

in memoriam

Ronda F. Williams, rising legal star-bar leader

Ronda F. Williams, recently elected Treasurer of BAMSL, died suddenly on April 24, 2013. She was 41 and a senior counsel for SAVVIS, Inc. Williams was regularly referred to as a rising star due to her rapid ascent in the corporate world and her boundless energy serving the community where she mentored and helped minority law school students and young graduates. She was also



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an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University School of Law. As president of the Mound City Bar Association, and active with the National Bar Association, she visited high schools to start outreach programs, and organized etiquette classes and essay contests to award scholarships. At law schools, she set up study programs and gave lessons in how to interview for a job. Also at SLU Law, Williams was president of the Black American Law Student Association and a member of the national moot court team. She had been a lawyer since 2002. After earning an undergraduate degree from Hampton University in Virginia, she returned to St. Louis and spent eight years in the business world.

Survivors, include her sister Robyn Williams and her father, Roger C. Williams. Her mother, Cittie Williams, died in 1978. ■

Arthur E. Hoffman, former Monsanto attorney

Long-time BAMSL member and colleague Arthur E. Hoffman passed away on March 3, 2013 and was buried on his 86th birthday, March 7. Hoffman retired from Monsanto as Senior Patent Counsel in 1989 after 36 years of service. He resided in Kirkwood from 1970 until 2001 when he and his wife, Carol-Jean, moved to Pennsylvania to live with their daughter.



Arthur E. Hoffman

Hoffman was also a member of the Missouri Bar, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Inventors Association of St. Louis, and a volunteer attorney with SCORE, and Knights of Columbus. He served as a board member for the Salvation Army of St. Louis, St. John's Mercy Hospice, St. Louis Chapter Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, and Catholic Charities Roman Catholic Orphan Board. He was a medic in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Since moving to Pennsylvania, Hoffman retained his membership with BAMSL. His heart and loyalty never left St. Louis, according to his daughter Lou-Ellen Renshaw. He was an avid reader, loved baseball and still rooted for the Cardinals. ■

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