teel, admitted to  
13      practice in 1938 and at the age of 97 he died on  
14      March 3rd, 2005.

15                  We are here to recognize the  
16      accomplishments of our fellow attorneys, their  
17      contributions to the legal community, to their  
18      family and to their friends in general as a  
19      whole.

20                  It's said, and I believe it was  
21      Sir Isaac Newton who said, that if I see far,  
22      it's because I stand on the shoulder of giants  
23      who preceded me. For today's proceedings, we  
24      recognize all these individuals in different and  
25      varying in their ways but united in their

1 contributions to the legal community and the  
2 community as a whole.

3 Allow me to introduce the first  
4 eulogist.

5 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Excuse me.  
6 We're going to vary from the program. I'll do  
7 that.

8 MR. LONGENBACH: Very well, Your  
9 Honor. Thank you. And as I say, allow us as a  
10 member and representative of the Northampton  
11 County Bar Association as a whole we pay our  
12 respects, our many thanks to the contributions  
13 of these attorneys who we honor today.

14 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you,  
15 Attorney Longenbach. The first speaker today is  
16 the Honorable Jack A. Panella, Judge of the  
17 Superior Court of Pennsylvania and a  
18 distinguished alumnus of this bench. Judge  
19 Panella, welcome.

20 JUDGE PANELLA: Thank you, Judge  
21 Freedberg. Good morning. Permit me to extend  
22 my respects to this Court, the Reibman family,  
23 the families of the other deceased members of  
24 the Bar, and to all the friends and attorneys  
25 present here for this service.

1                   My purpose this morning is to give  
2                   you a portrait, the flavor and essence of the  
3                   life of Attorney Nathan Reibman.

4                   A difficult task given the few  
5                   minutes that we have here together; even more  
6                   troublesome when you try to encapsulate the  
7                   spirit of someone who touched so many of us in  
8                   different ways.

9                   Our hope is that the attention  
10                  this morning on the gift that was Nathan Reibman  
11                  will inspire focus upon the blessing of his  
12                  presence, and will distract us -- only for a  
13                  moment, I am sure -- from the sadness of his  
14                  passing.

15                  When I think of Mr. Reibman, when  
16                  I picture him in my mind, his image, I can't  
17                  help but associate him with music; the harmony  
18                  and discipline of music.

19                  Mr. Reibman was a beautiful  
20                  melody, a harmony of life's charms. As he is  
21                  described by his son, Joseph, there was no finer  
22                  gentleman than Nathan Reibman.

23                  He was elegant and eloquent. Even  
24                  his walk had a melodic pass to it - relaxed and  
25                  calm. But he didn't arrive by chance, rather

1 was fashioned by the discipline of education and  
2 his legal profession.

3 So for a moment let's talk about  
4 harmony and discipline. How wise the  
5 observation that harmony is intrinsic to music  
6 and, I might add, to the law as well.

7 Yet though the harmony of sound in  
8 music can be measured - the harmony of the law  
9 of justice, the true quality of our profession,  
10 can be neither measured nor gauged.

11 The harmony of the law can,  
12 however, be sensed and appreciated and Nathan  
13 Reibman was both composer and conductor of the  
14 music of the law, characteristically presenting  
15 a soft, sensitive serenade, but equally capable  
16 of summoning a vociferous crescendo when in his  
17 client's best interest he was able to achieve  
18 that balance that many lawyers desire but never  
19 obtain: He remained soft-spoken, courteous  
20 lawyer, but at the same time earned the  
21 reputation as a vigorous advocate.

22 The discipline of music, the  
23 concentration, the dedication, is equally shared  
24 in the study of the law.

25 Mr. Reibman was a student and a

1 scholar of the law. But more than that, he  
2 treasured the law. Even though he had an  
3 enviable legal education, he remained committed  
4 to the current progression of legal concepts, as  
5 well as reflection on the writings of his  
6 champions, Benjamin Cardozo, Oliver Wendell  
7 Holmes, and Learned Hand.

8 It was this discipline, his  
9 education at the University of Pennsylvania Law  
10 School, his selection for Law Review, his  
11 experience as an assistant district attorney,  
12 his long-term solicitorship for the Northampton  
13 County Prison Board, that provided him with a  
14 foundation in the law that resulted in not a  
15 sense of arrogance, as some with similar  
16 backgrounds may have turned out, but of  
17 self-confidence to the degree where he never  
18 hesitated to extend support and encouragement to  
19 other members of his family. And family was of  
20 utmost importance to Mr. Reibman.

21 But before we speak of his  
22 devotion to his family, I must bring to your  
23 attention another side of him that many members  
24 of the bar did not get to know. Those who knew  
25 Mr. Reibman as solemn and serious did not really

1 know him. For he delighted in humor and reveled  
2 on the lighter side, whether a one-liner or a  
3 longer account, oftentimes adopting a  
4 Pennsylvania Dutch accent. His enjoyment of the  
5 lighter side stayed with him till the very end.

6 On the last day of his life, after  
7 he had been taken to St. Luke's Hospital, he was  
8 weak, suffering from congestive heart failure.  
9 They had to place an oxygen mask on his face.  
10 When his son Joe got there, he was able to pick  
11 his head up and look at Joe and ask. Why am I  
12 here? Joe tried to explain what the doctors had  
13 told him earlier, but Mr. Reibman was failing,  
14 and he could not hear Joe well enough.

15 Finally, Joe said in a louder  
16 voice: They had a lot of empty beds and they  
17 needed to fill. With a nod and with that  
18 beautiful smile that he had, Mr. Reibman  
19 replied, I understand, after all, I am a student  
20 of economics.

21 Like myself, Mr. Reibman's parents  
22 were not lucky enough to be born in  
23 Pennsylvania, but they were smart enough to move  
24 here.

25 He was born on July 1st, 1911;



1       born one of 10 children, and his parents Louis  
2       and Edith moved to Easton from the Bronx when he  
3       was six. Maybe that explains why he's able to  
4       understand me much better than other people.

5               He attributed his great appetite,  
6       and boy-oh-boy Mr. Reibman, although slim in  
7       stature, could put away more than his share of  
8       food.

9               I remember once seeing him alone  
10      at lunch time at the then old Courthouse Hotel  
11      with a huge plate of food in front of him. He  
12      simply looked at me and said I'm eating light  
13      today.

14              well, he had a legendary appetite,  
15      and it was, he said, the result of the boarding  
16      house mentality of such a large family.

17              There were a lot of hands reaching  
18      for food when he was young. It is a pleasure to  
19      say that he is survived by three of his  
20      siblings: His brother Charles Reibman and his  
21      sisters Lillian Marcus and Frances Kagan.

22              well, he went through the Easton  
23      School District and then attended his beloved  
24      Lafayette College where he majored in economics  
25      and graduated with honors in 1932.

