

Richard “Dick” Henry Leukart II (3/15/42 – 4/2/2010)



Richard “Dick” Henry Leukart II ’64 of Hudson, OH, noted labor-relations attorney and partner at the law firm of Baker & Hostetler, passed away on May 2nd, 2010 at the age of 68. Born on March 15, 1942, in Detroit, MI, Dick graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1960, where he played on the varsity basketball and golf teams. As a Dartmouth undergraduate, Dick majored in economics and math. While at Dartmouth, John Kemeny developed the computer language, BASIC, and Dick always credited Dr. Kemeny for his life-long love of computer technology. At Dartmouth Dick was a dedicated member of the golf team and sang with the Glee Club. Later he attended the Tuck School of Business and University of Michigan Law School.

After graduating from Michigan Law School in 1966, Dick began working for Baker & Hostetler. He worked as a tax lawyer until, after spending four weeks in Oklahoma City learning to operate a newspaper press as part of a training seminar about labor unions, he decided to become a labor lawyer. Dick served as the Chair of the Labor and Employment Group of Baker & Hostetler, supervising more than 50 attorneys. Until retiring in 2009, Dick worked on behalf of newspapers in Los Angeles, Washington, Knoxville, Evansville, Memphis, Nashville, Youngstown, and Pittsburgh, as well as for companies, including Chase Brass, Emery Air Freight, and The Boeing Company. His clients ranged from small family-owned businesses to large, publicly traded corporations. Employers looked to him for representation in union organizational drive attempts, the handling of NLRB proceedings, negotiating labor agreements, and assisting in the reorganization and restructuring of businesses. He was also the head of Baker & Hostetler’s hiring and recruiting committee, and was instrumental in the design and development of a consulting firm that was operated in conjunction with his law firm. Dick enjoyed a national reputation as a labor lawyer. Chambers USA named Dick one of America’s Leading Business Lawyers; he was honored in *Who’s Who in American Law* and was listed in *Ohio Super Lawyers*.

Dick was an avid golfer throughout his life, serving as the President of the Country Club of Hudson. In retirement, Dick became a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Technology Entrepreneurial Center of Hudson, a non-profit organization created for entrepreneurs in Northeast, Ohio who seek facilities and support services for new businesses. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ellsworth Meadows Golf Club, a municipal golf course in Hudson, Ohio. In his free time, Dick found special joy snorkeling and sunning on the Caribbean island of St. John, where he had built a beach home for the enjoyment of his family.



**Hank '01, Brian, Barbara, Dick '64, Kate, Jen, Lisa**

Dick was the loving husband, of 32 years, to Barbara, and the devoted father of Elisabeth “Lisa”, Jennifer, Kate, Richard H. “Hank” ‘01 and Brian. He was the proud grandfather of Luke, Ethan and Ale. Dick was an unflaggingly caring father who spent time planning Olympic decathlons for Hank’s Cub Scout meetings, coaching Brian’s baseball teams, and supporting Jen’s high school swimming competitions.