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Delaware Judiciary expresses condolences on passing of retired Justice Andrew G. T. Moore II

The Delaware Judiciary is mourning the passing of retired Justice Andrew G. T. Moore II and offers their condolences to his family and friends.


Justice Moore was an iconic figure in American corporate law. At a critical time when Delaware law needed to innovate to address the takeover boom of the 1980s, Justice Moore crafted opinions that secured Delaware’s role as the forum where all parties knew they would get a fair hearing and a sensible result at the speed demanded by the business world. To this day, his decisions in Unocal Corp. v. Mesa Petroleum Co. and Aronson v. Lewis are required reading in any corporate law class in the United States. And his commitment to improving our judiciary in areas like family and criminal law continues to pay off in ways that still benefit Delawareans.

Justice Moore was born in New Orleans and graduated from Tulane University with degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration and Juris Doctor. The future Justice then served as a law clerk to then-Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles L. Terry, Jr. and practiced law in Wilmington for 18 years, primarily in corporate litigation before he was appointed as a Justice in May 1982 by Gov. Pierre S. du Pont IV.

During his tenure on the court, in addition to the many rulings he wrote that attracted national interest, Justice Moore was instrumental in helping the Lawyer’s Guidance Committee of the Delaware State Bar Association provide meaningful assistance to the lawyers in need of its aid. Justice Moore was also among those that helped create a program called Delaware IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer’s Trust Accounts) that has provided millions in dollars in aid to poor people who needed legal assistance.

After leaving the bench, Justice Moore joined the investment banking firm of Dresdner, Kleinwort, Wasserstein, Inc. as a Senior Managing Director and Senior Advisor. From 2010 until 2017, Justice Moore was a Director in the Wilmington office of the Law Firm Gibbons P.C.

Justice Moore is survived by his wife Betsy, a daughter Marianne Moore Viceconte and her husband Chris Viceconte, two grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and a sister Hetsy Pickard (Kevin). A Memorial Service will be held Dec. 19, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1108 N. Adams St., Wilmington. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to the Pilot School, 208 Woodlawn Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

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