



In Memoriam: Denis J. Lawler

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It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our colleague and friend **Denis James Lawler** on April 7, 2021. Denis joined Archer & Greiner in August 2014 as a partner in the Estate and Trust Litigation Group in the firm's Philadelphia office.

Denis was a highly respected and warmly admired attorney within the legal community, known for his brilliant legal mind, his dry wit, and his great integrity. In the words of Archer partner Lynne Abraham, former Philadelphia District Attorney, "Denis never felt the necessity to trumpet his achievements. He just practiced estate litigation with intellect, style, and great calm. Yes, he was a tough opponent and very gifted, but he never felt the need or desire to advertise his talents. He let his work speak for him."

In recognition of his professional accomplishments, Denis was listed AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, the directory's highest level of distinction possible. Denis was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Within the legal industry and our regional community, Denis was a member of the Board of Directors of the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) of Philadelphia County from 2011 to 2017. He served as a board member and past president of The Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia and St. Joseph's University Law Alumni. He was a member of the Brehon Law Society and North Hills Country Club, where he served on the board and as president.

Denis served as a member of La Salle College High School's Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2014. He was a member of the University of Pennsylvania Law School American Inn of Court and was Treasurer from 2012 to 2018. He was a member of the Board of the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. And he was a founding board member of the hunger relief organization Philabundance. In fact, Denis named Philabundance.

Born in West Philadelphia, Denis earned his law degree at Villanova University School of Law and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Joseph's University.

Denis always strove to do his very best and to live life to the fullest. He was a talented attorney, a trusted colleague, and a good friend to many, and he will be greatly missed.

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