1                   Mr. Reibman was an avid walker,  
2                   and part of his daily routine for his entire  
3                   adult life was to walk through the campus  
4                   greeting all the grounds people that he came  
5                   across.

6                   And you can just picture that,  
7                   can't you? That's the Mr. Reibman that we all  
8                   knew, never too rushed or busy to say hello to  
9                   anyone; always exchanging pleasantries with  
10                  everyone that he met.

11                  After graduation from Penn Law  
12                  School, he had the world open to him. Mr.  
13                  Reibman chose instead to return to Easton with  
14                  both his legal career and his community on his  
15                  mind.

16                  But the Second World War, combined  
17                  with his uncompromising patriotism, called him  
18                  into service. When a childhood injury left him  
19                  ineligible for military service, he nevertheless  
20                  sought to assist his country in the war effort,  
21                  and as a result, he was eventually assigned to  
22                  the Office of Price Administration in  
23                  Washington, D.C. where it was his responsibility  
24                  to guard against inflationary price swings which  
25                  often accompany war years.

Mr. Reibman learned many lessons from the difficult times of the depression and remained a resolute FDR Democrat. Once, years later, when his son Ed commented on the amount of taxes withheld from one of his first paychecks, Mr. Reibman replied: Never regret the taxes paid to your country. It shows you have a job and are taking home a decent salary. Be thankful you live in this great country. Needless to say, these observations remained with Ed throughout his entire life.

while in Washington, Mr. Reibman met another attorney, Jeanette Fichman who was also working for the Government at the time, and this union would enhance both of their lives in ways most of us only dream about, and coincidentally would have dramatic effects on his hometown of Easton, his county, and his home state of Pennsylvania.

Nathan and Jeanette Reibman, Mr. Reibman and Senator Reibman, husband and wife, mom and dad, grandmother and grandfather, there are so many different ways that we have referred to them. A marriage of 62 years that was nothing less than a 62-year love affair.

1                   It has been often said that their  
2                   relationship was what every person should  
3                   experience in life. He always called her dear  
4                   and would visibly light up whenever Jeanette  
5                   entered a room.

6                   My wife and I would occasionally  
7                   run into them into a restaurant, at a show, in a  
8                   store, or wherever, as I am sure many of you  
9                   have, and we would always marvel at the  
10                  affection that they display to each other. No,  
11                  nothing showy or gaudy, instead a reserved, but  
12                  quite clear, demonstration of warmth and  
13                  affection that makes your heart melt.

14                 Mr. Reibman accompanied Jeanette  
15                 in her campaigns and provided support in all her  
16                 political endeavors. This was a sign of that  
17                 self-confidence that I earlier spoke of.

18                 The ability that Mr. Reibman had  
19                 to assist and aid Mrs. Reibman in her political  
20                 aspirations and goals. No signs of jealousy or  
21                 masculine ego ever got in the way of his support  
22                 of her.

23                 He even gave her the incentive to  
24                 start a political career when, way back in the  
25                 1950's, she showed interest in the public school

1 system and the PTA. When she questioned him  
2 about his opinion of her running for the school  
3 board, Mr. Reibman thought of the bigger  
4 picture.

5 well, dear, he said, if you really  
6 want to make a difference, why don't you run for  
7 the state legislature where the school laws are  
8 made? And so began the career of Representative  
9 Reibman who, in 1966, with Mr. Reibman's  
10 guidance and support, and most importantly his  
11 blessings, would become Senator Reibman, the  
12 first woman in the history of Pennsylvania to be  
13 elected to a full term in the state Senate.

14 Their marriage was blessed with  
15 three fine children, and imagine the  
16 satisfaction that Mr. Reibman experienced when  
17 he reflected on the achievements of his three  
18 sons.

19 Attorney Joseph Reibman, Mr.  
20 Reibman's partner in the practice of law  
21 beginning from when Joe completed his military  
22 service in 1971;

23 The Honorable Edward Reibman,  
24 Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh  
25 County, now serving in his second term; and

1 Professor James Reibman of Lafayette College,  
2 Mr. Reibman's alma mater, from the Department of  
3 Anthropology and Sociology currently teaching  
4 English and Popular Culture.

5 When anyone speaks with his sons,  
6 you soon realize that it was Mr. Reibman's  
7 intellect and enthusiasm that inspired them.  
8 All three men are accomplished professionals;  
9 all three share a respect and love for their  
10 father that amounts to the greatest testament to  
11 Mr. Reibman's life.

12 I was recently at a conference  
13 where Brown versus Board of Education was being  
14 discussed. One of the children of the actual  
15 litigants was present.

16 They referred to it, in addition  
17 to other ways, as a, quote, historic decision,  
18 because it is now over 50 years old.

19 Well, Joe, Ed and Jim, the four of  
20 us can now be considered historic but for those  
21 of you present who are not yet historic, permit  
22 me to tell you that the Wachovia Building was  
23 originally Easton Trust Building where Mr.  
24 Reibman set up his first office.

25 He later purchased a building on

1 Lehigh Street just down from the Courthouse  
2 where he would practice law for the remainder of  
3 his career.

4 Mr. Reibman had a very active  
5 practice which included commercial and business  
6 law, land use and planning, as well as a busy  
7 estate practice. He also handled his share of  
8 litigation and argued many cases before the  
9 Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and interestingly I  
10 was able to find one of these cases. He made  
11 over a dozen appearances before the Pennsylvania  
12 Supreme Court. In one of them, In re: Estate  
13 of John Adams, the appellant was represented by  
14 Nathan Reibman and believe it or not, he was  
15 represented by Milton Riskin.

16 As I said earlier, when Joe  
17 completed his military service in 1971, he  
18 didn't want to do anything but practice law with  
19 his father. All he had to do was ask. Without  
20 flinching, Mr. Reibman stuck out his hand and  
21 said that's it, we're partners.

22 I spoke of blessings before, but  
23 the greatest blessing that God has given us was  
24 to share in the life of Nathan Reibman. We have  
25 been and will be the better for it. Toward the

1 end, he acted as he did his entire life; he met  
2 his physical and medical condition with courage  
3 and grace.

4 And so it is that his sincerity  
5 lives, that his strength of character lives, and  
6 that his spirit lives. Mr. Reibman, we thank  
7 you, and we miss you. Thank you.

8 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you, Judge  
9 Panella. Senior Judge James C. Hogan will speak  
10 about the life and career of Lawrence J. Briody,  
11 Sr. Judge Hogan.

12 JUDGE HOGAN: President Judge  
13 Freedberg, Judges of the Court, members of the  
14 bar, ladies and gentlemen, I take this momentary  
15 pause to thank the Court and the Briody family  
16 and the Bar Association for the opportunity to  
17 speak at the loss on November 22nd, 2004 of  
18 Lawrence J. Briody, Esquire.

19 Mr. Briody was one of the senior  
20 members who over the past 50 years brought to  
21 our bar proud culture and prominence which we  
22 all cherish.

