

IN MEMORIAM



R. BRUCE MORRISON • 1956 - 2018

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin mourns the loss of our colleague and friend, R. Bruce Morrison. Bruce joined the firm in 1981 and rose to become one of the most respected litigators in Pennsylvania in the realm of insurance coverage and bad faith matters.

Bruce was the founder and chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation Practice Group, which is one of the firm's most robust practice groups today. For nearly four decades, he represented insurance companies and their insureds in appellate, coverage and bad faith matters. His reputation preceded him, and he was often called upon to lead insurance industry *amicus* groups on appellate issues of national import.

Among his numerous professional accomplishments, he obtained the appellate reversal of the first reported punitive damage award against an insurer under the Pennsylvania Bad Faith Statute. In 2006, the Superior Court relied on Bruce's *amicus* brief written for the Pennsylvania Defense Institute to establish that UM/UIM claims are "inherently and unavoidably arm's length and adversarial" in the seminal *Condio v. Erie* case. In addition to insurance matters, Bruce handled select appellate cases in Pennsylvania state and federal appellate courts.

Within the firm, Bruce provided guidance to management on issues of significance, and he often contributed to case roundtables which posed the most complex legal issues. A *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer* since 2005, in 2012 he was recognized by the *Best Lawyers in America* organization as the "Lawyer of the Year" for Insurance Law in Philadelphia.

"Bruce was an indescribably beautiful man with incredible dimension – well beyond his charisma, brilliant intellect, razor-sharp oral and written expression, and his uncanny advocacy," said Christopher Dougherty, chairman of the firm's Executive Committee and director of the Professional Liability Department. "Bruce's enthusiasm for life, people, music, all things Notre Dame, and everything about this firm were incomparable – and were only surpassed by his love for his family."

Bruce attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School, The University of Notre Dame, and Villanova University School of Law. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, and children Shannon, Patrick and Casey. He will be greatly missed.