

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

DENVER C. JORDAN

WHEREAS, we are here today to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague, friend, and partner, Denver C. Jordan, who died on August 11, 2013 at the age of 59.

WHEREAS, Denver is survived by his wife, Marsha Jordan, of Huntertown, Indiana and their daughter, Emily Jordan, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Denver was preceded in death by his parents, Denver C.R. Jordan and Emily Jordan.

Born in Indianapolis, Denver graduated as Valedictorian from Arsenal High School, received a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management in 1976 and a Masters in Business from Purdue University. Denver earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University in 1980. Denver began his law practice in Fort Wayne in 1980 and was an Attorney and partner with Blume, Connelly, Jordan, Stucky & Lauer LLP for over 25 years.

Denver and I became partners when he joined the firm 25 years ago. I know because before Denver became ill this last year he mentioned to me at one of our partnership meetings that he and I had been partners for 25 years. That's a long time, and I have a lot of fond memories of Denver from our relationship and the many partnership meetings, holiday parties and other events from all those years.

Over the years we went on firm-related trips to Chicago and out to the Arlington Park horse track, to ball games, and various dinner events. We'd take partnership trips to Lebanon, Ohio which, coincidentally, also had a horse track; Indianapolis; and down to Anderson which, coincidentally, has a horse track. Maybe you're starting to see a theme here.

Anyway, Denver was an enigma in that he was a very social guy but also always under control. We always had a great time on the various partnership meetings and retreats we went on together as a firm. He was meticulous in his habits, his dress, with a thoughtful and calm demeanor. This carried over into his practice of law as well. He was very close to, and had a lot of respect for, the elder statesmen of our firm, Don Wyneken, who's still enjoying his retirement after about the last 20 years, and Ralph Blume who practiced with us until he was 78 years old and suffered a stroke on the Sunday after the annual firm trip down to Germanfest on a Friday afternoon. We had lots of conversations about lots of things, business related and otherwise, over the years and Denver was always very deliberative, thoughtful, and calm. Pretty much the opposite of what my brother Tim and I are. I do remember one of our partnership trips to

Lebanon, Ohio where we were discussing some sort of weighty issue about firm overhead or something like that and Denver got so excited he pulled his Christmas sweater up over his head and threw it down on the table to emphasize his point. That's about as demonstrative as I ever saw him get over all the years.

Denver was a guy that, even though he could come across as restrained and conservative, could cut loose as well. At one of our annual firm Christmas parties just a few years ago he dressed up in a full-sized "Goofy" outfit to deliver Christmas presents to each of the partners and associates in the firm as part of an elaborate presentation he cooked up for the event. The partnership meetings could also be a hoot. A couple of years ago at one of the partnership meetings Dan Lauer made a presentation that included describing our firm's operation as analogous to a fishing boat. He had taken a lot of time to prepare an elaborate drawing and charts of how a successful fishing operation needs to be run as a way of pointing out how we could do things better in the operation of our law firm. Somewhere along the line, when Dan came up for breath, Denver got an amused look on his face and started chucking, then laughing, then laughing uncontrollably, until he damn near turned purple and passed out. Somehow, Dan's fishing boat operation analogy to the law firm just wasn't doing it for him.

So Denver could be earthy, funny, engaged, and get excited about stuff but he was also one of the most private people I ever knew. Unless it had a direct impact on the running of the law firm or he thought there was some good reason to share some kind of information with you, he just wouldn't say anything. For a lot of years if he was out of county working on a case you couldn't reach him by cell phone if you needed to get a hold of him. He didn't like to give that out. If he was going to be gone on vacation somewhere you usually didn't find out about it until after he'd gotten back. In typical Denver fashion when he fell ill earlier this last year he didn't make a big deal out of it, he just kept working. I asked him at one of our partnership meetings this last Spring how he was doing and whether there was anything any of us could do to help him by way of covering his calendar or other things. He said thanks, and that he appreciated everybody's prayers and well wishes for him, but that everything was fine. He continued to work as much as he could right up to the end.

Denver's great love his life was his wife, Marsha Jordan, who he was married to for 30 years. Denver dearly loved her and Marsha's daughter, Emily, who I think is 19 years old now and attending college out at IPFW. Somewhere in the way back machine Denver and Marsha had taken a trip to Montana, possibly to Glacier National Park, and he fell in love with the country out there. Ultimately, he built a house out there overlooking Flat Head Lake and I think the time he and Marsha and their family and friends spent out there was very precious and special to him. Denver was athletic. He trained for and ran numerous marathons and played baseball for Purdue in undergrad. He was both an IU and Purdue fan.

Denver was a great attorney. Any those of you that ever had the opportunity to have a case with him would probably confirm my suggestion that he was relentless when he got his teeth into something. He was a zealous advocate for his clients and took great pride in his profession. He was, bar-none, the hardest working guy I have ever seen in my life. If he wasn't out of town on vacation, running a marathon, or on a business trip, he was in the office. And I mean that literally. It was nothing for Denver to work 7 days a week. I'm sure Marsha can back me up on that. I think that was a function of his intensity and his drive. I also think that there was something about the practice of law that intrigued him and interested him. I can guarantee you that nobody ever, ever, ever outworked him on any case.

Denver was a good partner, a good attorney, a good husband, a good father, and a good man. He was taken from all of us way too soon, but I'm grateful for having had the privilege of being his friend and his partner for 25 years. On behalf of my firm I would like to extend our condolences to Denver's wife Marsha and his daughter Emily. Thank you for sharing him with us for all these years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of its sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Denver C. Jordan, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be unanimously adopted by those present upon this occasion and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted by the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Jordan family and be it


FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Federal and State courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of members of the bench and bar for their friend and colleague, Denver C. Jordan.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2014.

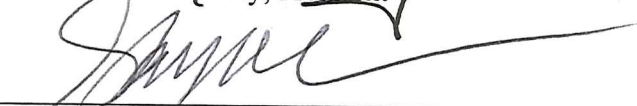


THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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