

Founding Partner Glenn Mitchell Remembered

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Our firm mourns the death of one of our founding partners, Glenn A. Mitchell. Glenn passed away peacefully at home at age 82, on December 3, 2018, surrounded by loving family after a year-long battle with lymphoma.

A Washington, DC native, Glenn graduated in 1954 from St. John's College High School. He played varsity basketball and golf while studying at the University of Virginia. In 1958, he won the Virginia Intercollegiate golf title and was runner-up by one shot in the ACC tournament. He earned his law degree at Georgetown University, and graduated in two-and-a-half years so that he could complete active duty in the United States Air Force before his wedding. The eldest son of former National Symphony Orchestra conductor Howard Mitchell and wife Alma, Glenn met Sylvia Platzer (daughter of Austrian Ambassador Wilfried Platzer and wife Edith) at the NSO's 1958 season-opening concert. They were married in 1961 and raised seven children together.

After distinguishing himself as a trial attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, Glenn and Jacob Stein founded our law firm based on the trust and respect of a handshake. Glenn enjoyed a 50-year practice in a wide variety of civil and criminal cases, particularly antitrust and commercial litigation. His diverse clients included the PGA Tour, Lerner Enterprises, Master Chemical Corporation, Burns & Roe Group, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and countless individuals wronged by tortious conduct. As a pillar of the Washington legal community, he served as president of the DC Trial Lawyers Association. Today, the firm he managed for more than 40 years thrives as Stein Mitchell Beato & Missner LLP. We remember and greatly appreciate the many examples he provided to us of leadership, boundless energy, magnanimity, commitment to the advancement of the law, and dedication to his clients, partners and family.

Glenn was an accomplished cellist, lifelong advocate of the symphony, and aficionado of classical music. He served on the boards of Young Concert Artists of Washington, the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Levine School of Music, and as General Counsel to the Cathedral Choral Society for 25 years. His other board service included the Bar Association of DC, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Little Flower Catholic Church, Washington Golf Charities, Inc., and The First Tee of Greater Washington, DC. Memorably energetic and always passionate about golf, Glenn competed fiercely in tournaments and family matches at Columbia Country Club, where he also served as president when Columbia hosted the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship in 2003.

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Glenn is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Sylvia Mitchell of Chevy Chase, MD; children Christopher (Constance) of Washington, DC; Thomas (Janene) of Chevy Chase, MD; Byron (Michelle) of Dumfries, VA; Stefanie (Miles Waite) of Burlington, VT; Michael (Jamie) of Chevy Chase, MD; and Karen of Chevy Chase, MD; siblings Lorraine Lutz of New York, NY; Martha of Burlington, VT; and Gerard of Bethesda, MD; as well as 16 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his youngest brother Andrew in 1992 and third son Eric in 2017.