

**A RESOLUTION BY THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS M. PAINTER**

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association have gathered in a special meeting on August 5, 2005, to celebrate the life and honor the memory of our colleague and fellow member, Thomas M. Painter, who was called home by his Almighty God on July 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, although saddened by his death, it is our desire and our tradition to share our recollections of Tom and honor him with a memorial resolution at this special meeting; and

WHEREAS, before offering this resolution, we want to offer a brief record of his life and career.

Tom was born January 20, 1935, in Bloomington, Idaho, the son of Lucille Romney Painter and the late Jay Painter. He graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1953, then attended Brigham Young University for one year. He earned his bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in 1957 and his law degree from The Dickinson School of Law (now The Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law) in 1960.

Tom was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on January 3, 1961, and to the Bar of Franklin County on January 30, 1961. In addition to being a member of the Franklin County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, he also had been a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania and American Trial Lawyers Associations, and the American Judicature Society.

Tom met his wife, the former Shirley Ullman, while in college, and the two married in 1954. Shirley was from Waynesboro, and her father, Millard Ullman, had his law practice there. Tom joined his father-in-law's practice after graduating from law school, and the two were partners in the firm of Ullman and Painter until Mr. Ullman's death in 1988. Their office was a longtime fixture on Center Square in downtown Waynesboro. In 2003, Tom merged his practice with that of fellow Waynesboro attorneys Steve Kulla and Clint Barkdoll to form Kulla, Barkdoll, Ullman and Painter. Tom retired from the firm last year.

Tom is remembered by his fellow attorneys throughout the county for his deep dedication to his clients and his willingness to mentor younger lawyers. He is considered by many to have been one of the last of the "old-fashioned attorneys," a true general practitioner who not only had many clients over the years, but often handled all their legal work, no matter what the area of law. That was a reflection not only of his skill as a lawyer, but also of his loyalty to his clients and their devotion to him as well.

Several attorneys in our bar remarked in the days after Tom's death of how they appreciated his guidance during the early years of their careers. They spoke of his willingness to offer advice and share experiences from his law practice, and of how valuable that advice and teaching always proved to be.

Tom's desire to help others extended far beyond the walls of his office. More people in Waynesboro probably remember Tom not as an attorney, but as the former mayor of their town. Despite being a Democrat in a heavily Republican district, Tom was elected first to Borough Council, serving for eight years, then as mayor of Waynesboro, a position he held for 12 years. The list of community organizations in which he held leadership posts encompasses his range of interests: president of the Waynesboro Area Sesquicentennial Celebration; chairman of two fund-raising drives for the Waynesboro Fire Department; co-chairman of a fund-raiser for the local American Red Cross chapter; chairman of citizens' advisory committees for both the borough and the Waynesboro Area School District; chairman of the Waynesboro Area Tax Bureau; and member of the boards of directors of the Red Cross, the Waynesboro Little League Association, the Mental Health Clinic of Franklin County and the Franklin County Welfare Council. Though not a firefighter, he received the Fireman of the Year Award in 1983 for his tireless efforts in a campaign that raised about \$175,000 for a new fire truck.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also was a member of the Waynesboro Lions Club, Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, B.P.O. Elks Lodge 731, Eagles Club Inc., the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association and other organizations. Not only did these many groups benefit from his participation in their programs and events, but many also benefited over the years from his legal expertise, usually given without cost.

In addition to his mother and wife, Tom is survived by three children, Sharon, Mark and Thomas; five grandchildren; and a sister and two brothers. We join them in their sorrow at Tom's passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Franklin County Bar Association express our sympathy at the loss of Thomas M. Painter, a husband, father, colleague and attorney at law. We will strive to keep his memory alive, for the strength, dedication and wisdom of those who have gone before us are the foundation for our future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Franklin County Bar Association