23 Larry was not the first, nor the  
24 last, of this great bundle of talented lawyers.  
25 But among them all, he stood out as a fellow of



1 unstinted energy who favored his community with  
2 the small town lawyer's best qualities. He was  
3 a fellow who was unbounded knowledge about his  
4 City of Bethlehem and County of Northampton. If  
5 something was happening here, Larry was part of  
6 it.

7 If you needed to know, call Larry.  
8 If you needed something done, call Larry. If  
9 you wanted a good afternoon card game, call  
10 Larry. If someone was in trouble, call Larry.

11 His coterie of friends ran broad  
12 and deep. He was the ultimate Goodfellow, who  
13 vigorously served his community and country  
14 professionally and personally.

15 When President Judge Barthold and  
16 Judge Woodring signed his admission papers on  
17 February 6th, 1956, Larry was some 30 years  
18 beyond his August 25th, 1924 birthday.

19 He had built a solid base for his  
20 upcoming years. Married in May 1943 to his  
21 sweetheart Theresa. He had served with great  
22 valor in the European theater.

23 Larry's passport on his first trip  
24 to Europe was a B-17 G four engine aerial bomber  
25 which on occasion was greeted with a shower of

1 less than friendly antiaircraft fire from the  
2 ground.

3 This was a time of no upgrades.  
4 On one unhappy occasion over German-occupied  
5 Czechoslovakia, his ship and crew took a severe  
6 hit. A 20 year old second lieutenant co-pilot  
7 single-handedly brought his plane back to the  
8 home base in England.

9 Safely returned from the war in  
10 1947, he completed his undergraduate work at  
11 Lehigh University. Thereafter, he had a second  
12 military engagement, this time in police action  
13 in Korea and this time in the spirit of evening  
14 the score did himself serve anti-aircraft arm of  
15 the United States Army.

16 Thereafter, in the early and mid  
17 1950's, Larry gathered his Tess together with a  
18 boy and girl, earned a 1955 Temple law degree,  
19 and returned to retake his home town with his  
20 charm and ability.

21 In his formative and later legal  
22 years, Larry served in appointive office. He  
23 was for decades solicitor to the Bethlehem  
24 Housing Authority, and notably solicitor to the  
25 late Sheriff wild Bill Hontz. For four years he

1 served as assistant district attorney. When I  
2 first met him in the courtroom, when I stood as  
3 a young appointed defense lawyer, on the losing  
4 end of his prosecution of a particularly nasty  
5 criminal case.

6 I hasten to add that my losing  
7 performance then did not diminish his generous  
8 support much later when I was honored to take  
9 the county bench.

10 In Bethlehem and elsewhere, Larry  
11 served as mostly unpaid solicitor to almost  
12 every group he was able to muster three or more  
13 members. His friends of high and lesser rank,  
14 always depended on Larry to say yes when asked  
15 for help. Saying no to friends was not in  
16 Larry's lexicon.

17 The unvarnished truth is that  
18 Larry worked hard and played hard. Perhaps one  
19 of his weakest moments saying yes was before the  
20 Krispy Kreme's when his friend and compatriot  
21 Charlie Spaziani joined him in Kricks baking  
22 business. Naturally, Larry said yes and the  
23 courthouse has never since had as many donuts  
24 and cakes those two brought in those baking  
25 years.

1                   Bernard Briody, Sr., was proud of  
2                   sons Larry and his prize winning microbiologist  
3                   brother Bernard, Jr. And Larry was justifiably  
4                   proud of a growing family of four boys and two  
5                   girls. Both he and his brother Bernard, Jr.  
6                   raised additional Briody lawyers, including  
7                   Larry's son Bruce with whom he practiced from  
8                   the early 1980's until Larry retained in 2001.

9                   The Briody family here present  
10                  lost their mother Theresa only 12 days after  
11                  Larry's death, a numbing loss for any family.  
12                  Together the Briody six offspring: Katherine,  
13                  Lawrence, Jr., Bruce, Mark, Keith, and Colleen.

14                 Larry and Theresa Briody's mutual  
15                 commitment lasted 61 years while laboring  
16                 through the family hardships and public service  
17                 both knew so well.

18                 Mr. Briody did not always work  
19                 alone. For some years in mid-career, he was a  
20                 partner for the late Jackson Sigmon of  
21                 Bethlehem. None who serve the law will recount  
22                 the last half of the 20th Century without  
23                 referencing these two gentleman and the firm of  
24                 Mindlin, Sigmon, Briody & Littner.

25                 Jack was a Republican party

1       mainstay, a spitfire defense advocate with an  
2       Eagle eye peeled to any law which could save his  
3       insurance company clients money and ever ready  
4       with his opinion on anything that mattered.

5               Larry was a Democrat to the marrow  
6       of his bones. Either could knock you. But when  
7       it came to discussion or action in city and  
8       county politics and neither flinched when the  
9       challenge presented itself. These two scrapers  
10      would sustain a life-long friendship in the same  
11      town long after the rigors of practice had sent  
12      them into separate law offices.

13              These few moments provide only a  
14      small glimpse in the dynamics and story of a  
15      fine advocate and great citizen. I am pleased  
16      for the chance to render this small tribute to a  
17      fellow lawyer who did so well.

18              When one looks for a quotation  
19      from Larry from the famous names of history, one  
20      realizes after a time that Larry was an  
21      original.

22              Most fitting the record recalls  
23      that some years ago when Larry was called upon  
24      to remember an older lawyer on an occasion  
25      similar to this in this same courtroom, Larry

1 ended with the words well done. I hurry to add  
2 the same sentiment long his last earned  
3 remembrances from his friends and colleagues.

4 I submit these remarks to the  
5 Court with a motion that they be included in the  
6 records of the Court, and that the Court adjourn  
7 today in honor of Lawrence J. Briody, Attorney  
8 at Law. With permission of the Court, I  
9 respectfully join in the motions of other  
10 speakers to follow and to Judge Panella that the  
11 Court's records include as well the tributes to  
12 the other fine lawyers celebrated here this day  
13 for their memorable careers at our Bar.

14 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you, Judge  
15 Hogan. Well done. Our next speaker will be  
16 Norman Seidel who will speak about the career  
17 and life of Gus Milides.

18 MR. SEIDEL: Today, as we honor  
19 the memory of six departed colleagues who  
20 contributed so much to our bar and the  
21 administration of justice, we recognize the  
22 passing of an era; an era which embraced what  
23 Tom Brokaw described as, "The Greatest  
24 Generation." Their individual contributions  
25 will always be treasured.

1                   It would not be an overstatement  
2                   to say that Gus Milides' contribution was very  
3                   unique.

