



RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE KEVIN O. BARNARD

WHEREAS, Kevin Osborne Barnard was born in Grundy, Virginia to Mary Virginia Barnard Lester and the late Dr. John William (Bill) Barnard on April 3, 1966 and departed this earthly life on March 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from North Cross High School where he made life-long friends, Kevin graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree from Davidson College and successfully completed one year of medical school at the Medical College of Virginia before deciding to pursue a career in the law, receiving his J.D. from the T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Kevin began his practice in Richmond and later joined the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia as an Assistant Attorney General where he served as counsel to officers of the Commonwealth including judges and various state agencies including the Virginia State Bar; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Kevin returned to his native Roanoke and joined the firm of Frith Anderson and Peake PC where he continued his practice of representing constitutional officers and other state agencies through an appointment as Special Counsel to the Office of Attorney General of Virginia and developed an extensive professional liability practice defending health care providers and lawyers in malpractice actions; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was known for his keen intellect, precise analytical skills, and persuasive written and oral advocacy, but also brought a pragmatic and thorough approach to his practice; and

WHEREAS, while Kevin was a tenacious advocate for his clients, he never lost his calm demeanor (even though one of his more senior partners who tried cases with Kevin sometimes did) or professionalism which earned him the immense respect and admiration of his peers, his clients, his opposing counsel and the tribunals before whom he appeared; and

WHEREAS, Kevin served as a member of the Lawyer's Malpractice Committee of the Virginia State Bar, was a member of the Roanoke Bar Association, the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, the Virginia State Bar, The Roanoke Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Ted Dalton American Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was admitted before the Supreme Court of Virginia, the United States District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Virginia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was a talented musician and wood-worker and blessed with a quick wit which kept his colleagues at Frith, Anderson and Peake amused and brightened our days, who we were blessed to call a partner and colleague; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was a loving husband to Doly, a devoted father to Cole and Spencer, beloved son of Mary Virginia, and beloved brother of John (and brother in law to his wife Heather), Brooke and Meg (and brother in law to her husband the Honorable J. Christopher Clemens), and devoted uncle to his nephews and nieces; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was with us for far too short a time and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Roanoke Bar Association expresses its deep

sympathy to the family of Kevin Osborne Barnard, laments his passing, holds his memory and his contributions to the law and his community in high regard, and to that end,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Roanoke Bar Association honors the memory of Kevin Osborne Barnard, and mourns his loss to his family, the Bar Association and to the entire Roanoke Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Circuit Courts of the City and County of Roanoke, the City of Salem and the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the permanent common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution be furnished to his family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds him and his memory and the Association's sorrow at his passing.

GIVEN under the hands of the president and secretary of the Roanoke Bar Association and the seal of the Association this 9th day of September, 2014.

Richard C. Maxwell
President, Roanoke Bar Association

TESTE:

Hugh B. Wellons
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association