

IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM I. HARKAWAY

William I. (Bill) Harkaway died on June 8, 2016 in Rockville, Maryland. He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire on May 7, 1928 and grew up in Nashua, graduating from Nashua High School in 1945. Bill graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1949, with a B.S. While at UNH, Bill majored in Science and History and earned All New England honors in lacrosse. After graduating, Bill left for Boston to attend Boston University School of Law where he served as an editor of the Law Review and received his L.L.B. in 1953. Bill also met Barbara Werlin in Boston and they were married in 1952 in Brookline, MA.

Following law school, Bill was admitted to the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bars. He then served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 at Fort Monmouth, NJ, Fort Gordon, GA, and Fort Bragg, NC.

Bill began his Washington, D.C. career at the U.S. Department of Labor, working in the Office of the Solicitor from 1956 to 1958 and earning his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law School in 1958. Bill then transferred to the Federal Power Commission (now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) where he was a Senior Attorney from 1958 to 1967.

While Bill thoroughly enjoyed his work at the FPC, he and Barbara had a growing family, daughters Beth and Jane (deceased) and sons Joe and David (deceased). Bill left the FPC to join one of the predecessor firms of McCarthy, Sweeney and Harkaway, P.C. where he practiced before the FPC and the FERC until his retirement in 1997. During his long career in private practice, Bill gained considerable prominence as an energy lawyer. Counsel for, among others, the Alaskan Arctic Gas Pipeline Co., Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Southwest Gas Corporation, and the Vermont Department of Public Service, Bill was named one of the top twenty energy lawyers by the National Law Journal, and was named one of the top three natural gas lawyers (along with Gordon Gooch and Ray Shibley) in the Spring, 1993 issue of NG Magazine.

Bill also gave freely of himself to others, taking leadership roles in his law firm, the Energy Bar Association and with several charitable causes. Bill was President of the law firm that bore his last name until his retirement and was a wonderful mentor to the many young lawyers who joined the firm over the years. Bill was also an active member of the Energy bar and served as FEBA president from 1976 to 1977.

Bill also found time to give back the community at large throughout his professional career – as both President of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, Ridgely, MD, from 1985-1991 and a long-time board member, as President of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes from 1989-1991 and a long-time member of its board, as President of Shaare Tefila Congregation from 1969-1971 and as Secretary of Good Hope Homes. Bill remained active after his retirement, serving on the board of the Georgetown Village Homeowners Association, as a volunteer at the White House (when its occupant was a Democrat), and as a docent at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Bill's was a life well-lived.