

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
RALPH WINSTON NEWMAN

1947-2001

Ralph Winston Newman died on August 25, 2001 and leaves devoted family and friends who mourn his passing but celebrate his passion for life. Ralph had practiced law in Nashville, as an Assistant Metropolitan Public Defender, since 1989. His zealous representation of the indigent accused earned him a reputation for fairness, professionalism and a commitment to justice.

Ralph Newman was born on May 22, 1947 in Jamaica, where he grew up on a citrus farm owned by his family. After attending elementary school near his family's farm, he received his secondary education at St. George's College in Kingston, Jamaica. Ralph also received a General Certificate of Education at the Advanced Level from Cambridge University in Great Britain. Three days after his twenty-first birthday, he married Margaret McDermot, with whom he embarked on life's adventure.

Soon after their marriage, Ralph and Margaret moved to Toronto, Canada, where Ralph attended York University, graduating with honors in 1973 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy and Logic. Ralph's quest for knowledge next led him and Margaret back to the Caribbean, where he attended the University of the West Indies, in Barbados, and earned an LL.B with Honors in 1975.

After Ralph graduated from the University of the West Indies, he and Margaret returned to Toronto, Canada, where Ralph worked as a claims manager for the Insurance Company of North America from January 1976 until September 1979, when Ralph and Margaret received permission to immigrate to the United States. They moved to the Los Angeles, California area where Ralph worked as a claims manager first for the Bekins Corporation and then for American International Insurance. While in California, Ralph attended Pepperdine University and earned a Masters of Business Administration in 1982.

In 1989, Ralph Newman was licensed to practice law in Tennessee and in May of that year he began his career with the Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Public Defender's Office. Ralph's work as an Assistant Public Defender was characterized by a persistent attention to detail, a keen sense of human nature and a firmly held belief that social or financial circumstances should not bar anyone from access to equal justice. Among the lawyers, judges and court personnel with whom he had contact during his career as a public defender, Ralph was well known for his ability to address the difficult legal and factual issues inherent in the criminal law with a focused intellect.

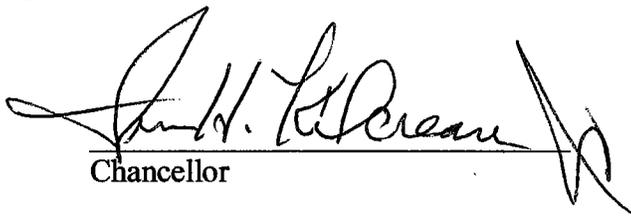
Throughout his life, Ralph had tested himself against physical challenges by seeking higher and steeper hills to overcome on his bicycle. It was during one of these efforts to test himself that Ralph suffered a fatal heart attack. His passing was untimely and unforeseen.

Ralph Newman's professional and personal contributions will be missed by his co-workers and associates. His dry wit and wide ranging interest in the acquisition of knowledge will be deeply missed by all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association, that we honor the life and work of Ralph Winston Newman and mourn in his passing the loss of a loyal friend and able lawyer dedicated to the pursuit of justice and equality for all members of our community.

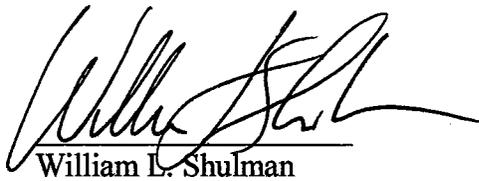
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association and entered on the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee; and that copies hereof be furnished to the members of Mr. Newman's family.

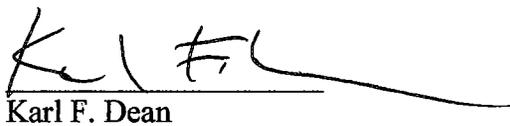
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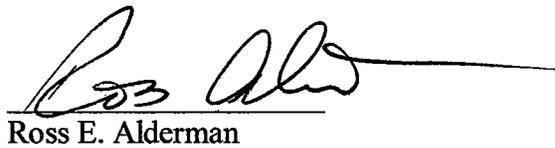

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