

Richard J. Goldstein

(In Memoriam)

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This page is dedicated to the life and memory of Richard “Dick” Goldstein

Richard “Dick” Goldstein was a past Managing Partner, a past Chairman of the firm, past Chairman Emeritus, past Chair of the Bank and Finance Group, and a Shareholder at Buchalter for almost forty years. He led Buchalter in the early 1990’s during some very challenging years, and he did so with grace and dedication. Dick served on the firm’s executive committee with Philip Wolman and Gary Nemer.

We honor a man to whom family was everything, a man with a huge heart, and an infectious laugh. These words were often attributed to Dick – honesty, integrity, kindness, and loyalty. As another former Managing Partner, Rick Cohen said, Dick was the single greatest nurturer of Buchalter’s wonderful, inviting, family environment for both lawyers and staff. Dick’s kindness and generosity permeates Buchalter’s culture today.

Instrumental in some of Buchalter’s most notable successes, Dick, (along with Irwin Buchalter), was the prime recruiter in bringing Evelle Younger to the firm. Dick was also one of the driving forces behind the firm’s expansion to the Bay Area. It was his client, the First National Bank of San Jose, that initially allowed the Firm to open an office in San Francisco.

Dick wasn’t just a kind man with a big heart. He was a luminary in Commercial Finance, President of the Financial Lawyers Conference, a legal officer of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), and inducted into the College of Commercial Finance Attorneys.

He was also a champion of women and minorities. At a time when the promotion of women wasn’t on a lot of law firm’s agendas, Dick hired Pam Webster, also a former Managing Partner, promoted her to the Board, and groomed her to be his successor.

Dick was an avid sports fan. He loved the Los Angeles Kings, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Stanford, his minor league baseball team, and he especially loved watching his grandson, Hayden, play. Dick cajoled Buchalter lawyers and staff to support the Special Olympics. Employees gave up their weekends to help. Dick and Rona, his wife, were always the first to arrive and last to leave, and they always brought treats and food for the participants and their children to thank them for participating.

He will be dearly missed by the Buchalter family.
