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LAW SCHOOL

Class of 1988

# Patrick C. Brennan

1960-2021



Patrick was a highly skilled and respected lawyer and a relentless lifelong advocate for justice. Patrick was outspoken and resolute in his convictions, but his temperament was gentle. He was well known for his magnetic disposition and impossibly quick wit. He was an avid reader, a gifted writer, an expert storyteller, and a wizard at the New York Times crossword puzzle. He was a steadfast Wisconsin sports fan with an encyclopedic knowledge of sports history and statistics. He was a Hall-of-Fame-caliber basketball coach, his illustrious 40+ year volunteer coaching career having culminated in the esteemed Padre Serra Tournament Championship. Patrick was a beloved friend, a trusted mentor, a cherished brother, and a revered uncle and brother-in-law. Most importantly, he was the best husband and father that his wife and children could have ever dreamed of. He cared for them tenderly, protected them fiercely, and loved them unconditionally. He instilled in them a profound responsibility to make a difference, and endowed them with the coaching and confidence necessary to strive to honor that responsibility. His children will always be inspired by his boundless intellect, his fighting spirit, and his selfless heart. He showed them how to be exceptional, simply by being who he was. Patrick Brennan's quick wit, generous heart, and implacably mischievous spirit will be sorely missed but not soon forgotten.

# Edward F. Devine

1961-2011

Edward was a graduate of Manhattan College and received his law degree from Marquette University. Since 2000, he served as the Director of the Rockland County Drainage Agency. Prior to that, he worked for the Department of Environmental Conservation as a regional attorney, and before that as Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Orangetown. For many years, he was a member of the Solid Waste Authority for Rockland County. Most recently, he also served as Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Mamakating in Sullivan County. He was very much loved by his family and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

# Leslie E. Fischer

1959-2011



Fischer, Leslie E. (Nee Farkas) Age 52, formerly of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2011 in Waukesha, WI, after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Bryan and loving and devoted mother of Alec and Kit. Leslie was the daughter of the late Lester and late Eleanor Farkas, survived by her brother Drew. Leslie was a graduate of Northville High School, attended the Peabody Institute of the John Hopkins University (violin), the University of Michigan (BA History) and Marquette University Law School (JD 1988). She was the champion of the Marquette's 1987 moot court competition and served as an Asst. DA in Rock County, WI. She loved her dogs Fox, Sophie and Teddi and was an active member in the Australian Terrier Club.

# Nancy W. Machinton

1946-2021



She graduated from Akiba Hebrew Academy and went on to study Russian literature at Columbia University. After college she worked for Family Planning Council at Pennsylvania Hospital. After moving to Milwaukee, WI, she was a Dance Slimnastics instructor for several years. She decided that the best way to help others was to become a lawyer. She attended Marquette University Law School where she graduated summa cum laude. Her legal career included working with Elder Care Services when she moved to Massachusetts, and as an attorney for the Department of Children and Families for the Commonwealth of MA. Nancy was an active, lifetime member of Hadassah, most recently with the Sharon-Stoughton Chapter. She had a love of animals and was the owner, breeder and handler of champion collies.

# Richard E. Nell

1953-2016



Rick grew up in Juneau working on his family's farm. He graduated from Dodgeland High School in 1971. After graduating from high school Rick joined the Air Force where he was stationed in many different places, his favorite was the year that he spent living in Greece serving his country. While in the Air Force Rick completed college and graduated with a degree in Accounting from Minot University in 1980. He later went on to law school, graduating from Marquette University with a Juris Doctorate in Business Law in 1988. His favorite quote was "Luck is for Rabbits". He met Nina Smith in 1984 while living in Milwaukee and they were later married on August 9, 1986. Rick has practiced law in De Pere since 1990 and In 2011 started Nell & Associates. Rick's greatest joy was his children Tricia and Chris. Rick enjoyed fishing and his most memorable trip was a fly-in Canadian fishing trip with his late father Eugene. Rick also enjoyed gardening and created a beautiful backyard sanctuary, complete with fountains and many flowers. He also liked camping, traveling and hockey trips to watch his son play. Rick was also active in the community, serving on multiple committees including, Celebrate De Pere, De Pere Kiwanis, Brown County Republican Party, De Pere Main Street, Green Bay Junior Gamblers & Ashwaubenon Ice Management.



# Mark S. Poker

1963-2019



Mark Poker received B.S. and J.D. degrees from Marquette University. He started his career in Milwaukee, WI immediately after receiving his L.L.M. with honors, in taxation, from Georgetown University. For the past 25 years, he spent his career at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP where he Chaired the Wealth Planning practice and served as a trusted advisor to individuals, family fiduciaries and businesses. Mark served on the boards of directors of several closely held businesses and family foundations. He was also a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel as well as an adjunct professor for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Lubar School of Business. Although Mark's professional accomplishments are many, they pale in comparison as a father. Mark was completely dedicated to his sons, Michael and Matthew. The three were inseparable. Mark was extremely proud of the young men they have become: intelligent, kind, respectful and of course very good athletes. Mark enjoyed coaching and watching his sons grow and their skills blossom through a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication. Mark attended and wholeheartedly enjoyed all the games, regardless of location or time of day. Mark has been acknowledged in The Best Lawyers in America® for trusts and estates since 2002. He has been recognized every year since 2005 on the "Wisconsin Super Lawyers" list in the area of estate planning.