4                   When we celebrated his 50th  
5                   anniversary of his admission to the bar, it was  
6                   humorously noted, and I quote, "We pay tribute  
7                   to the steadfastness and the resilience of our  
8                   courts and bar that managed to survive and  
9                   flourish in the face of the onslaught of Mr.  
10                  Milides' 50 years of practice before them. A  
11                  lesser court a lesser bar may not have  
12                  survived."

13                  Possessed of a keen wit, mind, and  
14                  intellect, Gus Milides' skills as a trial lawyer  
15                  are legendary. His legal scholarship was best  
16                  known to our courts and to his adversaries.

17                  He could quote Plato, Aristotle,  
18                  Shakespeare, and the latest Supreme Court  
19                  decision and opinion at the drop of a hat.

20                  Gus came to the bar 10 years after  
21                  I was admitted, but very quickly became my  
22                  mentor. Known by many for his very quick wit,  
23                  he lived life to its fullest.

24                  When he suggested I do his eulogy,  
25                  I pointed out to him that the odds were against

1       it in view of our age difference. He responded  
2       as follows: You may have lived 10 years, you  
3       may be 10 years older, but I've lived 30 years  
4       more than you have.

5               In addition to his lust for  
6       knowledge, he took advantage of every  
7       opportunity to gain experience, whether to  
8       overcome the obstacles that befell him in his  
9       personal life or in the courtroom.

10              There was no one whom I ever knew  
11       that gained so much from each experience.  
12       Experience, Gus said, meant that you didn't make  
13       the same mistake a second time.

14              Many of you will probably testify  
15       to the fact that he could remember by chapter  
16       and verse each experience in each case he tried.  
17       He could recount them in vivid detail 30 or 40  
18       or 50 years later.

19              His memory was phenomenal. In one  
20       of my last visits with him, he reminisced about  
21       some of those experience. He offered the  
22       following remark: Norm, he said, this is a new  
23       experience for me. I never died before.  
24       Nonetheless, he still warned me to make his  
25       eulogy short, very short, and so here it goes:



1                   This son of Harry and Mary Milides  
2                   was born to them here in Easton on June 28th,  
3                   1928. A graduate of Blair Academy, he attended  
4                   Lafayette College as a pre-medical student and  
5                   was graduated in 1948 with a bachelor's degree  
6                   in science.

7                   with his eyes still set on  
8                   becoming a physician, he attended Columbia  
9                   University and attained a post-graduate degree  
10                  in biology.

11                  Having had his fill of pre-med  
12                  courses, he then had his fill of me {SRED/}. He  
13                  enrolled at Georgetown University Law School.  
14                  There he became enamored with his criminal law  
15                  professor, Edward Bennett Williams, at that time  
16                  America's number one trial lawyer and attorney  
17                  for at least three of our Presidents. That was  
18                  the spark that set him on to concentrate on  
19                  becoming a trial attorney.

20                  It very early became apparent that  
21                  this was no run-of-the-mill lawyer. In the  
22                  60's, before there was a Legal Aid Society,  
23                  before there was a Public Defender's Office, Gus  
24                  was the Legal Aid Society, and Gus was the  
25                  Public Defender appointed in some cases by the

1 Court and some cases by the Bar Association, he  
2 defended in criminal court and represented  
3 people in civil court pro bono, those less  
4 fortunates who could not afford to pay a lawyer.

5 He gave equal attention to a  
6 plaintiff with a million dollar claim as he gave  
7 to the deserted spouse who sought a \$100 a month  
8 support order.

9 He, thus, honed his skills not  
10 only to the benefit of his clients, but in  
11 addition, so he could pass on this expertise to  
12 the young lawyers who followed him at the Bar  
13 many of whom I see here in this courtroom today.

14 I know that Gus was most proud of  
15 two scintillating seminars he conducted under  
16 the auspices of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute:  
17 One on the Art of Advocacy and one on The taking  
18 and Using of Depositions at Trial.

19 well over 100 lawyers attended  
20 each of these seminars, both of which ended with  
21 a rousing ovation for Mr. Milides.

22 Throughout his many years of  
23 illness, his thirst for knowledge never waned.  
24 Many of you here in this courtroom actually  
25 witnessed his note-taking at a seminar here in

1 Easton from his wheelchair. Our Court witnessed  
2 his scooting around from courtroom to  
3 courtroom representing his clients almost to the  
4 very end.

5 Just a few months ago he was  
6 practicing law from the Intensive Care Unit of  
7 Easton Hospital. Anecdotes about Gus are many.  
8 One which was revealed his zeal was protesting  
9 his client and avoiding delay involved a case he  
10 tried against Jerry Brose in front of Judge  
11 Grifo.

12 Jerry asked an improper question,  
13 Gus objected, Judge Grifo sustained the  
14 objection. A short time later, Jerry asked the  
15 same question. Gus again objected, and Judge  
16 Grifo again sustained the objection.

17 Jerry asked the question the third  
18 time. Judge Grifo not only sustained the  
19 objection, but warned Mr. Brose that if he asked  
20 that question again, he would hold him in  
21 contempt of court.

22 Of course on redirect examination,  
23 Mr. Brose repeated the same question. Bang,  
24 came the gavel, and from Judge Grifo's lips came  
25 Mr. Brose, you are in contempt, and you are

1        fined \$500. There was a recess and Gus asked  
2        the tipstaff if he could confer with the judge  
3        in his chambers.

4                In chambers, Gus petitioned the  
5        Court to reduce the fine from \$500 to \$300.  
6        Judge Grifo replied, Mr. Milides, you're out of  
7        order. I didn't fine you, I fined Mr. Brose.  
8        Gus answered: But Judge, Jerry doesn't have any  
9        money with him and asked if he could borrow the  
10       money from me, and I only have \$300 with me so  
11       could we reduce the fine to \$300 so we can go on  
12       with the case?

13               The case did resume so I know that  
14       Judge Grifo made a very wise decision. There  
15       was one thing upon which his colleagues of the  
16       bar all agreed that Gus Milides had no peer in  
17       boiling down a mass of legal and factual issues  
18       into an easily understood essence of the case.

19               That skill gave him the ability to  
20       successfully make his case readily  
21       understandable to a jury.

22               He proudly accepted the mantle as  
23       successor to the late Charles D. Hogan, our  
24       county's premiere criminal lawyer, and the late  
25       John D. O'Brian, our leading civil trial

1 attorney. Gus managed to outdo both of these  
2 idols with excellent trial skills in both  
3 criminal and civil courts.

4 Gus attributed a great deal of his  
5 success to Mary Shannon for her 33-year devotion  
6 as the girl Friday secretary and paralegal.

7 Louise Allen also gave devoted  
8 service to Gus for 26 years. Gus' companion,  
9 Judy Dech, stood by his side through each of his  
10 medical ordeals whom was a great source of  
11 comfort to him.

12 Gus loved his sister, Bessie, and  
13 made himself available to her at all times. His  
14 primary love, however, was for his three  
15 daughters: Marcia, Beth, and Jean Marie. He  
16 was caring for each of them in his own way and  
17 extremely sensitive to their every need.

