

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
DONALD DRAKE HOLLIDAY, JR.
1951 – 2006

Drake Holiday died on February 2, 2006, at age 54.

From 1976 until just before his death, Drake practiced law with the Legal Aid Society and represented thousands of low-income people.

Drake was a graduate of Grinnell College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. He had clerked for the Legal Aid Society while in law school and became a staff attorney when he was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1976.

Drake represented his clients with zeal and compassion. One client wrote of him:

Mr. Holliday was a very kind person, and he jumped on my case when I walked into his office. He saved my family from being homeless.

Drake encouraged greater respect for the law and courts. He did this by treating his clients with respect and by giving his clients a voice. One of them wrote:

Mr. Holliday was a godsend to help me with my problems. We need more people like him who care. If you have money or not, he treats you with respect.

Drake's advocacy went beyond his work for individual clients. He knew that there were problems that needed to be addressed on a wider scale. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Elder Abuse and the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing. He was appointed by the Mayor to the Metropolitan Social Services Commission. He was a member of the Nashville Coalition for the Homeless. Early in his career, Drake was one of the chief attorneys in a federal class action lawsuit that brought about a needed overhaul of Tennessee's prison system.

Drake cared about his community. He was president of his neighborhood association. He was president of the parent teacher organization at his daughter's school. He was active in politics. He was especially adept at organizing teams of people to put up yard signs for political candidates. This earned him a title conferred on him by a judge in open court, "The Yard Sign King."

Drake was a sportsman. Despite bad knees from playing college football, he played soccer on an over 50s team until his death. He was an avid sailor and organizer of regattas. He was passionate about the Washington Redskins.

Drake's sudden death was a blow to the many people who loved him. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, his daughter Alex, his son Adam Marrale, his mother, Jane Allen, and three brothers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that we his friends and colleagues honor the life and work and mourn the death of an exemplary lawyer, Drake Holliday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association, and entered on the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, and that copies be furnished to his family.

This 16th day of November 2006.

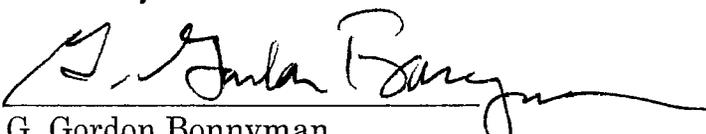
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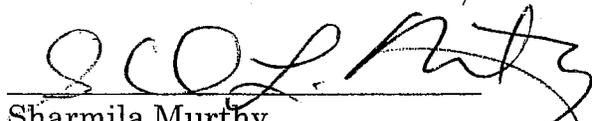
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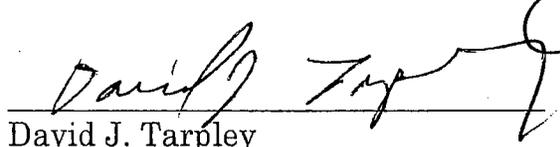
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