IN MEMORIAM: JEROME M. FEIT

Jerome Feit, ninety-three, a long-time Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2024. Dedicating his entire career to public service, Mr. Feit, as he was universally known by his Solicitor’s Office employees, worked as a lawyer for forty-three years, ending with his retirement as FERC Solicitor. During his seventeen years at FERC, Mr. Feit played a role in literally hundreds of FERC appeals. Notable cases Mr. Feit shepherded through the appeals courts include the successful defenses of landmark FERC orders, including Order No. 888 (Transmission Access Policy Study Group v. FERC, 225 F.3d 667 (D.C. Cir. 2000), aff’d sub. nom, New York v. FERC, 535 U.S. 1 (2002)), Order No. 636 (United Distribution Cos. v. FERC, 88 F.3d 1105 (D.C. Cir. 1996), and Order No. 436 (Associated Gas Distributors v. FERC, 824 F.2d 981 (D.C. Cir. 1987). Mr. Feit was also a mentor to dozens of attorneys who learned under his tutelage in the Solicitor’s Office and moved on to successful careers in private practice, in industry, and in state and federal government roles.

A proud native of Brooklyn, Mr. Feit graduated from Brooklyn’s Jefferson High School in 1947, New York University in 1951, and NYU Law School in 1954. He began his career at the New York City Rent Control Commission. After moving to Washington, DC in 1956, he served at the Department of Justice, where he was an Assistant to the Solicitor General and Deputy Chief of the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division. Mr. Feit argued before the U.S. Supreme Court thirteen times, including several important Supreme Court cases. These include major criminal law precedents such as United States v. Dege, 364 U.S. 51 (1960) and Pope v. United States, 392 U.S. 651 (1968). In 1983, he won the Justice Tom C. Clark Award for Outstanding Government Lawyer.

Mr. Feit will be remembered by those who work with him for his depth of knowledge concerning federal appeals, his willingness to share that knowledge, his pleasant demeanor, and subtle wit.

A dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Feit is survived by his wife of seventy years, Rosalind; his sons Adam and Josh; his daughter-in-law Krista; and his grandchildren Cory and Natalie.