18 Our Bar and the administration of  
19 justice have been enriched by his presence. His  
20 contributions were, to say the least, very  
21 unique.

22 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you, Mr.  
23 Seidel. Our next speaker will be Michael Riskin  
24 who will speak about the life and career of his  
25 father Milton Riskin.

1 MR. RISKIN: May it please the  
2 Court, fellow lawyers, friends, family, and  
3 captive audience. This is a memorial which the  
4 dictionary says is an established remembrance of  
5 a person or event, so here it goes.

6 My father was 99 years old when he  
7 died last year in November, and I have only 45  
8 minutes to cover his life so I must move fast.  
9 I want everyone everybody to keep up with me,  
10 just kidding, Judge, or maybe not.

11 Most of the younger lawyers will  
12 not remember him and his contemporaries are  
13 either dead or the ones that are here today may  
14 be too senile to remember much. This is good  
15 because no one will be able to contradict what I  
16 say.

17 Our father was born in South  
18 Philadelphia on August 30th, 1905. His parents  
19 came here from Gavra, Lithuania around the turn  
20 of the century in a boat because there were no  
21 planes flying at that particular time.

22 As a young boy, he and his friends  
23 would walk uptown to the daily newspaper  
24 building and buy newspapers and take them back  
25 home and sell them for a penny, a piece, or

1        whatever the price for a newspaper was at that  
2        time. I wouldn't say my father's family was  
3        poor but there were times when my father had to  
4        polish the brass fittings on the family yacht  
5        all by himself. Just kidding.

6                      Anyway, his father was a butcher  
7        and when they moved to Bethlehem, he had a  
8        grocery store which lauded a butcher shop on  
9        West Broad Street in the 1300 block which  
10       eventually became the law offices of Vasiliadis  
11       and Vasiliadis.

12                     He went to high school in the City  
13       of Bethlehem, and I am not sure if he went to  
14       Liberty High School because I couldn't figure  
15       out when Liberty High School was built.

16                     He graduated from Franklin High  
17       School which I didn't know was the high school.  
18       Anyway, he was a graduate of Lehigh University,  
19       class of 1927, where he was the treasurer and at  
20       the time of his death, was the class agent. I  
21       am not sure anybody in that class is still alive  
22       to replace him as class agent. If there are no  
23       living class members, do you really need a class  
24       agent?

25                     He was a graduate of Harvard Law

1 School and the class of June of 1930, and he  
2 worked his way through Harvard. At Harvard, one  
3 of his professors was U.S. Supreme Court Justice  
4 Felix Frankfurter and U.S. Supreme Court Justice  
5 William J. Brennan was either a classmate or a  
6 year or two before or after Milton.

7 He was admitted to practice before  
8 the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on November  
9 25th, 1930.

10 After law school, he met and  
11 married Sylvia Klibanski from Easton,  
12 Pennsylvania and eventually, he had two  
13 children: Michael, that's me, and my brother  
14 Eliot Riskin.

15 He was President of the  
16 Northampton County Bar Association in 1961 and  
17 remained very active in the Northampton County  
18 Bar Association and in fact, attended the Past  
19 President's Dinner in February of last year.

20 He was a member and Past President  
21 of Congregation Brith Sholom, founding member of  
22 Locust Valley Country Club in Coopersburg,  
23 Pennsylvania and a member of the Bethlehem  
24 Kiwanis Club since the 1940's. He played golf  
25 until 10 years ago when he had to quit because



1 all his golfing buddies were dead or couldn't  
2 walk. He was involved with Wilbur Savings and  
3 Loan for decades, being President Chairman of  
4 the board until its acquisition by the present  
5 day Lafayette-Ambassador Bank.

6 During his law practice which only  
7 ended in 2002, my father was partners with such  
8 distinguished lawyers as the late President  
9 Judge Alfred T. Williams, Jr., H.P. McFadden,  
10 R.S. Taylor, Robert Holland, Michael Schrader,  
11 Edward Feege, and Ray Haggerty. When he was  
12 with H.P. McFadden, they were probably the first  
13 law firm in the Lehigh Valley to have a woman  
14 lawyer, that was Louise McCarthy.

15 Although not law partners, he and  
16 Bernard O'Hare practiced and owned the law  
17 offices at 18 East Market Street for many years.  
18 That is the present location where George  
19 Heitzman's and myself now practice law.

20 And last, but certainly not least,  
21 he and I were partners for many years. The  
22 rumor is my mother made him hire me in 1965 and  
23 then she made him make me a partner after the  
24 death of H.P. McFadden.

25 In 1995, we were getting along so

1 well, he authorized me to sign firm checks up to  
2 \$100.

3 He was a transactional lawyer  
4 doing a lot of real estate, estates, and other  
5 transactional matters which would keep one from  
6 appearing in front of a judge especially in this  
7 particular courtroom.

8 Anyway, he was instrumental in  
9 shaping the landscape of the City of Bethlehem  
10 as a result of the law firm of McFadden and  
11 Riskin representing Bethlehem Steel Company and  
12 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of  
13 Bethlehem among other organizations.

14 Milton Riskin did the real estate  
15 end of the representation of those entities  
16 which resulted in the acquisition of land where  
17 the 25-story tall Martin Tower building at  
18 Eighth and Eaton Avenues now stands. The  
19 acquisition of hundreds of properties in  
20 Northampton Heights where the Bethlehem Steel  
21 Oxygen furnace was built in the 1960's, this was  
22 located on Fourth Street almost at the  
23 Hellertown/Bethlehem border.

24 That structure was recently  
25 demolished. A lot of this was done by using

1        what was called straw parties to purchase the  
2        property so the owners would not know they were  
3        dealing with the Bethlehem Steel Company which  
4        may or may not have soured the deals.

5                    He was also involved in  
6        acquisition of acres of land in Lower Saucon  
7        Township where Bethlehem Steel built an  
8        exclusive residential area for its top  
9        executives.

10                   He was involved with the  
11       acquisition of hundreds of properties between  
12       Packer Avenue and Fourth Street in South  
13       Bethlehem which was the location of significant  
14       expansion of Lehigh University's campus.  
15       There's more - he was involved with the  
16       acquisition of property in the 1960's under the  
17       hill-to-hill Bridge and the Broad Street bridge  
18       which is the present day site of Historic  
19       Bethlehem and where the Musikfest activities are  
20       held.

21                   That area was known as the  
22       Moravian Redevelopment Project and was formerly  
23       the site of a large junkyard with bars and  
24       houses of ill-repute scattered throughout.

