

IN MEMORIAM



ROBERT A. FALLER

For the second time in as many weeks, Marshall Dennehey mourns the loss of one of its own. Robert Faller, Senior Counsel in our Melville, NY office, passed away on October 13, 2017. Bob joined the firm as a “part-time” attorney in 2012, but never actually worked “part-time.” He could not do anything only “part way,” let alone practice law. He truly loved the law.

Bob was a respected and well known litigator on Long Island and New York City. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Bob was a founding partner of Gallagher & Faller in Garden City, New York. His expertise was respected by the bar and throughout the legal community. Bob was a mentor to the lawyers in the Long Island office and while he took great pleasure in guiding new lawyers, he was the first person senior lawyers would turn to for advice on a difficult matter. He was equally loved by the entire office staff, many of whom would go to him for advice, a trivia question or even just a “good morning” and a smile. His response to “how are you today, Bob?” was always “Terrific!” -- no matter what was going on. He knew life was fragile and he appreciated every day.

Bob was so much more than a lawyer – he was an athlete, a musician, an historian and a friend. He could discuss nearly any topic with intelligence and wit. He loved sports (even when his beloved Jets and Mets were on losing streaks) and could discuss details with ease. He could equally and just as artfully and happily discuss movie trivia, history, music, current events or plans for the weekend.

While Bob possessed all of the attributes expressed, what made him such a beloved attorney and friend was his compassion and great modesty.

Bob was a brilliant man. His intellect was instantly apparent to all who met him. However, he never boasted about awards, for he cared little about his own ego and only wanted to boost everyone else up instead. When he won a motion or achieved a victory, he always gave credit to those who helped him, never to himself.

Bob was a graduate of Chaminade High School, Boston College and Hofstra Law School. He truly epitomized the motto of his high school alma mater. Each year, one young man in the graduating class is awarded the school’s greatest honor, Chaminade Man. “The Chaminade Man does the right thing at the right time because it is the right thing to do, regardless of who is watching.” The faculty at his high school recognized these qualities in Bob even while he was in high school. Bob followed this philosophy his whole life.

Above all else, Bob was a family man and loved his family. He adored his son and daughter and three beautiful granddaughters. He now is able to join the love of his life, his wife Debbie, who predeceased him. Bob will truly be missed.

– Anna DiLonardo, Melville office Managing Attorney