

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**FOR**  
**JOHN W. NOLAN, III**

John W. Nolan, III, was born in Nashville on December 29, 1937, to the late John W. Nolan, Jr. and his mother, Dorothy Sloan Nolan. He died and gave his soul to the Lord on February 9, 2010, at the age of seventy two (72) years following a courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer.

John was raised in the home of Warren and Emma Sloan, his maternal grandparents, on their acreage located on Highway 70 North on Charlotte Pike in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. John's grandfather was very influential in John's early development in that he placed a great deal of family responsibilities on John at an early age.

John attended public schools until he enrolled at Montgomery Bell Academy. While attending MBA, John played varsity football holding down the starting left tackle position. John made lifelong friends with many of the classmates and fellow members of the football team. John graduated from MBA and during those years he was known as Penny Nolan. John attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. While attending the university, John studied for a year in Mexico, a time in his life that influenced his life in a very positive way.

While attending the University of Tennessee, John met and married the late Carolyn Brook Nolan. Carolyn and John attended the University of Tennessee Law School, and both he and Carolyn graduated in 1962. John and Carolyn relocated to the Nashville area where they started a practice with R.B. Parker and had a law office at that time on the corner of Union and Second Avenue. John practiced there until joining the firm of Lester, Loser, Hildebrand & Nolan. That firm was located on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Stahlman Building where John became well known as a personal injury plaintiff's lawyer. This firm later became known as Lester, Hildebrand, Nolan, Underhill & Mondelli, and moved to 214 Third Avenue, North, where the group renovated the old

Bracey Furniture Company building and where John practiced law for the remainder of his professional life. John practiced law for 45 years.

John was a person of many interests. He acquired his love for animals, primarily horses and cows, at an early age while being raised on the Sloan farm where the horses were maintained in the barn behind the residence. John was a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club, and maintained an active status with that organization throughout his years of practice. John attended many functions such as horse shows, trail rides and so forth. In 1967 John acquired a beautiful Appaloosa named Chief Spotted Bear. This horse was John's pride and joy. He was seldom without a picture of the horse to show to his friends and acquaintances. In addition to his full-time law practice, John managed initially about 400 acres during the early 70's and was caring for approximately 100 beef cattle. John later acquired many more acres which were added to the original farm located at Bon Aqua, Tennessee.

During the early years of John and Carolyn's marriage, they resided on a ten acre tract of land located at Granny White Pike, now known as the Maryland Farm Complex. During that period of time, John maintained several of his horses, cows and calves that he was going to take to the Dickson farm. John was always in need of assistance in picking up horse feed, and the task of helping provide the feed for the animals usually fell on some of his law partners and at that time the law clerk and later lawyer, Philip Duer.

John was a proud father of four children, George, Susan, Jenny and Michael. Two of his children went on to become lawyers and, in fact, George Nolan is a prominent Nashville attorney. John was also a proud grandfather to nine (9) grandchildren at the time of his death.

John had many other interests. One predominant interest was his photography which he used actively in his law practice developing demonstrative evidence through photography. John was instrumental in the founding of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers, being in the first group of members which started in Tennessee during the 1960's. John was instrumental in forming the Nashville Trial Lawyers which conducted educational lectures for jury trial for lawyers practicing

for jury trials and attempting to upgrade their skills in the trial practice. He was a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocacy.

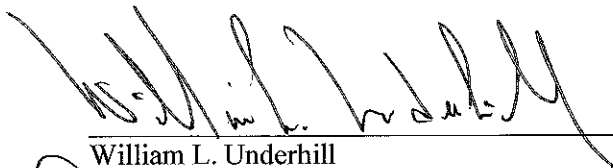
In 1989 John suffered great pain with the loss of his wife, Carolyn. John went on to raise his four children and all the children were a great comfort to John, and he remained a single person for 16 years until he was blessed with his second wife, Starr Bright Nolan.

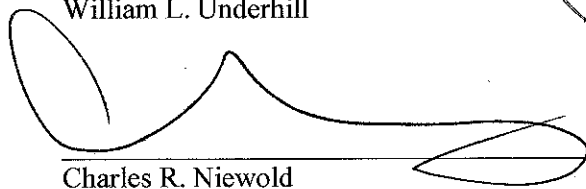
Mr. Nolan will be remembered by his peers as a true advocate for his clients, an honorable man that always dealt with the cards face up on the table, and a person that would help others unconditionally. To John's family he will be missed and always remembered as a dedicated father and a person who dearly loved his family.

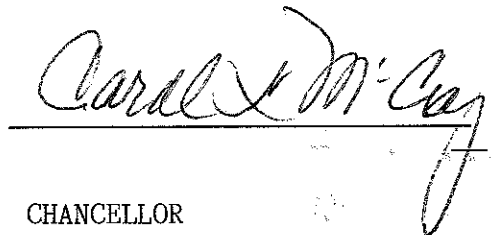
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that we honor the life and work of John W. Nolan, III, and mourn in his passing.

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 Davidson County Chancery Court, with a copy furnished to John's family.

APPROVED for entry this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, by the John W. Nolan, III Memorial Resolution Committee.

  
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