



District Court of Appeal of Florida Third District

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The Honorable Alan R. Schwartz, passed away on February 22, 2019

MIAMI – It is with a heavy heart we announce that our very own Judge Alan R. Schwartz passed away on February 22, 2019, at the age of 84.

Judge Schwartz served with great distinction on this Court for more than thirty-five years, twenty-three of them as the Chief Judge of this Court. Following his retirement as an active judge in 2004, Judge Schwartz continued to serve as a senior judge, both at the Third District Court of Appeal and on the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County. He also served as a visiting judge in every District Court of Appeal in Florida. During his tenure on the Court, he authored more than 2000 opinions.

The Judges of the Third District Court of Appeal will dearly miss our friend and colleague. We will always remember, and will never forget, Judge Schwartz's keen intellect, sharp wit, fidelity to the rule of law, and dedication to this Court. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Judge Schwartz's family.



SCHWARTZ, ALAN Robert, born in 1934, passed away February 22, 2019 at the age of 84. As a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he graduated Harvard College in 1955, Magna cum laude, and continued his studies at Harvard law school graduating in 1958, cum laude. One of Florida's first appellate lawyers, he was appointed a Circuit Judge by Governor Reuben Askew in 1973. After his appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal in 1978, his peers elected him as Chief Judge. He was continuously re-elected until his retirement in 2004 where he went on to serve the state

for another ten years as a Senior Judge. The Judge grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He spent his summers on Miami Beach and moved to Miami after law school to live permanently. He was the beloved Husband of Myrna Bricker. Adoring father to Rachel Schwartz, Louis and Sherri Schwartz, Sarah Schwartz, Steve and Tracy Bricker and David and Suzanne Bricker. He was the lovable Grandfather to Jared Alan, Jared Robert, Mikayla Rachel Schwartz, Michael and Alexis Goldstein and Andy, Ryan and Eva Bricker. The Judge was a brilliant man with a vast knowledge of History, Music, the Arts, Food, and Culture. He loved to play jeopardy, sit down with a wonderful book, cheer for the Cleveland Indians, partake in a stirred, very cold, up, Bombay martini or two, and of course the rule of law. However, most of all, he loved his family. He cared deeply for, and supported, the people around him and took pleasure in their success. We do see the work of our maker in that the re-dedication of his beloved 3rd District Court of Appeal will take place shortly in which the Atrium will be named in his honor. We believe that it is a fitting memorial, and in honor of his wishes, no services or memorial will be held.

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