



David John Manning

October 10, 1964 - September 9, 2021

David J. Manning, 56, of Shadyside, Pennsylvania passed away unexpectedly at home on September 9th, 2021. He leaves behind his loving wife, Lorraine Leslie, two adoring daughters, Veronica and Laurel Manning, and his mother, Rosalie Manning, of his hometown of Erie, PA. David was preceded in death by his father, Richard Manning, and by his beloved father-in-law, Ronald Leslie, in April of this year.

David was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Allegheny College with honors. He achieved dual majors in Political Science and Environmental Sciences with a minor in Economics. He then put himself through law school, graduating with honors from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

After spending time working in larger law firms, David decided to start his own practice in 2002 specializing in banking, real estate, and high-tech startups. He always acted as a guardian and trusted advisor for his clients, many of whom became his friends. When not working, David loved being in the woods. Despite being a burly 6'2", David was so gentle that he couldn't even bait a fishing hook. He preferred to be surrounded by the beauty of nature, often while reading or practicing his photography.

Most of all, though, David loved his family. He proposed to his wife after their

third date and they remained happily married for 28 years, Also loved were his daughters, Veronica and Laurel. David was immensely proud of them and the young women that they have become. Rounding out his family were his two dogs, Lacey and Ella, who made him smile every day.

David always said that he wanted his legacy to be defined by who he was outside of work: a devoted husband, father, and friend. His loss will be felt by his family and many others. Due to Covid, Dave would want a memorial service to be saved for a later date. Contributions may be made in his honor to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy or to the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh.

Tribute Wall



“ *David John Manning*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Very very sorry to hear this news. May the family find some comfort and strength in the celebration of Dave's life.*

Dan H. Williams - September 22, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *It is never easy when a loved one passes away, and even more difficult when that loss is sudden and shocking. To Dave's family - please know that I am thinking of you all during this difficult time. Reading the messages below about how smart Dave was, I kept thinking about how he passed that along to his daughters, who are two of the smartest, hardest working young women I have ever met. Lorraine and his girls, thank you for creating this space for people to share memories as you work to process your own grief. Please know that you all are loved, and I am so sorry for your loss.*

Beth - September 19, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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“ I am shocked at his sudden passing. Dave was my attorney, my business confidante, and my friend. He will be sorely missed! Dave was probably one of the smartest people that I have ever worked with. His general knowledge, legal acumen and personal insights were invaluable to me in formulating both legal and business strategy as well as with dealing with personal family issues over the years.

My prayers go out to Lorraine and his daughters. May he rest in peace.

Bo Stone

Bo Stone - September 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ In the past few months I got to know David via phone and email. Me as the real estate broker for my client and David as the attorney for the other party.

During a challenging process I emailed David and complimented him of how he successfully navigated a challenging process for his client. Just the day before he passed I was telling others how impressed I was and that I personally wanted to meet David. We were to talk the next day.

As much as he was an outstanding professional I'm sure he was a significantly better husband and father.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Art McAuley

Art McAuley - September 15, 2021 at 07:18 PM

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“ I remain stunned by David's sudden and shocking passing as he was a friend above all else and a trusted partner and advocate. David made a choice two decades ago.....he decided to walk away from the security of a secure position in a firm and build a practice that was built around the foundation of professionalism and advocacy without sacrificing devotion to his wonderful family. He cared about his clients deeply, and was discriminating in accepting new clients because he often committed time and effort without regard to financial reward. In this sense David was a throwback to a better era of lawyering and advocacy. His dream and model was rewarded with a thriving practice built upon repeat business and referrals, a clear testament to David as a man and a lawyer.

He always took time to understand the big picture, and the personal goals of his clients and their families. His own family was an immense source of pride to him, and was a clearly a motivation for how he built and balanced his personal and professional life.

Our talks about business would usually end with exchanging news about our families, and for Dave it provided strength and motivation to forge on with his projects.

David will be sorely missed by family and friends.....but we should try to draw inspiration from his deeds.

Mike Tomana

mike tomana - September 15, 2021 at 10:11 AM