25                   There was the acquisition and

1 assembly of lands for major expansion by  
2 Moravian College. The College would buy houses  
3 as they went on the market for years and in  
4 fact, decades, until they had enough adjoining  
5 land to assemble and build a structure. The  
6 firm represented the Airport Authority which was  
7 formerly the Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton Airport  
8 in their massive expansion of runways in the  
9 60's and 70's. If anyone here is old enough to  
10 remember how small the airport was in the 40's  
11 and the 50's, they can understand the extent of  
12 the expansion.

13 There was also the acquisition of  
14 land on South Mountain which is the present  
15 location of the Bethlehem Steel Research  
16 facilities. I am not sure who owns it now since  
17 the bankruptcy of Bethlehem Steel.

18 The law firm of McFadden and  
19 Riskin also represented the Allentown Catholic  
20 Diocese through the connections of H.P. McFadden  
21 but all the real estate matters were handled by  
22 Milton Riskin. The Diocese at that time I think  
23 extended well into the coal regions to the  
24 north. A little known fact is that the Catholic  
25 Church has its own laws for just about

1 everything and Pennsylvania law recognizes this  
2 law over some of Pennsylvania law. At the time,  
3 not many people understood this, but Milton  
4 Riskin did and the priests in the executive  
5 office of the Diocese would call him for  
6 questions about this basic law. This is curious  
7 because Milton was Jewish but knowledge is a  
8 highly valued commodity no matter its source.

9 He was involved in the acquisition  
10 of land by the Diocese including the land where  
11 Allentown College is today, formerly the site of  
12 St. Francis of Assisi.

13 On that vein, even after H.P.  
14 McFadden's death, Milton continued to represent  
15 the Diocese in most real estate matters until  
16 one day someone at the Diocese suggested that  
17 maybe a member of the church should do the work  
18 and the relationship ended very amicably.

19 Anyway, at that time, the law firm  
20 was representing Donald Trump in various real  
21 estate matters and the firm absorbed the loss  
22 rather well. Just kidding about the Donald. I  
23 wanted to see if anybody was awake at this point  
24 in the program.

25 On that note, I want to tell you

1       again that my father was 99 when he died and his  
2       friends kept telling me to have conversations  
3       with him and encourage him to put a lot of his  
4       recollections down on paper - but I kept putting  
5       it off because he was only in his late 90's and  
6       I figured at his age, I had plenty of time. I  
7       am a procrastinator.

8               The result of this dereliction is  
9       that what I have said today is a combination of  
10      fact and creative license or fiction. There are  
11      probably no lawyers around to dispute what I am  
12      saying. And since this program is being  
13      transcribed and I was not sworn in, these facts  
14      and fiction will stand indefinitely.

15             I forgot to add that Milton Riskin  
16      was also instrumental in the creation of Locust  
17      Valley Country Club in Coopersburg by a group of  
18      local golfers. That Country Club was dissolved  
19      and sold to a group including famous sports  
20      figures who made it a public golf course, and I  
21      think recently I saw in the paper where a  
22      developer was going to be buying the Club to put  
23      in housing development.

24             Milton's life extended for almost  
25      a hundred years which is close to a century. It

1 started with no airplanes, few cars, no phones,  
2 no TV, no computers, no supermarkets, and last  
3 but not least, no Wal Marts.

4 It ended with what we have today,  
5 good or bad. The change in the practice of law  
6 and the law itself was just as significant over  
7 this period of time as was the change in  
8 society, lifestyles, and technology.

9 He saw it all and he lived it all  
10 and he adjusted to it all rather well up to the  
11 end. He had a great life as a person and a  
12 lawyer and I think he made a good contribution  
13 to society as a persona and a lawyer. He was  
14 certainly a good father to me and my brother,  
15 and a loving husband to my mother. I hope and  
16 think he will be remembered that way by those  
17 who knew him, although not many of those are  
18 left, and those who are here today out of  
19 respect for all the departed attorneys honored  
20 today. Thank you.

21 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you,  
22 Michael. Herb Fishbone will be memorialized by  
23 his partner Joel Scheer.

24 MR. SCHEER: Thank you, Your  
25 Honor, and particularly I want to thank you for

1 moving me from number two following Michael  
2 Riskin.

3 President Judge Freedberg, members  
4 of our esteemed bench and alumnus, members of  
5 the bar, friends and family of our half dozen  
6 beloved colleagues.

7 Herb Fishbone passed away at the  
8 age of 83 on March 29th of this year. He  
9 engaged in the practice of law of Northampton  
10 County for 55 years.

11 As he would have wanted it, he  
12 practiced to the very end, sharing his thoughts  
13 on client matters with me on the phone and at  
14 his home.

15 Graduating from Easton High School  
16 and Lafayette College just shy of his 20th  
17 birthday in 1941, he passed up going to law  
18 school at that time to enroll in the Navy where  
19 he served in the Pacific rising to rank of  
20 captain and heading a PT boat among other  
21 assignments.

22 He would often tell me about the  
23 experience of kamikaze pilots, something that I  
24 can only comment since I started practice as an  
25 invaluable tool in the practice of law.



1                   His legal career began after he  
2 graduated Cornell Law School where he began the  
3 six-month preceptorship for Israel Krone. He  
4 passed through the Board of Bentures and became  
5 an associate with the firm of Levine and  
6 O'Brien. Three months later he became  
7 associated with Cal Smith, and became a partner  
8 a year later.

9                   His distinguished career included  
10 a vast diversity of clients, including over 50  
11 years as counsel to Nazareth National Bank;  
12 representation of various cement companies, the  
13 Art League, Trinity Episcopal Church, and a long  
14 tenure as counsel for the previously  
15 not-for-profit Easton Hospital, where he also  
16 served as board president.

17                  In his capacity as solicitor for  
18 Easton Area School Authority and the Easton  
19 Hospital Authority, he helped Shepard major  
20 construction projects that served this community  
21 for decades. He often described how proud he  
22 was in recommending that the old high school on  
23 Northampton Street be saved from demolition and  
24 become the middle school.

25                  while I may have disagreed on his

1       proposal to demolish the 400 block of  
2       Northampton Street, his guidance on the middle  
3       school was a visionary example of preservation  
4       and re-use.

5               As much as he enjoyed his  
6       institutional and business clients, he equally  
7       enjoyed his representation of individuals from  
8       all strata of society. He served his clients  
9       with great academic skill and the highest  
10      standard of ethics, and was a bulldog in  
11      championing his clients' causes. He spent  
12      countless hours considering how best to approach  
13      matters because of the high degree of  
14      professional pride that he placed in his  
15      product, and I would note, rarely reflected the  
16      full measure of his time in his final Bills.

17             Herb's practice was not limited to  
18      transactional work. He was a tenacious advocate  
19      in trial practice. A quick check of the Lexus  
20      database will reflect a dozen reported appellate  
21      cases in areas of both criminal and civil law.

22             He became good friends with  
23      Supreme Court Justice Sam Roberts and Superior  
24      Court Judge Sydney Hoffman, and they would  
25      solicit his input on legal issues.

