

William A. Parady: In Memoriam

Unfortunately, RPPTL Section Executive Council member, William A. “Bill” Parady, died on the evening of July 19, 2019, after a valiant 2-year struggle with esophageal cancer. Despite a grim prognosis that he would likely succumb within 6 months, Bill never allowed the disease to overcome his dignity, decency, wit and strength of body and character; he even participated, while in the midst of his cancer treatments, in an arduous “Ride the Rockies” bicycle race a year ago and was handling his law firm’s business affairs up to a week before his death. Fortunately, his beloved wife, fellow RPPTL Executive Council member Salome Zikakis, his sons, John (who has been admitted to both the Florida and New York Bars and who clerked for recently retired Florida Supreme Court Justice, Peggy Quince) and Alex (an engineering student at the University of Central Florida) and his daughter-in-law, Lauren (a successful banker with BNY Mellon in NYC), were with him during his final days.

Bill, an accomplished and successful probate, estate planning and business lawyer, served in an active role on our Section’s Member Communications & Information Technology Committee (n/k/a Information Technology) for many years, and served as its Chair from 2014-2017.



Bill and Salome (a valued member of our Section’s Real Estate Division) have been active members of our Section for many years, where they have developed many deep personal friendships and valued business relationships. In addition to being married for 33 years, Bill and Salome were partners in the Parady & Zikakis law firm in Ft. Lauderdale for nearly 30 years. Bill, who graduated from Clearwater High School in 1977, was a “double-Gator.” After graduating with an accounting degree from UF in 1981, he practiced as a CPA for several years before returning to earn his law degree in 1986.



In addition to his accomplishments as an attorney and dedication to his clients, Bill was a devoted family man, a voracious reader and a dedicated athlete who participated in four grueling bike races in Colorado, where he and Salome maintain a second home on the Roaring Fork River in Basalt, as well as completing an Ironman at age 50 and running in 30 marathons all over the world, including those in the original location in Athens, as well as in Paris, the Big Sur, San Francisco, New York City, Berlin, Dublin, London and the Marathon du Médoc. Bill readily adopted Salome's Greek cultural traditions after marriage, and, not surprisingly, both he and Salome loved to travel and entertain. A number of RPPTL Section members, two former Florida Bar Presidents and many clients and friends, some dating back to his days as a young teenager, celebrated Bill's 60th birthday bash exactly 6 months before his death while enjoying Greek cuisine at their beautiful home just off the Intercoastal Waterway in Ft. Lauderdale last January.

Bill will be sorely missed, but his spirit will live on through the countless lives he touched during his short time with us! Condolences may be expressed to Salome and Bill's family at 2756 NE 16th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33304 or szikakis@parziklaw.com.