



**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
MEMORIALIZING THE LATE HARVEY SIDNEY LUTINS**

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins died in Roanoke, Virginia on Monday November 4, 2015 with his beloved wife and family at his side. He was 87 years old.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins was born in Norfolk, Virginia on August 24, 1928 to Charles Hyman “C.H.” Lutins and Nettie Silverman Lutins. The only son of five children.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins grew up in a middle class home on what is now Day Avenue in Roanoke, Virginia. As a child he was mischievous and precocious. He managed to be expelled from Lee Junior High School on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, a number that he would be superstitious about for the remainder of his life. In high school he began honing his flair for dramatics as a thespian performer in the school plays, and he was dubbed the “wittiest” student in the school year book, which during that time was essentially a polite way of being called the “class clown”.

WHEREAS, Harvey S. Lutins, during the summer of 1949 in order to help pay for his college expenses, Harvey worked for the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey circus and travelled from Baltimore across the upper Midwest. His experience working for the Greatest Show on Earth was unforgettable and would prove to be a rich resource of experience to draw upon in private practice of law.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins graduated from Jefferson Senior High School. Through the efforts of his former Scoutmaster and future mentor, Attorney Morton Honeyman, Harvey was admitted to Hampton-Sydney College. He graduated from Hampton-Sydney College in 1951 and enrolled in the University of Richmond School of law where he graduated in 1954, although as permitted at the time he was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1953.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins married his bride, Louise Cohen Lutins, on June 3, 1951. The newlywed couple moved to Richmond for Harvey to attend the University of Richmond School of Law while his young bride worked at a CPA office to help support the young couple as Harvey attended school.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins's first job as an attorney was as a tax examiner for the Virginia Department of Taxation Inheritance and Gift Division in Richmond, Virginia. Despite this employment and fueled by his passion to practice as a *bona fide* attorney, Harvey purchased professional stationary and began taking referrals on the side in private practice. During this time he incorporated two companies and completed two divorces. It was clear that the Department of Taxation would not be able to contain Harvey's passion for trial law.

WHEREAS, Harvey S. Lutins, on July 15, 1956, accepted the invitation of Morton Honeyman to join him as an associate in the private practice of law back home in Roanoke, Virginia. Harvey jumped at the opportunity to work for his longtime friend and mentor, and the firm would eventually bear Harvey's name: Honeyman & Lutins. While working with Mr. Honeyman, Harvey also practiced with T. Warren Messick, another prominent Roanoke attorney who shared office space with Mr. Honeyman.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins remained engaged in the private practice of law continuously for over 59 years until his death. Harvey always sought out new adventures throughout his life including: motorcycling at a time when professional men did not ride, hunting, model airplane flying, and off roading. Throughout his career, numerous newspaper articles and television news stories regaled his legal talents, including famed Time Magazine that recounted how Harvey saved "Ricky" the sheep killing dog in Giles County. At the age of 70 years, Harvey bought a computer and learned word processing so that he could write his autobiography: *My Jealous Mistress: The Adventures, Selected Cases, and "Happenings" of a Small Town Lawyer*.

WHEREAS Harvey S. Lutins is survived by his loving wife, Louise; sons, Jay and wife Kathy of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Neil and wife Sue of Greensboro, North Carolina; daughter Cheryl of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren.

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Bar Association, does hereby express its deepest sympathy to the family of Harvey S. Lutins and recognizes his distinguished career and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Circuit Courts of the City and County of Roanoke and 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 Harvey S. Lutins's family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds "Harvey" 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 11th day of April, 2017.

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Hugh B. Wellons, Esq.  
President, Roanoke Bar Association

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J. Lee E. Osborne, Esq.  
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association