## RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH

## OF

## Joel Matthew Kormanski

WHEREAS, The Almighty has called to His eternal reward one of our brothers, Joel M. Kormanski, a practicing attorney, who died on December 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Blair County Bar Association Board of Governors has called an assembly of the Blair County Bench and Bar in profound sorrow to make this memorial tribute to a fellow attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Committee designated by Maryann Joyce Bistline, President of the Blair County Bar Association, respectfully submits the following Resolution upon the passing of Joel M. Kormanski, whose death brought profound sorrow to all those who knew him.

Joel M. Kormanski was born September 25, 1962 in Saxton, Pennsylvania, a son of Frank and Emily Kormanski. Joel was a graduate of Tussey Mountain High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Service from Penn State University. He concluded his formal education upon the receipt of a law degree from the University of Akron Law School in 1988. Joel was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on November 23, 1988. He was also admitted to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

He married Jackie Dively on May 1, 1992 in the Edith Davis Eve Chapel at the Altoona Campus of Penn State.

Joel was admitted to the Blair County Bar on December 14, 1988. He began his career as an associate in the Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck Altoona Office. In 1991 Joel was the youngest attorney to be elevated to partnership in the Meyer Darragh firm. He practiced civil litigation and workers' compensation law.

Joel continued his Blair County law career as a partner at Sullivan, Forr, Stokan, Huff & Kormanski. He practiced civil litigation and expanded his workers' compensation law practice, representing employers and claimants. Joel was a member of the Blair County Advisory Panel to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and a member of the Pennsylvania and Blair County Bar Associations.

Joel was a member of Grace Bible Church where he served as a Trustee, Pastor Prayer Partner and Awana leader. Joel studied the bible daily and lived his faith. He exemplified the influence of Jesus Christ in his life by simply greeting everyone he met with his beaming smile.

Joel always put his family first. He went home for lunch when his children were younger just to spend more time with them. Joel was a dedicated fan of Penn State and the Pittsburgh Steelers and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Joel was content and comfortable whether he was in a courtroom or in the woods on the first day of deer season. He particularly enjoyed taking his children to hunt or fish. Other counsel and the court were updated on each fish Zach and Julia caught.

Joel is survived by his mother, his wife, his son Zachary, his daughter Julia, his sister Nyssa Smith and her husband Chris, his brothers Adam and Brian and Brian's wife Ramona. Joel Kormanski will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

We cannot understand the brevity of life's span and words are wholly inadequate to express our deep sense of loss at his passing.

Our bar, profession, and community have lost a valued leader and friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the Blair County Bar Association that this Association records in this manner its sense of loss at the death of Joel M. Kormanski, Esquire. This Resolution shall evidence this Association's tribute to his memory and express appreciation for his service to this Association, his family and his community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this Association, upon the record of the Court of Common Pleas of this County, and a copy thereof shall be delivered to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

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