1                   whereas some lawyers have been  
2 referred to as a Lawyer's lawyer, Herb may be  
3 considered a Judge's lawyer.

4                   He took great pride when his  
5 former law partner, William Moran, ascended the  
6 bench; as well as when Frank VanAntwerpen noted  
7 in his swearing-in ceremony, it was Herb who  
8 gave him his first job as an attorney for the  
9 legal aid society when Herb served as President  
10 of the Bar Association in 1971. Saturday  
11 morning breakfasts with the late President Judge  
12 Palmer and later with President Judge Freedberg,  
13 was a fertile source of far ranging academic  
14 discussion.

15                   In 1973, Herb was appointed to the  
16 State Civil Procedural rules committee, where  
17 for two days every month for 15 years, he  
18 debated and helped formulate the rules which  
19 still govern much of civil practice today.

20                   It was there he became friends  
21 with Phil Amram of Goodrich-Amram fame, the  
22 classic hornbook of civil procedure. When I  
23 would ask a question, Herb was always quick to  
24 offer to ask Phil what his rules meant.

25                   Herb's tenacity and love for the

1 law may be best illustrated by how he persevered  
2 when he battled failing eye sight these last 10  
3 years.

4 Always an enthusiast of new  
5 equipment, he supplied himself with the tools  
6 needed to continue reading, and kept himself up  
7 to date on all the latest legal developments to  
8 best serve his clients.

9 Family always remained important.  
10 He is survived by his wife, Vivian, to whom he  
11 was married for 38 years, his two sons, David  
12 and Daniel, three daughters and 10  
13 grandchildren.

14 On a personal note, I'll always  
15 appreciate the legacy he left in teaching me  
16 respect for the law, for the client, and the  
17 betterment of the human state.

18 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you,  
19 Attorney Scheer. Our next speaker is Karl  
20 Kline, Esquire, who will speak about the life  
21 and career of Clyde W. Teel. And before he  
22 begins, I'll note that Judge Robert Simpson, who  
23 was a partner of Clyde Teel, is present today.  
24 Judge Simpson of course is a judge of the  
25 Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania and a

1 distinguished alumnus of this bench. Welcome,  
2 Judge. Mr. Kline.

3 MR. KLINE: May it please the  
4 Court, I knew Clyde Teel for my entire career as  
5 a lawyer. Back in 1976, I joined the law firm  
6 of Teel, Stetts, Shimer and DiGiacomo, as the  
7 firm was known at that time.

8 I was fresh out of law school, and  
9 Clyde was a senior partner, nearly ready to  
10 retire.

11 The firm's main office was located  
12 on 6th floor of the Alpha Building in downtown  
13 Easton. My first office was right next to the  
14 senior partner's office, perhaps so that Clyde  
15 could keep better tabs on me.

16 Clyde was born on December 26th,  
17 1907 in Easton, Pennsylvania. He died March 3,  
18 2005 at the age of 97. His beloved wife,  
19 Frances, died two months later at age 99.

20 A lifelong resident of the Easton  
21 area, Clyde graduated from Wilson High School in  
22 1935 and Lafayette College in 1929 just before  
23 the stock market crashed and the Great  
24 Depression.

25 After college, Clyde taught

1 English and Latin at Shull Junior High School  
2 from 1929 to 1934.

3 He then graduated from the  
4 University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1937.  
5 Clyde spent his entire career with one law firm.  
6 When he started his legal career, the firm's  
7 name was Chidsey, Maxwell & Frack.

8 Clyde started his career during  
9 the depths of the Great Depression. He did not  
10 receive a salary from the law firm for his first  
11 full year.

12 That's how tough things were at  
13 that time. Clyde paid for each title search he  
14 did, but all of his other legal work for the law  
15 firm was gratis. My how the times have changed.

16 In his early years, a portion of  
17 Clyde's practice involved some criminal and some  
18 civil trial work. However, the largest part of  
19 his career and practice focused on wills and  
20 estates, real estate law, and business law.

21 Few people know that for a time  
22 during World War II, Clyde served as an  
23 assistant district attorney for Northampton  
24 County.

25 Clyde was also an active member of

1 the Northampton County Bar Association. He  
2 served as the president of 1960-1961 year.

3 Clyde was the solicitor to the  
4 Easton Housing Authority from its inception in  
5 1950 through 1974.

6 He served on the board of  
7 directors of Easton National Bank and Trust  
8 Company, and he served as a director, the  
9 corporate secretary and general counsel for  
10 Lehigh Valley Chemical Company.

11 Clyde was also very active in the  
12 community. He served as an Easton zoning  
13 commissioner in 1948 and 1949.

14 Clyde was an active director and  
15 later the president of Children's Aid Society of  
16 Northampton County prior to the time that this  
17 function was undertaken by the county  
18 government.

19 He served as director of the  
20 United Fund of the Easton area and as president  
21 of the Lafayette Alumni Association of Easton.

22 Clyde was particularly proud in  
23 helping to form an Easton Downtown Renewal Task  
24 Force which ultimately became the Downtown  
25 Improvement Group in the 1960's.

1                   In recognition of his lifetime of  
2 dedication to his community, Clyde's was a  
3 recipient of the Golden Deeds Award from the  
4 Easton Exchange Club in 1965.

5                   Clyde had strongly held beliefs  
6 about many things. He embraced traditional  
7 values. Some might say he was from the old  
8 school.

9                   He believed in the importance of  
10 strong family bonds. In his law career, he  
11 believed in hard work, thoroughness, ethical  
12 behavior, integrity, professional demeanor, and  
13 dedication to his clients.

14                  At work, he always wore a suit, a  
15 white shirt, and a tie. And, in fact, when I  
16 periodically visited Clyde in his retirement  
17 apartment at Moravian Hall Square when he was in  
18 his 80's and 90's, he usually wore a suit, a  
19 white shirt, and a tie.

20                  And Clyde was a serious man. He  
21 believed that life was a serious matter,  
22 especially so the practice of law and the  
23 operation of the law firm.

24                  He always expected each attorney  
25 and each member of the staff to perform each and



1 every task to the best of his or her ability.

2 One of the most important parts of  
3 Clyde's life was his family. He was a devoted  
4 husband, father, and grandfather.

5 He and his wife, Frances, married  
6 in 1939. They were married 65 years at the time  
7 of his death.

8 Clyde and Frances had one child,  
9 Jody. Jody and her husband, Stanley, are here  
10 with us today.

11 Jody has two children, Caroline  
12 and Andrew. Clyde always had a great love for  
13 the outdoors.

14 A placid sunrise at Squam Lake in  
15 New Hampshire. The thrill of seeing a new  
16 species of bird. The excitement of reeling in a  
17 bass at Maskenozha Lake in the Poconos. All of  
18 these things held a very special place in  
19 Clyde's heart.

