

Dear Colleagues:

As I am sure you are aware, Arnold (Arnie) Stein, passed away on 11/23/2021. Arnie graduated from Northwestern University Law School and thereafter spent most of his career at Schiller, DuCantu and Fleck. It is clear from speaking to members of the firm that Arnie was exceedingly respected and beloved by his partners and associates alike. However, the esteem in which he was held did not stop with his colleagues at the firm, it extended to the entire family law community. I remember meeting Arnie when I was a young judge new to the Division. He always looked younger than his years and had a certain mischievous Leave it to Beaver look about him. One could easily be disarmed by the way he looked and acted. He had absolutely no ego. He was never boastful. Thus, it was only after seeing him arguing motions or trying a case, that one realized the extent of his brilliance as a practitioner.

Arnie specialized in complex cases, always grasping with ease difficult financial documents and reports. Clearly, Arnie was a formidable lawyer and opponent. However, Arnie's most notable characteristic was his passion for helping others. Whether it was to protect a vulnerable client or mentor a new attorney at the firm or beyond, Arnie was always there, willing to help. In speaking to lawyers inside and outside the firm, he was described as honorable, ethical, a lawyer's lawyer, one of those attorneys that gave lawyers a good name that made one proud to be a lawyer. No one had a negative word about Arnie. He was the type of lawyer that we should all aspire to become.

In addition to being an exemplary lawyer, Arnie was a dedicated and loving husband and father. Notwithstanding his busy practice, he attended every game and extracurricular activity involving his children. His loving wife Gail and daughter Jennifer survive him. His son Jeffrey, who passed away in 2019, preceded him in death.

Arnie had it all, intelligence, expertise, civility, and empathy. My condolences to his beloved wife, his daughter and his colleagues and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Private services have been held. I will notify you if a memorial is planned in the future.

Sincerely,

Grace G. Dickler