

# MICHAEL LEHANE



LEHANE, Michael Dedicated Attorney, Loving Family Man Michael Carroll Lehane, Esq., 79, of Wyomissing and formerly of Osterville, MA, and Seabrook Island, SC, passed away at home on Monday, January 11, 2021. He was the loving husband of Martha Glosser Lehane, with whom he shared over 50 years. Born in Medford, MA, Michael was the only son of the late Carroll Donald and Marion (Fitzgerald) Lehane. Michael studied at Boston University and the Boston University School of Law. Most of his 40 years as a practicing attorney were spent in labor and employment law along with public sector work. He was admitted to practice before all Massachusetts courts, the Federal District Court of Massachusetts, the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Once named as one of the top 10 practicing attorneys in Boston, Michael was awarded for his lifetime of service

with the Cushing Gavin Award for outstanding service to the law community. His Irish wit and intelligence was clear to anyone who had the pleasure of conversing with him. Gifted with an excellent command of the English language, Michael had the rare ability to summon an obscure fact or a stanza of poetry suitable for any occasion. His pearls of wisdom illuminated a conversation at exactly the key moment and left a poignant impression. A consummate professional, Michael was an equally dedicated family man. Michael's memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Martha, his children: Matthew C. Lehane, husband of Donna-Lee Lehane, of Marshfield, MA; and Melissa L. Henry, wife of Trent J. Henry, of Virginia Beach, VA; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Lehane, Katelyn Lehane, Alexandra Schwartz, and Gregory Schwartz. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Lehane Haggerty, many nieces, and the extended kin of the Glosser family. In addition to his parents, Michael was predeceased by his sister, Nan Lehane Newman. In lieu of flowers, those so inclined may make a contribution in Michael's memory to the Charleston Animal Society, 2455 Remount Road, North Charleston, SC 29406-6138, Joe Elmore, President and CEO, or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607-1400. A Memorial Service for Michael will be announced at a later date. The Edward J. Kuhn Funeral Home, Inc., WEST READING, PA, is honored to be entrusted with arrangements. Condolences, fond memories, and tributes may be expressed at [www.kuhnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kuhnfuneralhomes.com).

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And from his firm, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, see their tribute to Mike-

Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP is deeply saddened to announce that one of the founding partners of the firm, Michael C. Lehane, passed away on January 11, 2021. Mr. Lehane was a giant of a lawyer, an incredible mentor and friend to all who worked with him. He was highly respected by his colleagues, whether it be his fellow partners, judges, clients or friends. Renowned for his quick wit and intelligence, grace under pressure, sense of humor and gentlemanly courtesy, never an ill word was said of him. Mr. Lehane was an instrumental asset in originating and building this firm. While still in law school, he worked as an aide at the Metropolitan State Hospital and proudly said “it was an ideal job, as so many people needed help”. He devoted so much time to helping others in as many ways as he could.

Mr. Lehane spent most of his forty-year legal career in labor and employment law and related litigation, representing private and public entities. Mr. Lehane served as the Town Counsel to a variety of communities throughout the state of Massachusetts. He also served as special counsel to numerous private sector and government entities in litigation and fact-finding areas. Mr. Lehane was an exceptionally capable and versatile trial lawyer and successfully handled a wide variety of matters including commercial litigation, land use and zoning, eminent domain, environmental protection issues, construction contract disputes, housing authority acquisitions and hundreds of employment and labor relations issues. He was admitted to practice before all Massachusetts courts, the Federal District Court of Massachusetts, the United States First and Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Mr. Lehane graduated from Boston University and the Boston University School of Law and was a recipient of the Cushing Gavin Award.

Mr. Lehane was an integral part of the firm and will be missed dearly by all. “People have said that the bond between friends is beyond the mortal world. Mike, we and so many will miss you, your humor, humbleness intelligence, mentorship and loyalty, we are incredibly grateful for the memories we have of you.” – Arthur Murphy