20 For many years, it was a Teel  
21 family tradition to spend the summer week or two  
22 at Squam Lake. For over 50 years, Clyde and  
23 Frances were members of the Club at Lake  
24 Maskenozha. Although he was an accomplished  
25 fisherman, he was particularly proud of the fact

1       that his wife, Frances, netted the largest bass  
2       ever caught at Lake Maskenozha. It's a record  
3       that she still holds today.

4               Clyde always possessed an  
5       inquisitive mind and an adventurous soul. He  
6       and Frances traveled all over the world. Even  
7       in his later years, he enjoyed going to concerts  
8       and other events at his alma mater at Lafayette  
9       College and elsewhere.

10              At the Moravian Hall Square  
11       retirement community, he formed a study group to  
12       consider important issues of the day. His  
13       longtime friend, Judge Carlton Woodring, was one  
14       of its original members.

15              At age 90, Clyde traveled to  
16       Wyoming for a fishing trip with his  
17       granddaughter, Caroline. He caught a big one,  
18       too I'm told. At age 92, he traveled with his  
19       grandson Andrew to inspect a new bridge to  
20       Prince Edward Island in Canada.

21              Clyde had a great affection for  
22       the firm, and in 1990, at age 82, he assembled a  
23       55-page book about its history, starting with  
24       its origin in 1882. Amazingly, with the  
25       exception of the two original 1882 partners,

1 Clyde knew every attorney in the firm since the  
2 firm's inception. His knowledge of attorneys in  
3 this area span the 19th century, the 20th  
4 century, and the 21st century.

5 He was proud of the fact that the  
6 members of the firm he knew went on to serve as  
7 Northampton County Judges, Northampton County  
8 District Attorneys, and a Judge of the  
9 Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

10 He was particularly proud that he  
11 had the opportunity to practice law with his  
12 mentor, T. McKeen Chidsey, whose distinguished  
13 career included service as the attorney general  
14 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and as a  
15 justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

16 In the acknowledgment to the book,  
17 Clyde's partner, Stanley Stettz, had these  
18 things to say about Clyde. "Those of us who  
19 have known Clyde W. Teel will always remember  
20 him for his patience, courtesy, attention to  
21 detail, and most of all for his thoroughness.

22 while he had the greatest fidelity  
23 in the services he performed for his clients, he  
24 was always concerned with the image of the firm  
25 and its reputation in all of his dealings. He

1 was probably the most honest man and partner  
2 with whom an individual could have the pleasure  
3 of being associated."

4 Except for the last two years of  
5 his life when his health was failing, whenever I  
6 visited Clyde, he always asked me about the  
7 firm.

8 He would ask me about each  
9 individual in the firm, then he would ask me  
10 about my family, and then he would tell me about  
11 his family.

12 He was so very proud of his wife,  
13 Frances, his daughter, Jody, his son-in-law,  
14 Stanley, his grandchildren, Caroline and Andrew,  
15 and members of his extended family. He would  
16 shown me dozens of family photographs which  
17 would remind him of passing events in earlier  
18 times.

19 The death of Clyde Teel truly  
20 represents the passing of an era. All of the  
21 firm's named partners when I joined the firm are  
22 now gone.

23 But Clyde W. Teel's legacy as a  
24 hard-working, diligent, honest, and caring  
25 lawyer, husband, father, grandfather, and

1 friends will continue to be a strong source of  
2 inspiration to me, and also, I'm sure, for  
3 present and future generations. Thank you.

4 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you,  
5 Attorney Kline.

6 JUDGE SMITH: I would like to  
7 respectfully thank each of the eulogists. In  
8 this courtroom where justice reins supreme, it  
9 is difficult for anyone to do justice to these  
10 six fine lawyers with mere words. Each of you  
11 did an outstanding job.

12 I also want to thank each of the  
13 family members for their sacrifices that your  
14 loved ones have made on behalf of this great  
15 bar. Today we are in honor of Lawrence Briody,  
16 Sr., Herbert Fishbone, Gus Milides, Nathan L.  
17 Reibman, Milton B. Riskin, and Clyde W. Teel.  
18 We honor them as friends, as colleagues, as  
19 mentors and as leaders.

20 Each of these great men made a  
21 profound difference in the lives of his  
22 community and the life of this bar.

23 Each had a full and complete life.  
24 All upheld the finest standards of our  
25 profession with dignity, honor, integrity, and

1 sacrifice.

2 we call upon the members of the  
3 bar to honor their memories with the  
4 re-dedication to the principles of  
5 professionalism they so well exemplified

6 Mr. Clyde and Mr. Seidel both  
7 referenced a passing of an era. And no one can  
8 look at these six names without thinking that  
9 both individually and collectively this does  
10 represent the passing of an era. These truly  
11 were six giants in the Northampton County Bar  
12 and they will be missed.

13 It is our closing prayer in  
14 remembering their lives we will inspired by  
15 their example and pledge to carry on the honor  
16 and pursuit of equal justice under the law with  
17 dedication and commitment.

18 As we adjourn today, we do so in  
19 honor and every lasting memory of these six  
20 distinguished men. Judge Freedberg.

21 JUDGE FREEDBERG: Thank you for  
22 those remarks, Judge Smith. This truly is a  
23 momentous memorial service. All of our memorial  
24 services have special significance to the judges  
25 of the Court, but I would be remiss if I didn't

1 note that we have over six attorneys who spent  
2 over 300 years collectively as members of the  
3 bar of Northampton County, and they made a  
4 tremendous impact in terms of being role models  
5 for the quality that we hope to see in a  
6 practice of law, and the personal decency and  
7 civility that we hope to see in the practice of  
8 law.

9 As we adjourn today, I'll note my  
10 direction that the notes of this proceeding are  
11 to be transcribed, and they are to be filed in  
12 the official records of this court.

13 When attorneys take their initial  
14 oath when they're admitted to the bar, we view  
15 that as the opening a filing of the case of  
16 their careers.

17 And today we close out the dockets  
18 on these six very distinguished careers, and we  
19 do so with respect and admiration for them.

20 As we adjourn today, and in accord  
21 with the motions that have been made, we do so  
22 with respect and admiration for the lives and  
23 the careers of the six gentlemen of the  
24 Northampton County Bar whom we memorialize  
25 today.

1 I am told that there will be a  
2 reception immediately following this memorial  
3 service in the law library and family and  
4 friends are invited to attend that reception  
5 sponsored by the Northampton County Bar  
6 Association.

7 We will at this point recess. The  
8 call of the argument list, for those who are  
9 here for that purpose, will occur in this room  
10 in 10 minutes, so we will reconvene for that  
11 purpose in 10 minutes. At this point we recess.

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## CERTIFICATION

I.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me in the above cause, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Karen A. Mengel  
Registered Professional Reporter

II.

The foregoing record of the proceedings in the within matter is directed to be filed.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Edward G. Smith, Judge