



**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION MEMORIALIZING
THE LIFE OF THE LATE D. ADAM McKELVEY**

WHEREAS, David Adam McKelvey, suddenly departed this life while in his sleep on November 5, 2023, at the age of 41;

WHEREAS, Adam, as he was known to his many friends and colleagues, was born in Roanoke, Virginia on September 16, 1982, to Joseph Cranston McKelvey and Kathleen Springer McKelvey, grew up and settled in Troutville, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Adam grew up in Bedford County, Virginia with his two brothers Jon McKelvey and Chris McKelvey actively engaged in athletics from a young age. Adam was a product of Liberty High School where his talent, work ethic, drive, and eventual stature caused him to excel on the football field. From a young age, Adam's personality was a gravitational pull that drew many lifelong friends to him from all walks of life who he would remain close with.

WHEREAS, Adam was a member of the inaugural class of the Liberty University School of Law. Upon being admitted to the Virginia Bar, Adam first practiced as a prosecutor in Halifax County, Virginia for a couple of years, before joining Crandall & Katt as a trial attorney representing injured plaintiffs. Adam's

presence and booming voice quickly filled up most court rooms in the Commonwealth in which he practiced, and with his Montvale flavored southern accent, he would articulate with sincere conviction how jurors needed to simply right a wrong that had affected a particular plaintiff. It was often genuinely that simple of a matter to Adam, regardless of the complex legal issues and strategies that he had developed to get a client's case to that point. Adam's relentlessness in advocating for those without a voice, his bias for action, and heart to serve God by serving people in his vocational calling served as great examples to clients and attorneys of both the plaintiff's and defense bar.

WHEREAS, Adam, despite a busy civil trial practice, devoted a large share of his time doing pro bono work for those in need that had been pointed to him, and a number of non-profits. Adam found great fulfillment in serving as legal counsel for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and enjoyed working also with Blue Ridge Legal Services.

WHEREAS, Adam was a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Roanoke Bar Association, the Roanoke Bar Association Board of Directors, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, and admitted to practice at all levels of State and Federal Courts.

WHEREAS, Adam was blessed to be a man of many talents, interests, and passions whose boundless energy allowed him to participate in many different business ventures and non-profit work. From buying, selling, and developing real

estate to developing websites, Adam had zeal in his pursuits that always included lifting others up. Adam could also be seen at the end of many long days leaving his office with coat and tie over his shoulder on his way to pick up his sons and other young men to coach them on the football field or on the basketball court, regaling friends in the office Monday morning with the hard-fought battles and victories of the boys he was very intentionally developing into young men through the guise of sports.

WHEREAS, Adam was a devoted follower of Christ, a fact which was central in his life and apparent to those around him. Adam faithfully attended Rainbow Forest Baptist Church with his family, engaged with their ministry, and was a member of the Gideons. He read scripture every morning and read through the Bible several times in the years before his passing. Adam was confident in his eternal salvation, and through his daily actions, and in his own uniquely Adam way, expressed his desire for seeing others accept theirs.

WHEREAS, Adam's was a devoted and loving husband to Jacqueline Tweedy McKelvey, who he met and fell in love with while they were law students at Liberty University School of Law. He was a loving father to his two sons Sam and Ben McKelvey, ever present in their lives, encouraging them, loving them, and being a constant source of guidance and support. No matter the tempo of his practice, Adam was most jovial, expressive, and yet at ease sharing a story of a recent trip that he and Jackie had taken the boys, a sports tournament that they had endured, a house that they were renovating, or a service project that they led. Anyone who knew Adam, knew

that building family with Jacky and raising Sam, and Ben were Adam's most valued and proudest accomplishment;

WHEREAS, in addition to his loving and adoring family, Adam is survived by his father, Joseph Cranston McKelvey, his mother, Kathleen Springer McKelvey, his brothers, Jon McKelvey (Rebekah) and Chris McKelvey (Ashley), and countless other loved ones, amongst them are his colleagues and friends at Crandall and Katt who continue to miss the mountain of a man that he was with a personality and a heart for people to match, and who will always cherish his memory;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Roanoke Bar Association does hereby express its deepest sympathies to the family of D. Adam McKelvey and does hereby recognize his distinguished career and service to the public and to the Bar; and

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 common law books of those courts and that copies of the Resolution be furnished to the family of D. Adam McKelvey, to communicate the esteem with which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Adam 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 8th day of October 2024.

Amy H. Geddes, Esq.
President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Victor S. Skaff, III, Esq.
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association