

IN MEMORIAM PAUL E. NORDSTROM

We lost former Energy Bar Association President Paul E. Nordstrom, one of our finest and bravest colleagues, on August 15, 2008, after a seven year battle with cancer. Paul was brilliant, gracious, and possessed an indomitable spirit. He simply refused to be defined by his illness.

Paul was born in St. Louis, Missouri and lived most of his childhood and teenage years in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is a graduate of George Washington Senior High School of Cedar Rapids.

Paul earned his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont and his Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law. Upon his graduation from law school, Paul moved to Washington, D.C. and began a twenty-five year practice in energy law. He was a partner with the firms of Sullivan & Worcester and Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand.

Paul loved baseball, basketball, running, skiing, and being with his family on family vacations and outings. He attended Potomac United Methodist Church.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen Henry, his children, Soren, Neysa, and Skyler Nordstrom of Potomac, his parents Roy and Delphine Nordstrom, and brothers Karl and David Nordstrom of Michigan.

In addition to his leadership of the Energy Bar, Paul was the very first President and Co-Founder of our Charitable Foundation and this was one of his greatest professional legacies. He also was a relentless champion for the City of New Orleans in energy regulatory matters, and helped save New Orleanians hundreds of millions of dollars during his distinguished career. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, he helped rebuild the destroyed electric and gas systems and was part of a team of lawyers that was called "Heroes of New Orleans" by the local media.

Socrates once wrote that "one cannot know until the evening how splendid the day has been." Paul was taken from us way too soon—but he was an elegant man and he lived his life in a splendid way.