

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
FOR  
AMY ADAMS GOWAN**

Amy Adams Gowan, mother of Catherine Adams Gowan and William Patrick Gowan, and wife of Robert Gowan died August 15, 2012 after a valiant three-year battle with ALS ("Lou Gehrig's disease").

Amy was born in Memphis, Tenn., on August 31, 1966, grew up in Germantown, Tenn., and graduated from Germantown High School. She graduated from the University of Tennessee, where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority, and an ardent supporter of the Tennessee Vols. She was a season ticket holder from the time she graduated in 1988. She even went to several games after she had to be lifted from her car to her wheelchair. She could hold her own discussing the defensive or offensive line with any guy who thought he knew the UT football program.

After graduation from UT, she joined State Farm Insurance as an arson and fraud investigator, and later as a claims adjuster. She enrolled in the Nashville School of Law while working full-time for State Farm. She attained a law degree and passed the Tennessee Bar exam in 1997. It was at law school where she met her future husband, Robert Gowan, and soon after law school Robert and Amy were married in Nashville in on July 21, 2001, and settled down in the Oak Hill area. Amy practiced with Taylor, Pigue, Marchetti and Bennett from 1998 to 1999, at Ortale, Kelley, Herbert & Crawford from 1999 to 2004 and with Hardeman & Montgomery/Premier Escrow from 2004 until the time of her death.

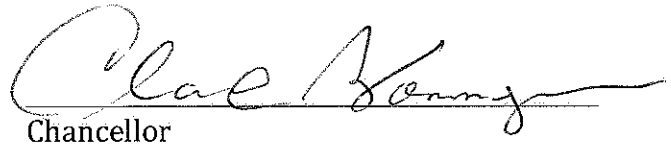
In 2009 Amy began to exhibit neurological symptoms in her legs, and the ALS diagnosis was confirmed at Mayo Clinic. Amy spent the last three years of her life developing an awareness of the disease among all her friends and acquaintances. Very active in the local chapter of ALS, Amy's family was chosen as the Nashville ALS Family of the Year in 2011, and has raised more than \$100,000 for research and assistance for victims of the disease.

Amy fought against ALS the same way she fought for her clients: tirelessly and ceaselessly. While Amy was known as an accomplished attorney, she wanted to be remembered primarily as the mother of her two beautiful children, Catherine and Will. She will also be remembered by her hundreds of friends for her loyalty, her sense of humor, her supportive nature and her beautiful smile.


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Nashville Bar Association that we honor the life and work of Amy Adams Gowan and mourn in her passing the loss of a keen mind, a caring spirit and a lifelong student of the law who sought justice for all and represented the highest aspirations of the law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of the association and entered in the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, and that a copy be furnished to her husband Robert Gowan.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

  
Chancellor

Approved for Entry:

  
Robert Gowan, BPR #18671